

## To Our Readers

Because both Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on Fridays, when the PRESS & DAKOTAN will not be publishing newspapers, "River City" on both weeks will run on Thursday, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31, respectively. If you wish to submit any information for the "River City" editions on those weeks, please have that information to us by 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, or 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

## New At The Library

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

### ADULT BOOKS

- **The Bones Will Speak** by Carrie Stuart Parks; Fiction
- **Commander in Chief** by Tom Clancy; Fiction
- **The Improbability of Love** by Hannah Rothschild; Fiction
- **Secret Sisters** by Jayne Ann Krentz; Fiction
- **Happy Retirement** by Kenneth S. Shultz, PhD; Non-fiction
- **Mr. Smith Goes to Prison** by Jeff Smith; Nonfiction
- **Spy Secrets That Can Save Your Life** by Jason Hanson; Nonfiction
- **Suspicious Minds** by Rob Brotherton; Nonfiction
- **What to do When You're New** by Keith Rollag; Nonfiction

### ADULT AUDIO BOOKS

- **Cross Justice** by James Patterson; Fiction

### YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

- **Beastly Bones** by William Ritter; Fiction
- **Bright Lights, Dark Nights** by Stephen Emond; Fiction
- **Confessions: The Murder of an Angel** by Patterson & Paetro; Fiction
- **Happily Ever After** by Kiera Cass; Fiction
- **Live Original** by Sadie Robertson; Nonfiction

### JUNIOR BOOKS

- **Confessions of an Imaginary Friend** by Michelle Cuevas; Fiction
- **Kid's First Gardening** by Jenny Hendy; Fiction
- **Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt** by Kate Messner; Nonfiction

### EASY BOOKS

- **Minions Snow Day** by Brandon T. Snider; Fiction

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

## 'Reading With Ms. Claus' Set For Mail

The Yankton Area Literacy Council will sponsor "Reading with Ms. Claus" at the Yankton Mall on Saturday, Dec. 19, from 1-3 p.m., located near the Bodyguard.

Ms. Santa Claus will be reading Christmas stories and Literacy Council Volunteers will give each child a book to take home.

If you need assistance with tutoring or English Language Acquisition, or would like to be involved with the YALC, contact the office at 668-3480.

## Teen Christmas Party At Library Dec. 19

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) of the Yankton Community Library met Dec. 7 to finalize plans for the upcoming Christmas party. Other topics of discussion included planning activities for January through April and ideas for the summer reading program.

The library's teen Christmas party is Saturday, Dec. 19, from 2-4 p.m. Join the TAB members for games and activities and a \$5 gift exchange. All 'tweens and teens in grades 6-12 are welcome.

Events planned for 2016 include a game day, a cake decorating contest, an after-hours event with Capture the Flag and other activities. The teens also plan to make Valentine bookmarks and Easter favors for patrons.

Applications for new members for the TAB are always available at the circulation desk. If you are in grades 6-12 and would like to have a say in the types of services and programs the library offers for teens, pick up an application and join the TAB. The next TAB meeting is Monday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m.

Questions about the TAB or teen activities may be directed to Joyce Moore by calling the library at 605-668-5275 or by e-mailing [jmoore@cityofyankton.org](mailto:jmoore@cityofyankton.org).

## Santa's Workshop Extended Until Dec. 23

Due to popular interest, Studio Art Center has extended Santa's Workshop for one more week for young people to attend a creative arts program for creating paintings and making Christmas cards, ornaments and gifts for Christmas.

The extended program will take place on Saturday, Dec. 19, from noon-4 p.m. There will also be available hours that students can sign up for on mornings and afternoons until 5:50 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 21, through Wednesday, Dec. 23.

The Christmas program is designed for ages 2½ years through teenage years with appropriate projects for the age of the child attending. Each student receives a free stuffed animal or other choice of Christmas gift, a Santa treat bag and can make as many items as their time slot allows. Gifts they make for their family will be wrapped right there at the workshop. There is a short program that is free of charge for the youngest children who need a teenager, parent or older adult accompanying them. Older students may sign up for the longer, more advanced program and may be dropped off while their parents for Christmas shopping.

To sign up their children all parents need to do is to call 665-4686 or 665-0954 and request a date and time that their child can attend. For more information, go to [studioart-center.com](http://studioart-center.com) and click on Santa's Workshop.

## Library Announces Holiday Closings

The Yankton Community Library will close at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, and reopen Saturday, Dec. 26, at 9 a.m.

The library will close Thursday, Dec. 31, at 5 p.m. and reopen on Saturday, Jan. 2, at 9 a.m.

