

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Fiction for Adults

#### A Sea View Christmas – Julie Klassen (F Kla)

Sarah Summers once discouraged the interest of a handsome Scottish widower, but his return stirs up regret. Meanwhile, her younger sister Georgiana anticipates the Christmas of her dreams, not expecting to be surprised by young love. Does the festive romance of a Sea View Christmas hold the key to a happily-ever-after for both sisters?

#### Once Upon a Christmas Carol – Melody Carlson (F Car)

Carol Langstrom hates Christmas. Growing up in a dysfunctional home, with a birthday on December 25 and too many dashed childhood expectations, she would rather avoid the holiday season. And working in the design industry where she manages seasonal decor for wealthy, entitled clients certainly hasn't helped! So, this year her goal is to flee to the Bahamas--by herself--bah humbug! But bad weather and God's radically different plan redirect her flight to blustery Michigan, where she gets stuck on her aunt's farm and discovers a different kind of Christmas--one wrapped in love, family, and holiday spirit.

#### The Christmas House – Beverly Lewis (F Lew)

Liz Lantz runs a buggy tour business in Hickory Hollow, assisted by a handsome young Amish man during the Christmas season. Her Englisher neighbor's lavishly decorated house has brought the quiet community unwanted attention, and Liz is determined to find a way to bring harmony to Hickory Hollow in time for Christmas.

#### Christmas at Sugar Plum Manor – Roseanna M. White (F Whi)

Plumford Manor is destined to go to Lady Mariah's estranged childhood friend, a distant relative of her stepfather. When he arrives at the start of the Christmas season, their friendship re-ignites--despite the strong attentions of a certain Danish Lord--and Mariah begins to hope for something more this Christmas season.

#### Land of Dreams – Lauraine Snelling (F Sne)

Norwegian immigrant Amalia Gunderson and her ward, Ruth Forsberg, arrive in Iowa to claim the boarding house Ruth has

inherited, despite opposition from a difficult cousin. While Amalia looks for her long-lost brother, her relationship with an attorney unfolds as she and Ruth navigate through love, loss, and unexpected friendships.

### Non-Fiction for Adults

#### Because of Bethlehem – Max Lucado (263.915 Luc)

Christmas begins what Easter celebrates. The child in the cradle becomes the King on the cross. Because of Bethlehem, we have a Savior in heaven. These are the heart shaping promises of Christmas. Long after the guests have left, the carollers have gone home, and the lights have come down, these promises endure. No one expected God to come the way he did. Yet the way he came was every bit as important as the coming itself. The manger *is* the message.

#### The Israel Decree – Amir Tsarfati (231.7 Tsa)

How should Christians view Israel? For centuries, questions have lingered both within and outside the church: Is modern Israel connected to the Israel of the Old Testament? Do God's past promises to Israel still apply now? And what does this mean for all Christians today? The Israel Decree provides compelling answers to these questions and more by tracing the historical, legal, and scriptural foundations of Israel's God-promised right to the land.

### Children

#### The Little Drummer Girl – Sheila Walsh (J Wal)

Isabella loves to dance and sing, so when she sees auditions posted for the Christmas pageant at church, she dreams of landing the perfect part--the Christmas angel with a sparkling halo, flowing white robe, and her very own wings. But things don't go quite as planned. She does get a part. The little drummer . . . girl? Drummers don't wear sparkling halos, flowing white robes, or wings! Will this be the most disappointing Christmas ever? This book will help children ages 3 to 5 understand how an awful day can turn into the greatest day of all.

Joseph and the Very Strange Dreams – Tim Thornborough (J 222.11  
Tho)

The story of Joseph is full of opposites. Follow the Ups and Downs of Joseph's life and see how some very strange dreams changed everything for him – and his family – and a king – and his country! This retelling of the classic Bible story shows us how God is always working out his plan – even when it seems things have gone wrong.

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