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# STIRLING-RAWDON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



## Library Update

As we approach the end of another year, I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU!

First and foremost, our library could not have managed the challenges faced throughout 2021 without the dedicated, flexible, and resourceful staff we have. Thank you to Theresa, Haley, Kai and Leslie for respectfully enforcing and adhering to safety measures, rolling with all the changes, and thinking outside the box to provide our community with the best possible library experience under these unpredictable circumstances.

Secondly, I would like to thank our incredible Library Board members for their guidance and leadership over the past year. I am grateful for their assistance with implementing reasonable policies and procedures to ensure the safety of our staff, patrons and community members; and for their ongoing commitment to governing the affairs of the library in a constructive and respectful way.

Last but not least, a huge thank you to all of our patrons for following the guidelines that have been put in place here at the library, for showing courtesy to library staff, and for the patience that you have shown with every change in routine and all the ups and downs over the last 12 months.

Enjoy the upcoming holiday season, stay safe, and we look forward to serving you in 2022!!

-Jaye

## HOURS:

- Sunday, Monday CLOSED
- Tuesday - Thursday 10-7
- Friday, Saturday 10-3

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# Upcoming Programs & Events

## DON'T FORGET!

Letters to Santa need to be mailed no later than **December 10th** in order to receive a response before Christmas!

If you picked up a **Mini Art Show Take and Make Kit** please return them to the library by **December 17th**. Make sure to fill out the included form and return it along with your mini masterpiece!

**Mittens for Kittens:** We are accepting donations of new hats, mittens and scarves until **December 3rd**. Drop them off in the library any time the library is open! All donations very much appreciated.

## Christmas Caroling Wed. December 15th 5:30-6:30pm

Join us on the library steps for a Christmas Caroling sing along!



## Gnome Ornament Take & Make Kit Available December 7th



## Paper Quilled Snowflake Take & Make Kit Available December 14th



## Winter Activity Kits Available December 21st

Pick up a kit containing several crafts, colouring sheets and Boredom Bingo to help your kids get through winter break!

# Upcoming Programs & Events in January:

Exciting news! In-person programs to return in **January 2022!**

**Afterschool Clubs:** Wednesdays at 4pm starting January 12th

**Adult Craft Nights:** Last Tuesday of the month starting January 25th

Stay tuned for more information! Masks, social distancing and capacity limits will still be in effect.

## January is National Hot Tea Month!

Drop into the library during the month of January and enjoy a tea to go on us! While supplies last.

## Story Writing Kits Available January 18th

**Family Literacy Day** is January 27th every year and this year we are having a bookshelf scavenger hunt in the children's department between January 18th and February 1st. Complete the scavenger hunt and win a small prize!

Check out our **Mini Art Show** in the library lobby during January & February!

# Santa Claus Parade



Friday, December 3rd

The library will be open during the Santa Claus Parade as a warming station. Watch the parade from the warmth of the library! The library will close at 3pm and open again at 6:15pm in time for the parade.

