

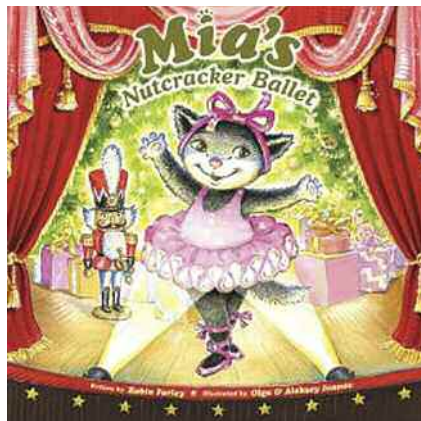
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bring the family together with these holiday stories

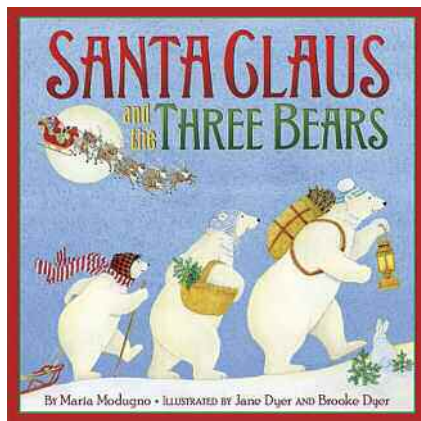
'T was the night before Christmas and all through the library, not a creature was stirring - not even a bookworm. But up on the shelves, just waiting in rows, were books and books up high and down low! From traditional tales to stories with a twist, each one was on Santa's most favorite list! And when they were opened and read and reread, children all over were heard to be said, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good book!"

Are you looking for a way to create a lasting holiday memory with your child? Reading together is a wonderful way to start. In addition to bonding, it's a great way for your child to practice the five important early literacy skills: reading, playing, singing, talking and writing. And cold winter nights are a perfect opportunity to put on your footed pajamas, grab a cup of cocoa, settle in your favorite easy chair and enjoy one of these new Christmas books available through Tulsa City-County Library:

Mia's Nutcracker Ballet by Robin Farley: This shimmering book brings The Nutcracker story to life while introducing young readers to a holiday favorite. Mia is a kitten who dreams of being a ballerina. When her grandfather gives her a special nutcracker and starts to tell her about the dance, Mia finds herself in the story as Clara. Readers will want to hear

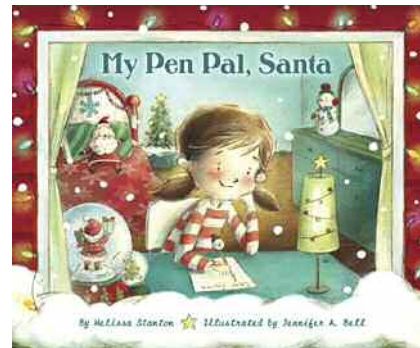


the story of this enchanting kitten over and over!



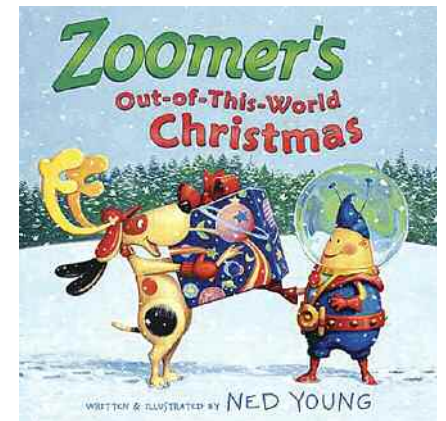
Santa Claus and the Three Bears by Maria Modugno: It's Christmas Eve in the forest, and the Bear family is busy preparing for the Big Day. Papa brings in the tree, Mama makes Christmas pudding and Baby Bear helps as much as he can. But when they sit down to eat their pudding, it is too hot. As the family waits for the pudding to cool, they go for a

walk in the woods. While they are away they are visited by someone - not a girl with golden locks - but someone dressed in a red coat with a long white beard. What will happen when the Bear family returns? Find out in this delightful book illustrated in holiday colors.



My Pen Pal, Santa by Melissa Stanton: Do you ever wonder what Santa does all year long when he's not making toys for boys and girls? A little girl named Ava decides to find out when she writes to Santa in January. Follow along as Ava and Santa exchange letters each month culminating in Ava's final letter in December asking Santa if she can meet him. Will Ava get her Christmas wish from her favorite pen pal?

Zoomer's Out-of-This-World Christmas by Ned Young: If you have ever wanted an out-of-this-world Christmas, this might be the book for you. Zoomer, a lively dog, and his brothers are on the lookout for flying reindeer. But it's



not flying reindeer they see through their telescope, it's a real, live alien spaceship - and it's crashed in Zoomer's backyard! Zoomer must race to get the spaceship fixed to help the aliens return to their planet. Along the way, Zoomer discovers that helping a new friend might be the best Christmas gift of all.

Here are few other holiday books you might also enjoy:

The Christmas Wish by Lori Evert and Per Breiehagen

Christmas Mouse by Anne Mortimer

Merry Christmas Splat by Rob Scotton

The Twelve Days of Christmas by Susan Jeffers

For more recommendations on holiday books, please visit your favorite Tulsa City-County Library branch soon. Happy Reading!

