

New At The Library

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

ADULT BOOKS

- **All Dressed in White** by Mary Higgins Clark & Alafair Burke; Fiction
- **The Blood Flag** by James W. Huston; Fiction
- **Cross Justice** by James Patterson; Fiction
- **The Guilty** by David Baldacci; Fiction
- **The Lake House** by Kate Morton; Fiction
- **The Pharaoh's Secret** by Cussler & Brown; Fiction
- **Sidney Sheldon's Reckless** by Tilly Bagshawe; Fiction
- **Tricky Twenty-Two** by Janet Evanovich; Fiction
- **Warheart** by Terry Goodkind; Fiction
- **Boys in the Trees** by Carly Simon; Nonfiction
- **Coin-Operated Americans** by Carly A. Kocurek; Nonfiction
- **Cook's Illustrated Kitchen Hacks**; Nonfiction
- **Downton Abbey: A Celebration** by Jessica Fellowes; Nonfiction
- **The End of the Cold War** by Robert Service; Nonfiction
- **Intelligent Disobedience** by Ira Chaleff; Nonfiction
- **Primary Greatness** by Stephen R. Covey; Nonfiction
- **Son** by Jack Olsen; Nonfiction
- **Young Elizabeth** by Kate Williams; Nonfiction

ADULT AUDIO BOOKS

- **Balm** by Dolen Perkins-Valdez; Fiction
- **The Crossing** by Michael Connelly; Fiction
- **Eve** by Wm. Paul Young; Fiction
- **The Old Blue Line** by J. A. Jance; Fiction
- **Ruins of War** by John A. Connell; Fiction
- **Sisters of Shiloh** by Kathy & Becky Hepinstall; Fiction
- **Tricky Twenty-Two** by Janet Evanovich; Fiction
- **Around the World in 50 Years** by Albert Podell; Nonfiction
- **Keep Moving** by Dick Van Dyke; Nonfiction
- **Last Night in the OR** by Bus Shaw, MD; Nonfiction
- **Mess** by Barry Yourgrau; Nonfiction
- **Smokejumper** by Jason A. Ramos; Nonfiction

ADULT DVDS

- **The Borrowers**
- **Chloe & Theo**
- **The Impossible**
- **Paper Towns**
- **Testament of Youth**
- **Trainwreck**

YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

- **Calvin** by Martine Leavitt; Fiction
- **My Life with the Walter Boys** by Ali Novak; Fiction
- **Red Girl, Blue Boy** by Lauren Baratz-Logsted; Fiction
- **Remember Me** by Romily Bernard; Fiction
- **Twenty-One Heroes** by Sam A. Forman; Fiction

JUNIOR BOOKS

- **The Dirt Diary** by Michael Anna Staniszewski; Fiction
- **Finding Fortune** by Delia Ray; Fiction
- **The Footsteps of Crazy Horse** by Joseph Marshall III; Fiction
- **Max Helsing and the Thirteenth Curse** by Curtis Jobling; Fiction
- **The Tapper Twins Go to War** by Geoff Rodkey; Fiction

Did you know that you can reserve an item from home? Staff will then notify you as soon as the item is available.

MMC Group Set For International Level

Smooth Benediction, Mount Marty College's vocal a capella ensemble, has been selected for an eighth straight year to compete in the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella.

Smooth Benediction will travel to Springfield, Missouri, Feb. 27 for the Midwest Quarterfinal, competing against groups from Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas. Tickets are available from www.varsityvocals.com and tend to sell out fast.

Smooth Benediction is a highly selective a cappella choir in the collegiate "Pitch Perfect" style, singing primarily top billboard charts, musical theater and popular oldies.

Smooth Benediction will give a performance of its competition set at the third annual Evening of Entertainment on Feb. 26. Tickets will soon be available for this event at www.mtmc.edu/arts.

Gurney Landing Parade of Lights Tonight

The House of Gurney Historic District Holiday Parade of Lights will be tonight (Friday) in downtown Yankton. Line-up of the parade will be on Levee Street and Capital beginning at 5:30 p.m. The parade will start at 6 p.m.

For more information contact Alison Brown at (605) 260-6870.

'Poker Alice Christmas' at Gayville Dec. 5

GAYVILLE — Gayville Hall presents its seventh annual staging of "A Poker Alice Christmas," starring the Poker Alice Band and country singer Brenda George, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, in Gayville.

The veteran band from Clay County, 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.

W.H. Over Christmas Festival Dec. 6

VERMILLION — The W.H. Over Museum in Vermillion will hold its 49th annual Christmas Festival on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 1-4 p.m.

There will be a bake sale and a hospitality table, along with vendors and entertainment.

Craft Events Set For Yankton Library

The Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut Street, is opening its meeting room during December to anyone who is working on craft or gift projects and needs more table space than you have at home.

On Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 6-7:45 p.m., the library meeting room is open to anyone who registers for a table. There is a limit of one table per person with the option of reserving half of a table rather than a full table for smaller projects. There is no charge for using the room. All supplies must be brought in by the crafters.

