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Snowmen Invade the Display Case

Carolyn Seaver, who has no collections, discovered that she does, indeed, have a snowman collection and she has been persuaded to share it with library patrons throughout the month of January.

She became interested in snowmen a couple of years ago when the library obtained some cheap ones to decorate the library in January. So she took herself off to Madison to the cheap Discount Card Store where she got 17 snowmen on sale for under \$20. Those are the only ones she has ever bought. Family and Friends have done the rest. Of course, it helped to have a Red Hat Secret Sister who knew she liked snowmen! Other Red Hatters helped her collection grow.

An After-Christmas Sale of Snowmen dishes peaked her interest and transformed her dining table into a Winter-Wonderland during the month of January. Therefore, she cannot share the dishes with us because she eats off them all month.

Besides snowmen figurines, Carolyn has snowmen boxes, gift bags, tins, signs, photo holders, dip bowls with snowmen servers, a wreath, a snowman creamer and sugar bowl, mugs, cards, signs, candles in cups, a teapot cozy made by Susie Wetherington, and a special snowman lamp. These snowmen are made from materials such as glass, tin, cloth, paper, and material. She even has a special tiny Christmas tree with snowmen ornaments, complete with a tiny snowmen tree skirt.

Snowmen certainly represent the month of January even though some of our snow seems to be disappearing.

Thanks Carolyn for bringing your cold-weather friends to the library even though you'd probably like to have them at home.

If anyone has a collection to share with the library, please let us know. We're looking for green/Irish items for March or Easter bunnies, baskets, etc.

Friends' Meeting

On Tuesday evening, January 8, 2008, the Friends will meet at the library at 7:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join the Friends and to attend these meetings.

Membership dues ended December 31, 2007 so renew your membership NOW. Thanks.

Items on the Agenda include: Silent Auction, Halloween & Holiday Parties, Giving Tree, and Membership Drive.

Book Group

The Monticello Book Discussion Group will be reading Louise Erdrich's book, THE MASTER BUTCHERS SINGING CLUB for its January selection. There are copies available at the library for your pleasure.

Carolyn Seaver will lead the discussion on Wednesday evening, January 16th at 7:30 in the library.

If you've never read this fantastic author, now's your chance so don't miss it. New members are always welcome.

Be sure to pick up a copy of the Book List for 2008. It's on the spinner with the newsletters.

"Snowmen and Snowflakes covered the Giving Tree!"

Once again, your generosity is so wonderful that our Christmas Gift Giving Tree was covered with Snowmen and Snowflakes and it looked so beautiful. Thanks to all of you who purchased them. Because of you, \$1010 was raised which is enough to buy a new server for our new Follett Circulation/Catalog System which we have ordered and which should be up and running this month.

Because of this new system, every patron will be able to access our catalog from home which will allow them to place holds on items, browse the catalog, and to renew items. Even though it isn't LINKcat, it is the next best affordable system for our library.

A special Thank You to Karen Marti for supporting the library and her generosity purchasing snowmen. You are greatly appreciated. Thanks to everyone else who donated money to the library during the month of December and throughout the year. Words cannot express our thanks to all of you who remember the library with monetary gifts.

If anyone would like to pick up their snowmen or snowflakes, they will be on the front table for a week so be sure to pick yours up.

A special THANK YOU TO

PAULA RITSCHARD for designing, making, and donating the fantastic Thank You cards. Thanks to Pam Schilder for putting up and taking down the Christmas tree and all the other library decorations throughout the year.