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

## Adult Coloring Session Set For Library

The Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut Street, invites adults to join the staff Saturday, Dec. 26, and Sunday, Dec. 27, from 2-4 p.m. each day, for the latest trend in stress busting: coloring.

No registration is required and there will be no instruction, no lesson plan and no agenda. Just bring your creative mind and perhaps a friend or two. A quiet space with calming music will relieve all that holiday stress and worry. All supplies are provided, but you are welcome to bring your own.

For more information, call the library at 668-5275.

## The Bookworm ... For Kids

# Book 'Lights' Up Holidays

*"The Night the Lights Went Out on Christmas" by Ellis Paul, pictures by Scott Brundage; © 2015, Albert Whitman & Company, 32 pages*

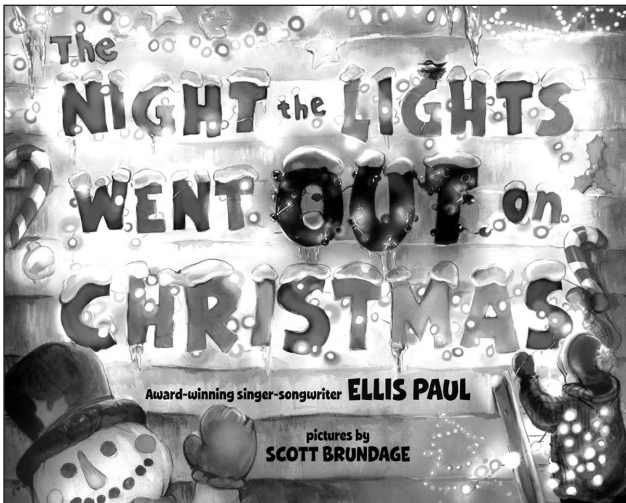
BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

The neighborhood over a couple blocks is all lit up.

There are inflatable Santas there, musical reindeer, twinkly lights, and candy canes that are taller than Daddy. It's really pretty and sometimes, you wonder how many lights there are. In the new book, "The Night the Lights Went Out on Christmas" by Ellis Paul, pictures by Scott Brundage, the answer could be that there's one too many.

Every year for the past 55 years, the Johnsons have decorated their house for Christmas. It started with one tree. Then they put lights on the house. Then they added blinkers on the chimney, the roof, the mailbox, there were statues, an electric petting zoo, even their dog's house was lit up for Christmas.

Most folks in the neighborhood put up a single string of lights but one year, the Smiths got a neon Santa. Then the Williams family got



into the act, the Wheelers decorated their house, and the Greenbergs put up giant dreidels for Hanukkah. The Jacksons couldn't be left out in the cold, so they put up snowmen even though everyone lived in a warm-weather climate.

By 1989, December saw the neighborhood "so darned cluttered" that you could barely see the houses behind the lights! There were Santas and dancing elves, penguins, sleighs, igloos, fake snow, blinky-blinky-blink. Even astronauts could see the lights from outer space while on Earth, entire cars full of

people drove up and down the street to look, which only added to the commotion.

Then came the year when almost every square inch of the block was decorated. Just the tip-top of one tree was without lights until Missy Johnson climbed a ladder, placed a star on that high-up branch, and her brother flipped a switch...

And the lights in town went out.

The lights in America went out. Then Canada, Mexico, Paris, Japan, Rio, Johannesburg, Sydney, and St. Petersburg — poof!

And yet — there were still

lights! Where did they come from?

You've seen it happen: someone puts up outdoor decorations and their neighbors spend the holidays keeping up with the Clauses. Chances are, your children have been begging to see such a sight because the blinky things seem to be a necessity this time of year... or are they? "The Night the Lights Went Out on Christmas" shows your child another option.

With a semi-rhyming story, author-songwriter Ellis Paul gets the holiday hoopla exactly right and that, plus colorfully chaotic illustrations by Scott Brundage, will make your kids laugh. If you've ever seen one-upmanship in action, you'll find the humor, too, but keep reading. What happens at the end wraps this tale up so perfectly that you'll want to go back and look again, just to be charmed anew.

And there's more: this book, meant for kids ages 4 to 7, includes a website address so they can listen to a holiday song while they've got this book in their hands. And hold it, they will. For them, "The Night the Lights Went Out on Christmas" will light up their holiday.

# 'Living Traditions' Exhibit Slated For Mount Marty College

"Living Traditions: Dakota, Nakota, Lakota Art," a traveling art exhibit from the South Dakota State Historical Society, will be showcased at the Bede Art Gallery Jan. 4-29, 2016, and the Mother Jerome Schmitt Library from Feb. 1-26, 2016, both located on the Mount Marty College Campus.