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NEW YEAR'S EVE

New Year's Eve Powwow

Kicks off at 1 p.m. with gourd dancing until 4:30 p.m. Grand entry begins at 7 p.m. Includes fancy dance, straight dance, jingle dress & fancy shawl. Tulsa Convention Center, 100 Civic Center. Info: 918-639-7999 or 918-832-1981.

Oxley Nature Center 3rd Annual New Year's Celebration

Winter walk, bonfire, hot chocolate, cider, s'mores. View Jupiter & its moons through telescopes. All ages. \$5. Register by Dec. 26. 5:30-8 p.m. Oxley Nature Center, 6700 Mohawk Blvd. Info: 669-6644 or www.oxleynaturecenter.org.

ONGOING Family Clubs & Moms Groups:

MOMS Club of Tulsa

Support for stay-at-home moms. Playdates, field trips, guest speakers, mom's night out & more. Serves Tulsa, Broken Arrow, Bixby, Jenks, Sapulpa, Glenpool. Info: Tammy Burke 918-605-8108 or momsoftulsa@yahoo.com. Website: www.freewebs.com/momsclubtulsa.

Owasso MOMS Club West

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MOMS Club of Claremore

Includes towns of Claremore, Catoosa, Chelsea, Collinsville, Foyil, Inola, Keetonville, Oologah, Talala, Tiawa & Verdigris. 1st Thurs., 9:15 a.m. First United Methodist Church in Claremore. Info: momsclubofclaremore@yahoo.com.

Tulsa Mothers of Multiples

For mothers of twins, triplets and quads. Information & socialization. 1st Tues. 7 p.m. Asbury United Methodist Church, 67 & Mingo. Information: 355-6099 or info@tulsamoms.org.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Broken Arrow

For mothers of children birth-5. 1st & 3rd Tues., 9:30-11:30 a.m. First Baptist Church of Broken Arrow, 100 W. Albany (61st and Elm). Info: Genea Pine, 258-4575 or gpine@fbcbba.org.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) @ Sanctuary, Jenks

For mothers of children birth-5. 9:45-11:45 a.m. every other Wed. Sanctuary Church, 1015 West Main Street, Jenks. Info: www.sanctuarytulsa.com.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)-Jenks

For mothers of children ages birth-5. 1st & 3rd Wednesdays (Sept-May). 9:15-11:15 a.m. First Baptist Church-Jenks. 11701 S. Elm. Childcare & breakfast provided. Info: 299.6323 or jenksmops@yahoo.com.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Sand Springs

For mothers of children ages birth- 5 years. 1st & 3rd Mon. of each month (Sept-May) 9:30-11:30 a.m. Broadway Baptist Church, 1000 N. Adams Rd. Info: 245-7513 or kdowney923@cox.net.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Skiatook

For mothers of children ages birth- 5 years. 9-11 a.m., 2nd Mon. of each month (Sept-May). First Baptist Church Skiatook. Info: Johnna James, 918-724-7804.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) South Tulsa

For mothers of children ages birth- 5 years. 2nd & 4th Wed. of each month (Sept-May). Childcare provided. 9:30-11:30 a.m. South Tulsa Baptist Church, 10310 S. Sheridan Rd. Info: <http://facebook.com/southtulsamops>, www.stbc.net, or Veronica, 918-671-5330.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Tulsa

For mothers of children birth-5. 1st & 3rd Wed. 6-8 p.m. Christian Chapel, 7807 E. 76th St. Info: Andrea 808-4614.

"TOTS"

For moms with tots age 5 and under. Food, fun, fellowship. First meeting free. Eastland Baptist Church, 1835 S. 129 E. Ave. Info: 437-4707 or www.eastlandbaptist.org.

ONGOING Classes/Events/Support

AMBLEcommunity

Home Education support for moms interested in the Charlotte Mason method. Meets often in and around Tulsa. Info: AMBLEcommunity-owner@yahoo.com.

Tulsa Area Homeschoolers

Support group for homeschooling families. Teens/tweens/littles groups, weekly PE, book club, Lego/game club, skate day, art and science meetings, financial club, and more. Plus we offer many social activities. Weekly meetings Fridays. Activities, friendship, fun! Info: TulsaAreaHomeschoolers@gmail.com.

Tulsa City-County Library

Tulsa City-County Library offers a number of classes and events for children and adults including book groups, story times, computer classes, art classes, musical events and much more. For a current calendar visit: www.tulsalibrary.org.

Library Story Times

Tulsa City-County Library offers ongoing story times for babies and preschoolers. Call Central Library at 596-7977 or visit www.tulsalibrary.org for a location nearest you.

We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of our calendar information. However, you should always call ahead to confirm dates, times, location, and other information.

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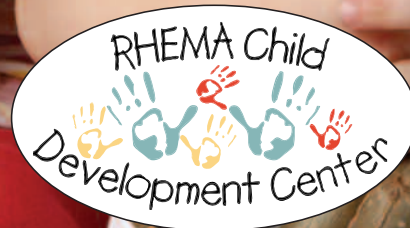
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