# Holiday Hours

Friday, Dec. 24th: 10-1pm

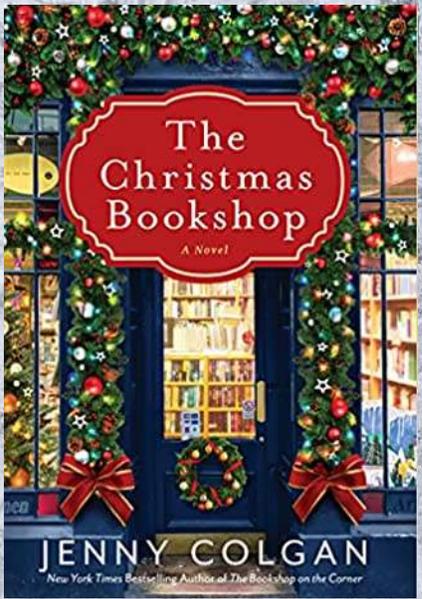
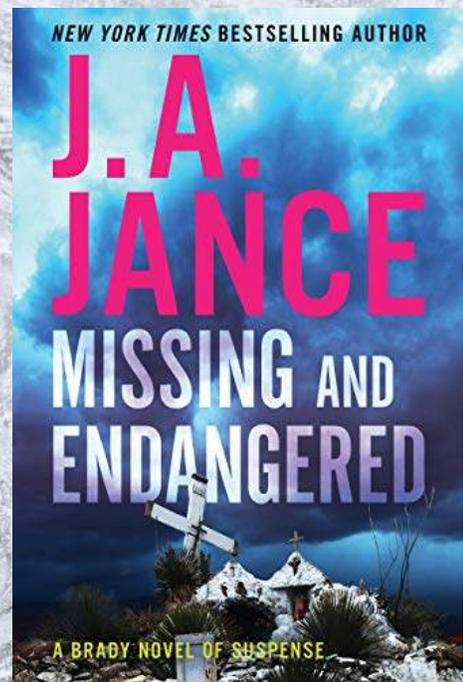
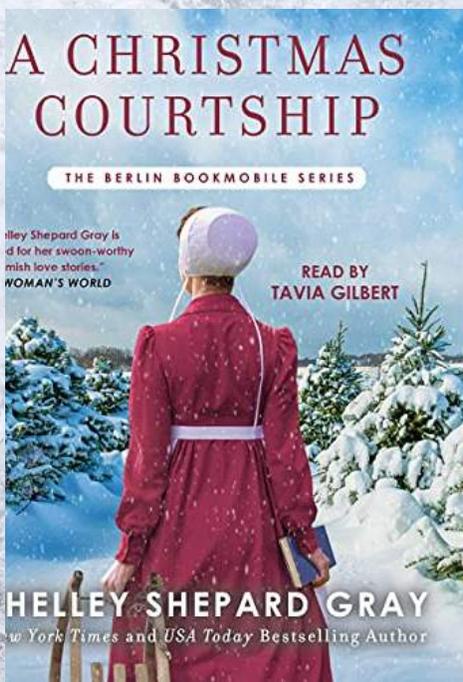
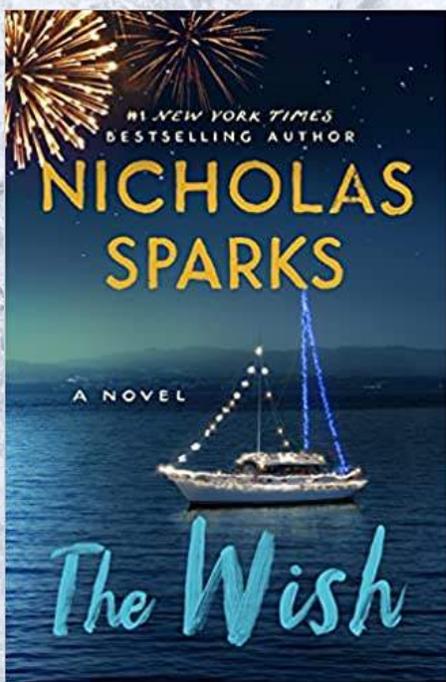
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Tuesday, Dec. 28th: CLOSED