The Dakota, Nakota and Lakota people of South Dakota have produced beautiful art throughout their history. Bringing out the beauty in everyday objects led to strong traditions of decorative quillwork, beadwork, painting and carving. Dance and ceremonies also have an important place in Sioux culture.

"Living Traditions: Dakota, Nakota, Lakota Art" showcases artistic work done in three different time periods — the nomadic hunting period, the reservation period, and modern times. Text, photographs and images of objects from the museum collection are shown on 20 text panels in five pop-up kiosks.

"The artwork featured in this exhibit is outstanding," said Helen B Louise, Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society Director. "Using visual art from different historic periods shows how important traditions continue to be a part of life today."

This exhibition was funded by the South Dakota Heritage Fund and the State of South Dakota.

"Living Traditions: Dakota, Nakota, Lakota Art" is one of 10 pop-up kiosk exhibits available from the South Dakota State Historical Society. Other exhibits include: "Lewis and Clark in South Dakota," which tells about the animals, plants, and people that the Corps of Discovery encountered; "Properties of History: Exploring South Dakota's Historic Places," which features historic properties from across the state; "Life Underground: Hard Rock Mining in the Black Hills," which examines the state's rich mining history; "At



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Home & Abroad: South Dakota in World War II," which shares the story of South Dakotans during the war; "South Dakota Communicates," which looks at early telephone communication in the state; "A Capital Fight: Choosing South Dakota's Capital City," which tells about the lively multi-year fight to permanently locate the capital; "Drawn to the Land: Homesteading Dakota," which looks at the homesteading experience in Dakota; and "Marketing Dakota," which explores the hard sell used to draw set-

tlers to the territory and the state.

For more information about the Society's traveling exhibits contact Kate Vandel, Curator of Exhibits, Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society, 900 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD, 57501, telephone 605-773-4373 or email [kathryn.vandel@state.sd.us](mailto:kathryn.vandel@state.sd.us). Online tours of all of the Society's traveling exhibits are available online at <http://history.sd.gov/Museum/exhibits/traveling.aspx>.

## Altered Book Exhibition Offered At USD Library

VERMILLION — An altered book exhibit on display in the University Libraries at the University of South Dakota features 46 pieces by 37 artists from Canada, Spain, Romania and the U.S. Altered books are mixed media artwork that changes a book from its original form or meaning by various processes like cutting, painting, tearing and collage.

The biennial international exhibition, "Bound and Unbound III," juried by Sandy Brooke, associate professor of art at the College of Liberal Arts at Oregon State University-Cascades in Bend, Oregon, will be on display through Jan. 4.

"I selected books I believed would challenge the viewer and make them interact with the work," Brooke said. "Some artists recycled library books, grinding them into paper pulp and remolding them. One series crystalized the book in Borax crystals creating a jeweled, reflective surface as if it were something you might find deep in a cave."

Committee member Sarah

A. Hanson, digitization and photographs associate at USD University Libraries, said the exhibition showcases artists who have exhibited internationally, nationally and regionally. Some of the artists have works in permanent collections at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Guggenheim, Smithsonian, Center for the Book, National Museum for Women in the Arts and AT&T.

"We are pleased to have such a strong exhibition, representing very competent book artists," Hanson said.

To read more about each artist and to view a video of the juror discussing the works, see the "Bound and Unbound III" LibGuide.

"Bound and Unbound III" is available for viewing online in the Digital Library of South Dakota.

The exhibition is located in the cases on the second floor of the I.D. Weeks Library at USD and open to the public during library operating hours.

## L&C Recreation Area Hosting First Day Hikes

Lewis and Clark Recreation Area invites park visitors to take a winter bird watching hike and a fitness hike on New Year's Day as part of America's State Parks' First Day Hikes initiative in all 50 states, and the Surgeon General's challenge for all Americans to walk or wheel 22 minutes per day.

Assistant Park Manager Tonna Hartman will lead a guided bird watching hike through the park beginning at 10 a.m. Friday Jan. 1, 2016. Participants are asked to meet at the Lewis & Clark Recreation Area Welcome Center, located five miles west of Yankton on Highway 52, and should bring binoculars and dress appropriately for the weather.

After the bird hike Tonna will give a 30-minute presentation on birding at the Welcome Center. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

The fitness hike will begin at 11 a.m. after the winter bird watching hike.

"A park entrance license is required year-round for all vehicles entering the park," said Shane Bertsch, district park supervisor. They may be purchased at the self-pay station at the entrance booth or at the Welcome Center during business hours.



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