For further information, contact the library at 668-5275.

Cramer-Kenyon Open House Dec. 11-13

The public is invited to the 2015 Cramer-Kenyon Historic Home Open House, set for Dec. 11-13 at 509 Pine Street. Hours are 5-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11; and 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12-13.

There is no charge for admission to the home but a free will offering will be accepted.

The Bookworm ... For Kids

'Miracle' Offers Sweet Tale

"Miracle on 133rd Street" by Sonia Manzano, illustrated by Marjorie Priceman; © 2015, Simon & Schuster; 48 pages

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Mama says you'd better share your toys.

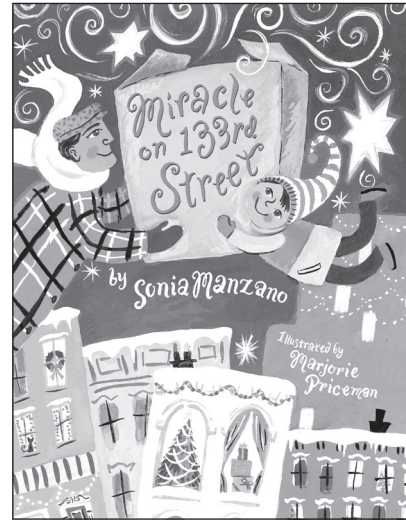
But you don't mind; it's Christmas and as long as other kids are careful, they can play with your new gifts, too. Sharing is one of the best things about the holidays, as you know, and in the new book "Miracle on 133rd Street" by Sonia Manzano, illustrated by Marjorie Priceman, it could make your holiday brighter.

It was Christmastime, and Jose's family had the "tiniest Christmas tree ever." There was hardly room for all the family's ornaments. Their apartment was small, too, and Mami said the oven was too tiny for the Christmas roast, which made Papi sad.

He wished they'd never left Puerto Rico. Everything was bigger there.

But how do you cook a great big roast? Jose had an idea, Papi put the roast in a great big box, and they set out for Regular Ray's Pizzeria.

They were barely out the door, when their neighbor, Mrs. Whitman, complained about the noise. On the third floor, Mr. and Mrs. Santiago mentioned that their children weren't coming to visit this Christmas. Mr. Franklin



thought there were burglars in the building, and he refused to come out of his apartment. The Wozenskys on the second floor were worried about money, Ms. Simon was yelling about shopping, and the DiPalma kids were making a huge racket. Even the customers at Happy Full Tummy Food Store seemed very unhappy.

Three hours later, though, the great big roast had been cooked in a great big pizza oven and the scent was "most glorious... so garlicky and olive oily and delicious..." It smelled so yummy that Jose felt like he was floating on its perfect, tasty goodness.

"Feliz Navidad," said Mr. Ray as

Arts Forms

It's Time To Deck The (GAR) Halls With Crimson Door Show

BY JULIE J. AMSBERRY
Yankton Area Arts

Come they told me, to GAR Hall.
Unique gifts for you to see at GAR Hall.

Fine handmade gifts to see at GAR Hall.

Gifts for the whole family at GAR Hall!

The 10th annual Crimson Door Holiday Boutique opens today (Friday) at GAR Hall. The gallery has transformed into a unique holiday shopping boutique full of one-of-a-kind handmade gifts perfect for all of your holiday shopping!

New items this year are jewelry made from zippers, handmade goat milk lotions and soaps, mother and daughter aprons, doll clothes, books, key chains, wood bowls, greeting cards, so much more! We have items specifically for each person in your family! Not sure what to get? Let us help you find something!

In addition to the amazing gifts you'll find, we are celebrating our 10th year with door prizes and raffles. Items raffled include the Modify.Dotify. Art Desk, a framed Dave Tunge photo, a YAA Household Membership, two Janet Jensen prints, and an array of doll clothes that fit the American Girl Doll which were donated by Doll Clothes USA. Raffle tickets can be purchased at GAR Hall. The drawings will take place on Dec. 22. Winners do not need to be present to win.



Julie
AMSBERRY

The annual Tour of Homes will take place this Sunday, Dec. 6 from 1-4 p.m. Four beautiful homes and two new Yankton businesses will be featured on the tour.

This year's tour features the homes of Pat and Camille Slowey, Merlyn and Jane Pugh, Kent and Ruby Goeden, and Kelly and Lisa Kneifl. Also on the tour are brand new downtown businesses, Jozette Knoff Interiors and Willa B's Bistro and Emporium.

Tickets are \$25 and available for purchase at GAR Hall, Rexall Drug and Yankton Hy-Vee. The ticket price includes a festive dessert reception at GAR Hall and discounted shopping at the 10th annual Crimson Door Holiday Boutique. All inquiries regarding the tour should be directed to Yankton Area Arts at 665-9754.