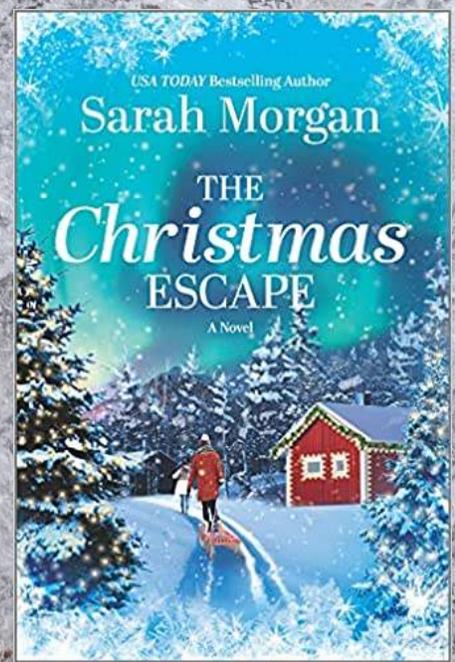
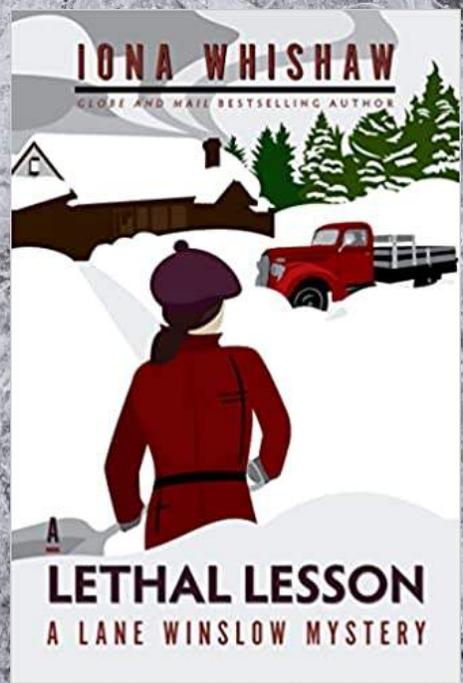
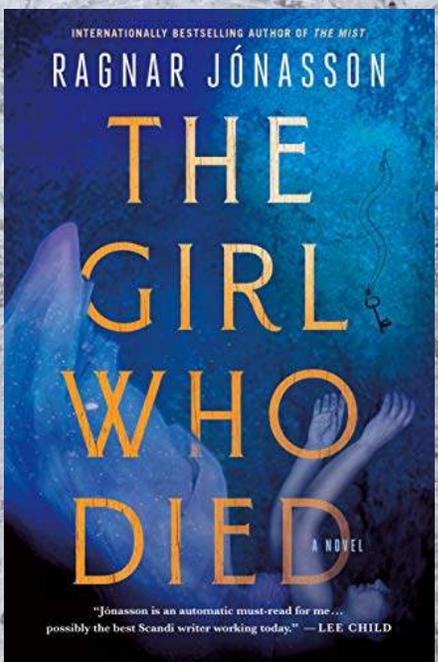
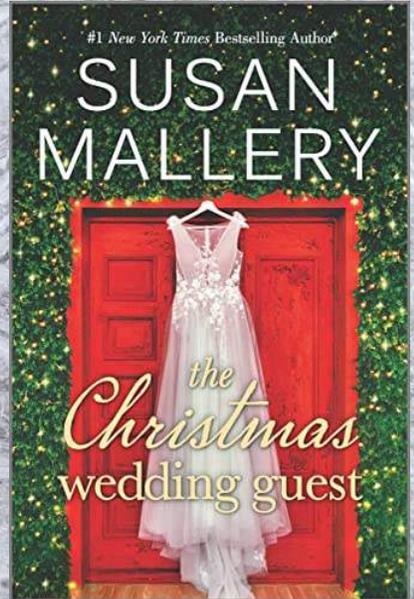
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Friday, Dec. 31st: 10-1pm

Saturday, Jan. 1st: CLOSED



**New  
Christmas  
Books  
from 2021**



## Did you know... Cricut Maker

Thanks to a very generous donation, the Stirling-Rawdon Public Library has just purchased a Cricut Maker! This will help us in future library programs (especially the Take & Make Kits) and will eventually also be made available for patron use!

A Cricut is a digital die-cutting machine that is able to cut many different materials for use in a number of craft projects. You can cut materials such as paper, vinyl and with the correct cutting blades some Cricut machines can also cut balsa wood, fabrics, leather and cork.

Think of it like a printer; you create an image or design on your computer and then send it to the machine. Except instead of printing your design, the Cricut machine cuts it out of whatever material you want!

Materials are prepared for cutting by laying them on sticky mats (which range from 'Light Grip' to 'Heavy Grip', depending on the material you are using at the time) which then feed through the cutting machine.

The Cricut pairs with your device (via Bluetooth or cable) so that you can access Cricut Design Space, which is a very easy to learn software program that is compatible with a range of devices. There are many tutorials on YouTube to help get you started using Design Space.



## How can I use a Cricut Maker?

You don't need the actual Cricut machine to start designing things. Simply download the Design Space software by going to [design.cricut.com](https://design.cricut.com), create a Cricut ID and get started! Your projects can be saved in the cloud so they can be accessed from any device.

There are many different things you can create using a Cricut.

- t-shirts
- signs
- cards
- puzzles
- mugs
- labels
- stencils
- jewelry
- flowers
- bags
- decor
- keychains

And so much more!

Watch for more information in the coming months!



## ORNAMENT FUNDRAISER CONTINUES!

*Ornaments and bookmarks will be for sale until Christmas!\**

Handmade fused glass ornaments made by Nancy Snowden available for \$5 each. Bookmarks also available for \$5. Proceeds go to the library to help us purchase items on our wish list!

They make a great gift or purchase one for yourself!

\*or while supplies last.