

New At The Library

Here's what's new at the Yankton Community Library this week:

ADULT BOOKS

- **Back Channel** by Stephen L. Carter; Fiction
- **Bravo** by Greg Rucka; Fiction
- **The End of Always** by Randi Davenport; Fiction
- **The Language of Silence** by Peggy Webb; Fiction
- **The Moment of Everything** by Shelly King; Fiction
- **The Painter** by Peter Heller; Fiction
- **Private India: City on Fire** by James Patterson & Ashwin Sanghi; Fiction
- **The Promise** by Ann Weisgarber; Fiction
- **Providence Rag** by Bruce DeSilva; Fiction
- **Ragtime Cowboys** by Loren D. Estleman; Fiction
- **Random Acts of Kindness** by Lisa Verge Higgins; Fiction
- **The Red Road** by Denise Mina; Fiction
- **Stars Go Blue** by Laura Pritchett; Fiction
- **Sundance** by David Fuller; Fiction
- **Til the Well Runs Dry** by Lauren Francis-Sharma; Fiction
- **Toughs** by Ed Falco; Fiction
- **First We Imagine**; Nonfiction
- **41** by George W. Bush; Nonfiction
- **Grain Brain** by David Perlmutter, M.D.; Nonfiction
- **Measure of a Man** by Martin Greenfield; Nonfiction
- **Pin Action** by Gianmarc Manzone; Nonfiction
- **Respect** by David Ritz; Nonfiction
- **Sometimes You Win, Sometimes You Learn** by John C. Maxwell; Nonfiction
- **Song of Dewey Beard** by Philip Burnham; Nonfiction
- **Step-by-Step Kids' Birthday Cakes** by Karen Sullivan; Nonfiction
- **10% Happier** by Dan Harris; Nonfiction
- **Unretirement** by Chris Farrell; Nonfiction
- **The Wild Truth** by Carine McCandless; Nonfiction

ADULT AUDIO BOOKS

- **A. D. 30** by Ted Dekker; Fiction
- **Betrayed** by Lisa Scottoline; Fiction
- **Gray Mountain** by John Grisham; Fiction
- **Prince Lestat** by Anne Rice; Fiction
- **Raging Heat** by Richard Castle; Fiction
- **Revival** by Stephen King; Fiction
- **Sidney Sheldon's Chasing Tomorrow** by Tilly Bagshawe; Fiction
- **The 5 Love Languages** by Gary Chapman; Nonfiction
- **Killing Patton** by Bill O'Reilly & Martin Dugard; Nonfiction
- **The 13th Gift** by Joanne Huist Smith; Nonfiction

DTM Hosting Monthly Brown Bag

The Dakota Territorial Museum's monthly Brown Bag event today (Friday) will be presented by museum director Crystal Nelson. The presentation will begin at noon in the museum conference room (across the street from Avera Sacred Heart Hospital).

This month Nelson will be talking about the "8 Layers of Victorian-era Dresses." She will have samples and pictures to help explain Victorian society and how each layer played into personal image.

The museum's monthly Brown Bag lunches are the first Friday of each month and are open to the public. There is no charge, but a free-will donation is accepted.

'Poker Alice Christmas' At Gayville Hall

GAYVILLE — Gayville Hall presents its sixth annual staging of "A Poker Alice Christmas," starring the Poker Alice Band and country singer Brenda George, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6, in Gayville.

The veteran band from southeastern South Dakota, founded three decades ago, will play selections from its eclectic repertoire of western swing, country, and old-time popular tunes, plus seasonal favorites.

Band co-founder Nick Schwebach sings and plays lead and steel guitars. Owen DeJong, who sports a master's degree in violin performance, plays the fiddle. They are from rural Wakonda.

Larry Rohrer of Beresford sings and plays bass, Dennis Jensen of Alcester sings and plays guitar, and Al Remund of rural Beresford plays drums.

George, who lives near Avon, sang with Poker Alice in the late 1980s and has reunited with the band once or twice annually in Gayville since 2003.

Gayville Hall is at 502 Washington Street in Gayville. Call (605) 267-2859 for ticket information.