All proceeds from Crimson Door and

Jose and Papi headed home — but not before they invited Mr. Ray to share their meal. They invited the Wozinskys on Second Floor, and they asked Mr. Franklin to leave his apartment. Mrs. Whitman came, too, and so did the Santiagos. Each person brought a little something to Jose's apartment.

And that was where a miracle occurred ...

The first guest arrives at your holiday celebration. Then the second, fifth, eighth, and tenth, and your child might wonder if there'll be enough for this crowd. The answer, of course, is yes and "Miracle on 133rd Street" will show him how.

There's always room for one more, as author and Emmy Award-winning actress Sonia Manzano proves in this sweet little story that starts out sad and ends in such joy that you won't be able to stop smiling. The ingenuity of Jose and his papi boost this tale in a perfect way, and I loved how Manzano subtly portrays a multi-level, multi-cultured apartment building and the people inside it. Add in magical, sparkling pictures by Marjorie Priceman and you've got an instant holiday classic.

Though this book is mainly for 4- to 8-year-olds, I think slightly younger children might sit still for it. One read-through or bedtime read-aloud, and your kids will agree that "Miracle on 133rd Street" is a good story to share.

Tour of Homes benefit artists and local arts programming.

The Yankton Area Summer Band will present its annual Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 13, at 4 p.m. in the Summit Activities Center Theatre. Under the direction of Gwen Van Gerpen, the free concert is sure put all of us in the holiday spirit. The concert is free to the public and sponsored in part by the Yankton Parks and Recreation. Cookies and cider, provided by Services Center Federal Credit Union, will be served in the high school commons following the concert.

Head on over to www.Yankton-AreaArts.org and check out our new and improved website! We have been working really hard to create a fun, easy to navigate website that is informative, current and best reflects our organization. We hope you like it and visit often!

Thank you for your continued support of our organization! To stay up to date on all things Yankton Area Arts like us on Facebook, follow us on twitter, and visit our website, www.YanktonAreaArts.org.

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@iaw.net.

State Historical Society Celebrates Anniversary Of Wilder Bestseller

PIERRE — Nov. 17 marked the one-year anniversary since the South Dakota State Historical Society released Laura Ingalls Wilder's "Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Autobiography," edited by Pamela Smith Hill.

Skyrocketing to No. 2 on the *New York Times* Best Sellers List for nonfiction in February, the book has been described by the *Los Angeles Times* as "a crucial addition to the world of Wilder lore and scholarship."

"The past 12 months have surpassed all of our expectations; we are ecstatic," says Nancy Tystad Koupal, director of the South Dakota Historical Society Press.

A successful national advertising campaign and widespread media attention helped to popularize Wilder's annotated autobiography, but its design and contents have made the title a favorite among booksellers and readers across the country—in October the Historical Society Press accepted the Midwest Booksellers Choice Award for nonfiction at the annual Heartland Fall Forum in Chicago.

"Pioneer Girl" is "this huge beautiful book, and it's so much fun to spend time

with and to hold," said Stephanie Lauer, an employee at Sundance Books and Music in Reno, Nevada, in an April interview with the *Reno News and Review*.

The story of the small press on the prairie and its runaway best seller, which has sold more than 145,000 copies at last count, continues to gain attention. Most recently the publishing industry's flagship magazine, *Publishers Weekly*, carried "Pioneer Girl" on the cover of its Nov. 2 issue, and the Nov. 23 issue features an article.

"Pioneer Girl" is the result of extensive research and study into Wilder's original manuscript about the 16-year journey in which the Ingalls family moved from Kansas to Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, back to Minnesota and on to Dakota Territory.

"The goal was to present Wilder's original work with supplemental information that would give the reader a better understanding of her life and times," says Koupal. "Based on the response the Press has seen over the last year, I would say that we succeeded."

'Holiday Jam With The Hegg Brothers' Slated Dec. 16

Historic Downtown Yankton, in conjunction with Yankton Area Concert Association, is bringing "Holiday Jam with the Hegg Brothers" back to Yankton for the third straight year. The performance is set for Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m., at the YHS/Summit Activities Theater.

This musical showcase features the talents of a multi-piece band playing holiday classics as well as

contemporary new arrangements in the signature lush and rhythmic horn band sound of Jeremy and Jon Hegg. Filling out the group are the region's finest and most exciting musicians.

This concert is included with the Yankton Area Concert Association membership. If you aren't a YACA member, a limited number of tickets are available at Boiler Printing, 308 Douglas, Yankton.

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CDWC Holiday Event Set For Saturday

The Corps of Discovery Welcome Center presents "A Taste of Christmas!" on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 1-6 p.m. at the Welcome Center, 89705 Highway 81, Crofton, Nebraska, or 2 miles south of Yankton on Highway 81.

Sample area goodies such as Nissen Wine, Burbach Cheese and more. There will be a Silent Auction, refreshments, live Christmas music, children's activities and a quilt raffle.

Do your Christmas shopping at our exclusive gift shop featuring more locally made arts and crafts than anyone else in the area. Visit www.corpsdiscoverywelcomecenter.net for updates.