New DVDs

During the month of December the following DVDs were purchased: SEPTEMBER DAWN; RESIDENT EVIL — EXTINCTION; SHOOT 'EM UP; THE CORRUPTOR; BOB DYLAND DON'T LOOK BACK 65 TOUR DELUXE EDITION; THE UNIVERSE: FIRST SEASON; WAR; THE TUDORS: FIRST SEASON; LOST 3; THE FAMILY HOLIDAY; MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET; VEGGIE TALES HOLIDAY PACK; HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2 — EXTENDED VERSION; HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX; POLAR BEAR KING; BOURNE ULTIMATUM; BALLS OF FURY; ONCE; THE SIMPSONS MOVIE; ELOISE GOES TO SCHOOL; UNDERDOG; BRING IT ON IN IT TO WIN IT ; THE YEAR WITHOUT A SANTA CLAUS; STARDUST; DECEMBER BOYS; RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER; A DENNIS THE MENACE CHRISTMAS; THE LOST LEGION; BLADE RUNNER—THE FINAL CUT; THE HEARTBREAK KID; RUSH HOUR 3; THE BROTHERS SOLOMON; THE KINGDOM; EASTERN PROMISES; SHATTERED; EVERY TIME WE SAY GOODBYE; FIRST SNOW OF WINTER; AMERICAN PIE PRESENTS DELTA HOUSE; 3:10 TO YUMA; DEATH SENTENCE; DRAGON WARS; and SUNSHINE.

New CDs

Recently purchased CDs are: THE SWEENEY TODD SDTK; ONCE SDTK; AWESOME LOVE SONGS; RADIO DISNEY MOVE IT; KIDZ BOP 10 & 12; CHRISTMAS PIANO; GARTH BROOKS: THE ULTIMATE HITS; ENCHANTED SDTK; and AS I AM by Alicia Keys.

New Audio CDs

Some new audio CDs are: A FREE LIFE by Ha Jin; PEOPLE OF THE BOOK by Geraldine Brooks; THE GEOGRAPHY OF BLISS by Eric Weiner; BORN STANDING UP by Steve Martin; and THE DARKEST EVENING OF THE YEAR by Dean Koontz.

New Large Print

Thanks to Marlea Duerst, the library owns these new Large Print books: MENDING FENCES by Sherryl Woods; KNIT TOGETHER by Debbie Macomber; NO TIME FOR GOODBYE by Linwood Barclay; COUNTRY LOVERS by Rebecca Shaw; and A MAN FOR TEMPERANCE by Gilbert Morris.

New Adult Books

New titles include: THE VANISHING ACT OF ESME LENNOX by Maggie O'Farrell; THE FRIDAY NIGHT KNITTING CLUB by Kate Jacobs; A CHRISTMAS MEMORY by Truman Capote; POTLUCK: HOME COOKING FROM WISCONSIN'S COMMUNITY COOKBOOKS by Toni Brandeis Streckert; THE MANNING SISTERS by Deb Macomber; HAND OF EVIL by J. A. Jance; MORTAL GROOVE by Ellen Hart; ELEMENTS OF DESIGN by Nina Campbell; ANTONY & CLEOPATRA by Colleen McCullough;

CHRISTMAS WITH PAULA DEEN; DARK AURA by Diana O'Hehir; MURDER ON K STREET by Margaret Truman; REDBREAST by Jo Nesbo; ALL SHOTS by Susan Conant; CRIES & WHISKERS by Clea Simon; DON'T BET AGAINST ME by Deanna Favre; LITTLE FACE by Sophie Hannah; SOULS OF ANGELS by Thomas Eidson; SEW PRETTY HOMESTYLE by Tone Finnager; and BIG BONED by Meg Cabot.

New Juvenile Books

New Juvenile Titles are: GLASS SLIPPER, GOLDEN SANDAL by Paul Fleischman; LISTEN, LISTEN by Phillis Gershator; BRIDGE TO THE STARS by Henning Mankell; RED BUTTERFLY by Deborah Noyes; EYE OF THE CROW by Shane Peacock; MARY CASSATT by Lois Harris; MR. LOUIE IS SCREWY by Dan Gutman; THE ABSOLUTELY TRUE DIARY OF A PART-TIME INDIAN by Sherman Alexie; ALMOST HOME by Jessica Blank; ARTEMIS FOWL—THE GRAPHIC NOVEL; BEOWULF by Nicky Raven; CARPE DIEM by Autumn Cornwell; GET WELL SOON by Julie Halpern; MATISSE THE KING OF COLOR by Laurence Anholt; MY MOTHER THE CHEERLEADER by Robert Sharenow; PAUL BUNYAN'S SWEETHEART by Mary Beth Lorbiecki; POISON APPLES by Lily Archer; PORCUPINE by Meg Tilly; WHERE THE GIANT SLEEPS by Mem Fox; and THIRTEEN REASONS WHY by Jay Asher.

Tax Forms in lobby!!