Yankton Area Writer's Club To Meet

The Yankton Area Writer's Club Meeting will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, at the Fry'n Pan Restaurant, 502 West 21st St., Yankton.

From published authors to hobbyists, from pro to amateur, the Yankton Area Writer's Club is comprised of people in Yankton and the surrounding area, who have a passion for writing and a desire to help aspiring writers by offering readings, critiques, conferences and monthly lessons.

The meeting is open to all ages. For more information, contact Nancy Burk at 605-664-6582 or info@yanktonwriters.com, or visit http://yanktonwriters.com/.

Yankton Cribbage Club Meets Monday

The next gathering of the Yankton Cribbage Club season will be on Monday, Dec. 8, with registration at 6:30 p.m. at the Yankton VFW, 209 Cedar.

All interested cribbage players 18 and older are invited to attend. Each person will play nine full games of cribbage with a \$5 entry fee and 100 percent payback.

For more information, send an e-mail to sports@kynt1450.com.

Jami Lynn To Perform SDPB Concert

VERMILLION — One of South Dakota's most dynamic voices will be featured as Jami Lynn stars at a live taping of SDPB Television's music series "No Cover, No Minimum."

The public is invited to enjoy a great concert, for free, and be part of the live studio audience as Lynn performs in SDPB's Martin Busch Studio in Vermillion on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m. (7 MT). Performing with Lynn on some songs will be Andrew Reinartz, Dalton Coffey, Nick Schwebach and SDPB's own Owen DeJong.

"No Cover, No Minimum," SDPB Television's long-running music series, showcases local and regional acts as well as performers on the national level who come to South Dakota.

To attend, get reserve free tickets by calling 605-677-5861 or 800-456-0766 before 5 p.m. Dec. 9, or arrive at least a half-hour before the concert begins. The studio is in the Al Neuharth Media Center at the northeast corner of the University of South Dakota Campus in Vermillion. Plan to be seated by five minutes before the show begins.

Lincoln School Concert Dec. 11

Imagine a world where all weapons were replaced by musical instruments. Welcome to the legend of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table like you've never seen or heard before. Lincoln Elementary School will present "Joust! A Mighty Medieval Musical" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at the YHS/Summit Center Theatre.

Grades 4-5 will be featured in the evening program. You are invited to come enjoy the sounds of a medieval time when life was much different than it was today.

The public is invited to enjoy this free concert under the direction of Dena Den Herder, music educator. Kathleen West will be the piano accompanist, and Mr. Paul Struck is the Lincoln Elementary principal.

The Bookworm ... For Kids

'Memoirs' Is Serious Fun

"Memoirs of an Elf," by Devin Scillian, illustrated by Tim Bowers; © 2014, Sleeping Bear Press; 32 pages

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

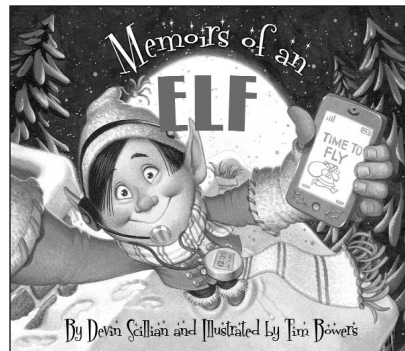
Your mom and dad take their jobs very seriously.

They get to work on time and they do a good job. Sometimes, they might even stay late to finish a project because it's important to be responsible. That's a lesson they've taught you because you take your around-the-house jobs seriously, too.

You always do your chores right because people depend on you. But in the new book "Memoirs of an Elf" by Devin Scillian, illustrated by Tim Bowers, an important job is done correctly because Christmas depends on it!

It's Christmas Eve, a quarter to 10, and Spark Elf is getting antsy. In just two hours, he and his fellow elves Bobbin and Nutshell will help Santa deliver presents. The reindeer are ready, the sleigh is full, and because he feels "so good," Spark snaps an elfie.

At quarter to eleven, with an hour to go, it starts to snow and that makes Spark really happy. It would make him even happier if Santa would hurry up. Santa says Spark worries too much.



