



#### Library eBook Holiday Open Houses

SCCLD staff can show you some of the different tablets and eReaders on the market this holiday season, and walk you through the steps to download library eBooks to your mobile device.

**Cupertino Library**  
Wednesday, December 18th, 3-5 p.m.  
Wednesday, January 15th, 3-5 p.m.

**Los Altos Library**  
Friday, December 13th, 11-1 p.m.  
Friday, January 16th, 2-4 p.m.

\*\*Drop-ins welcome every Wednesday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and by appointment.

**Milpitas Library**  
Wednesday, December 18th, 6-8 p.m.

\*\*eReader by appointment (30 minute appointments) every Tuesday from 3-5 p.m. and 7-8 p.m.

**Morgan Hill Library**  
Friday, December 13th, 3-5 p.m.  
Saturday, January 18th, 12-1 p.m.

**Saratoga Library**  
Monday, January 13th, 7-8:30 p.m.

**Share SCCLD This Season**



This is perfect \$80 gift for your friends and relatives who live outside the District. For more information, call 800-286-1991 or ask at the Accounts Desk of your local SCCLD library.

**The Bay Area Discovery Museum: Discover & Go!**

by Robin McCreight

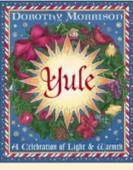


Celebrate the holidays at the Bay Area Discovery Museum. Throughout December the museum is hosting holiday music performances, gingerbread house decorations, and other fun holiday events. Learn about holiday traditions and winter sports, or enjoy a holiday story time. Admission is free for 2 adults and 2 kids with your library card, so bring the whole family!

Visit our web site for more information about participating museums.

**Start Some New Traditions**

by Anne Chand



Winter is a time to celebrate. We celebrate with family and friends and we celebrate in many different ways. Ways to celebrate become traditions when they are enjoyed enough to be repeated. This December, why not try some new ways to celebrate with the hope of making them traditions?

Dorothy Morrison's book *Yule* delves into the ancient history and celebrations of our ancestors and is chock full of recipes, ideas for decorating and ceremonies that honor and herald the changing of the seasons from Autumn to Winter.

In *The Winter Solstice: The Sacred Traditions of Christmas*, John Matthews teaches us ways the Solstice is celebrated around the world and explains the origins of common Christmas fables and symbols as well as how to find your own meaning behind the "shortest day of the year."



Saratoga Friends of the Library and the Book-Go-Round:  
**Celebrating more than 30 years in Saratoga!**

**Party Planning on a Budget**

by Hyary Locsin



'Tis the season for parties! When you decide to host friends and family, you want to throw a memorable bash, but often it seems like our wallets don't cooperate.

So how can you delight your guests without breaking the bank? For starters, create a budget! Celebrity author Clinton Kelly explains how to do this in *Ereikin'*.

*Fabulous on a Budget* as does *Real Housewife* Lisa Vanderpump in *Simply Divine*.

Another way to save money when entertaining is to make your own food from scratch instead of buying things premade. Check out the books *Happy Hour at Home* by Barbara Scott-Goodman and *Bite by Bite* by Peter Callahan for easy and delicious recipes to prepare for your bash. Be sure to check our catalog for more great party planning resources.

**Five Stars!**



The Santa Clara County Library District was awarded the top rating of five stars, and ranked fourth in the United States among large libraries in the *Library Journal Index of Public Library Service* in 2013.

*Library Journal*, the leading national trade publication for libraries, developed its national ranking of public libraries from per capita statistics. The ratings are based on four categories, including library visits, circulation, program attendance and public internet computer use.



**Kid's Pick**

by Rose Khouny  
*Together at Christmas*  
By Eileen Spinelli  
Illustrated by Bin Lee

Celebrating the holiday season is always more special with friends and family. In the book *Together at Christmas*, ten mice learn to value each other as a family on a cold and snowy Christmas. Counting down from ten, each page shows the thoughtful and caring acts the mice do to help each other out. Children will also experience how these mice lean on each other for support and warmth through the wonderfully detailed illustrations.

The rhyming text is a great way to introduce the early literacy skill of phonological awareness to young children. Phonological awareness is the ability to hear smaller sounds in words and contributes to the early literacy success.

Share this book with family and friends to make this holiday season a little more joyous.



**Teen Pick**

by Gina Martinez  
*All Our Yesterdays*  
By Cristin Terrill  
Gr. 9+  
360 pages

"You have to kill him." Imprisoned in the heart of a secret military base, Em has nothing except the voice of the boy in the cell next door and the list of instructions she finds taped inside the drain.

*All Our Yesterdays* is a wrenching, brilliantly plotted story of fierce love, unthinkable sacrifice, and the infinite implications of our every choice.



**Adult Holiday Picks**

by Amytha Willard

The holidays are upon us and the cold days are settling in. What better way to spend your time either by yourself or with your family, crafting or cooking up gifts to share.

Did you grow a large garden this year? Why not put it to use and let Gifts from the Garden by Debora Robertson be your inspiration.

Is the kitchen your favorite place to be? Why not make something delicious for gifts? Try *Edible DIY* by Lucy Baker.

Not a lot of time on your hands? Try *Last Minute Fabric Gifts* by Cynthia Treen.

For more ideas check out the gift giving for the holiday season booklist.

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