And then it's "launch time!" Guam and Fiji are first for gift delivery, followed by New Zealand. Santa starts singing his favorite Christmas carol, and he stops to pet every dog. Santa loves dogs, and they love him, but that takes time and there's none to spare. As Santa plays with a puppy named Tugboat, Spark says it's time to go.

At halfway around the world and with the bag half-empty, the sleigh starts falling behind. Santa needs to step it up, but he's too busy enjoying the cookies that kids have left for him. Santa loves cookies — except ginger snaps. Those are the ones he gives to Spark, Bobbin, and Nutshell.

Art Forms

Holiday Ideas At The 'Crimson Door'

BY JULIE J. AMSBERRY

Yankton Area Arts

'Tis the night before Crimson Door, and all through GAR Hall, local artists provide great gifts to satisfy all. Fine arts and crafts are showcased with cheer, in the hopes happy shoppers soon will be here!

The annual holiday fine art and craft show, Crimson Door opens to the public tomorrow! If you aren't familiar with this boutique style shopping experience, it is one not to miss. With nearly forty fine artists and craftsmen represented, you will surely find the perfect Christmas gift for someone special or someone for whom it is difficult to buy. Don't be surprised if you find a little something for yourself as well!

There truly is something for everyone at this year's exhibit. With nearly half of our artists brand new to Crimson Door, there won't be any danger in buying something you got last year!

Even if you don't find anything to buy, you really should see the wood turned coffee scoops, door stops and spice jars, or the wine racks, coat racks, and jewelry holders made from oak pallets.

Got a musician in your life? We have wood turned conductors batons!

Sweaters, skirts and a multitude of scarves and jewelry will please the lady in your life. Let's not forget the handmade hats, mittens, gloves and wrist warmers!

Need help decorating your home for the holidays or year-round? You can find wall hangings, wreaths, photo prints, watercolor prints, coffee table books, wind chimes and ornaments.

Perhaps you have a writer in your family ... we have journals and stationery, wood turned pens and letter openers.



Julie J. AMSBERRY

son is a YAA membership or an "Eyes for the Arts" T-shirt!

See?! Something for everyone!

With so many handmade, unique items to choose from, we know it can be overwhelming! That's why we have "hint hint" cards! All you have to do is fill out the card with something you like, give it to someone special and we'll help them find a gift perfect for you. This is a great way to help your kids find something special on a budget! Or let our volunteers help guide you to that one of a kind, knock his socks off gift! Plan to shop locally at the GAR Hall Dec. 6-23, Monday-Friday from noon-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sunday 1-4 p.m. All sales directly support area artists and arts programming right here in Yankton!

• Tickets for the annual Tour of Homes are still available! Five beautiful homes are featured this year; homes with rich history, homes whose owners have poured their blood, sweat, and tears into with improvements and renovations.

Homeowners graciously opening their homes to us this year are Jeff and Jaci Ben-

jamin, Don and Pam Kettering, Jerry and Jerry Webber, Jay and Deb Roberts, and Mark and Cheryl Wenzlaff.

As a bonus, YAA will provide delicious desserts, coffee, and cider to ticket holders at the GAR Hall, as well, as 10 percent off shopping at Crimson Door. Plan to join us this Sunday, Dec. 7, from 1-4 p.m. for an extraordinary tour. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 at the GAR Hall Gallery, Rexall Drug or HyVee!

• And finally, don't forget to dust off your instruments! The Summer Band Christmas Concert is Dec. 14! Any interested individuals are encouraged to meet in the high school band room at 2:30 p.m. on the 14th to rehearse for a 4 p.m. concert in the Summit Theatre. Directed by high school band director Todd Carr, the concert is free to the public and will definitely put you in the holiday spirit!

If you haven't yet, be sure to "LIKE" us on Facebook and follow us on twitter @Eyes4theArts. We'll be showing off some of the fantastic items currently available at GAR Hall this month. You can also subscribe to any important updates we make to our website by entering your email address on our homepage: www.YanktonAreaArts.org under "Get Updates".

From all of us at Yankton Area Arts, we'd like to wish you a very joyous Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

Yankton Area Arts is a non-profit arts organization located at 508 Douglas Avenue in Yankton. The G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery is open to the public free of charge from 1-5 p.m. weekdays and from 1-3 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, call the YAA office at (605) 665-9754 or email yaa@iw.net.

Vespers

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This year's Vespers focuses on the manger, Tice said.

"This year we are celebrating everyone at the manger scene: the shepherds, the kings, the animals, the angels, all who were there those many years ago," he said. "This Vespers performance will also place ourselves at the manger as we sing the carols that help connect us to that time and place, bringing us all to the manger."

The program emphasizes Jesus as the reason for the season, Tice said. The performance features Mary and Joseph, the angels, kings and shepherds, and the star over Christ's birthplace.

Besides the MMC musicians, Vespers will incorporate an orchestra comprised of professionals, Tice said. The 23-piece orchestra includes strings, winds, horns, percussion and harp. The program also features the reading of Biblical texts and the audience singing of carols.

"There will be a celebration by everyone as we come to the manger," he said. "The message is the same, whether it's 2,000 years ago or tonight."

Kollasch sees this year's Vespers bringing a special message.

"The program this year focuses on the many aspects of the Nativity that are not always considered," she said. "There are familiar carols as well as some the audience may not have heard before. There is a variety in musical selections that has made it enjoyable to prepare for Vespers. I'm looking forward to performing."

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The Vespers theme is actually chosen a year in advance, and work begins far before the actual performances, Tice said.

"I pick the music months in advance," he said. "During the summer, I'm solidifying the selections. I look at the size of the choir and the talent that we have. During the fall, I have a contractor who gets the orches-

tra players. We have the music pulled and ready for them by the end of September or first of October."

The choirs and orchestra have rehearsed on their own, first coming together next Sunday, Tice said.

"When the (Benedictine) Sisters finish their Mass on Sunday morning (around 11 a.m.), we move in. We set up for the orchestra, put up risers for the choirs and we lay out the programs," he said.

"At 1 p.m., the orchestra arrives and the choir is in place. The choir and orchestra rehearse for the next two hours to get our sea legs, then we have the 4 p.m. performance. The program lasts about an hour, then we have a break before performing at 7 p.m."

Bishop Marty Chapel will carry a special Vespers atmosphere, Tice said.

"James Hovland, our tech director, has worked with the new lighting and the LED lights," Tice said. "He said it heightens the mood, like when he used green lights for 'Greensleeves.'"

MMC uses a Sioux Falls videographer to make the Vespers recording into the final tel-

evision product, Yager said.

"We have a short window to turn the whole video around, from sound mixing, to editing, to delivery to SDPB for broadcast," he said. "Kenneth and I will travel to Sioux Falls and watch the final cut, make any necessary notes or suggestions, and off it goes. Music does wonders for the soul, and what better way to spread that joy than to use all of the tools that are available."

The quick turnaround in video production is well worth it, Tice said.

"We are sharing this with a wide audience," he said. "It's a great promotion for the college and its programs. It's worth its weight in gold."

Tice believes the Vespers broadcast and online appearance can become a Christmas tradition. "People can open their gifts, then watch it before they head to Christmas services or the late vigil," he said.

Kollasch looks forward to Sunday's performances as a memorable moment in her MMC experiences.

"Vespers is the highlight of the year in vocal music at Mount Marty College," she said.

"Singing in Bishop Marty Chapel with an orchestra is an amazing experience, filled with moments that take my breath away every year."

Tice hopes the audience — wherever located — enjoys Vespers as much as the musicians.

"We want to make it the most beautiful thing we can," he said. "It's a wonderful offering, and it's a great opportunity for our students. We are so excited to be doing this (performance) year in and year out. It's our gift to Yankton and the surrounding area."

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- Aug. 7 - 19: Alaska Tour & Cruise
- Aug. 30 - Sept. 13: Scandinavia
- August TBA: Annual Farm Tour
- Sept. 30 - Oct. 7: Autumn in New England
- Oct. 8 - 12: Albuquerque Balloon Festival
- Nov. 4 - 8: New York Theater
- November TBA: Branson

Additional tours to be announced at later date

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