



# Cover to Cover



December 2020

Upper Sandusky Community Library



New Adjusted Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00 - 6:00  
Saturday 9:00 - 1:00

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## A Home for the Holidays!



Celebrate the holidays with Miss Jill as she makes the season even sweeter with her Gingerbread House activity for kids and their families.

Previously held here at the library, this popular program has been adapted to fit our current gathering limitations. This year, Miss Jill has prepared kits for people to pick up and take home.

"It was so wonderful to see people making their houses all together in previous years. But this is a great project for families to do together at home, as well!"

Each kit includes a sturdy cardboard house and foil covered base for you to decorate with candy, graham crackers, and whatever goodies you may have in your kitchen. The possibilities are endless!

And don't worry. Miss Jill has whipped up lots of icing to send home with you to make those cereal shingles and pretzel windows stick!

Kits are available November 30th through December 5th and are to go quickly!

*Merry Christmas!*

Look inside for more ways to make your season bright!



### Storytime on Zoom:

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.  
Thursday at 9:00

\*Check our website or Facebook for how to log in.



### Tiny Tots\*

Monday at 9:00 a.m.  
on Facebook and Youtube.

\*These are prerecorded videos featuring short stories and finger plays.

**There will be no Storytime the weeks of Dec. 21st or 28th**

## Thank You...

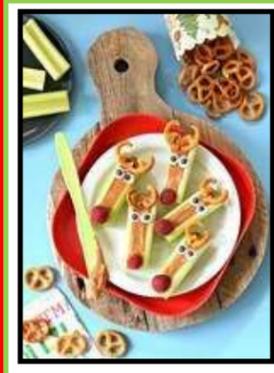
To the Wyandot County Community Foundation for the addition of five new Wi-Fi Hotspots for our Adventure Central Collection!



To the Friends of the Library for decorating our Library for the holidays!

### Santa Bananas!

Gather your kids on December 17th for some culinary crafting with Miss Jill's popular USCL program Kids Can Cook!.



Learn how to bring some fun to your holiday snacking with nibbles like Reindeer Celery Snacks or go a little crazy in the kitchen with

Santa Bananas!



Watch Miss Jill demonstrate these delightful dishes on USCL's Facebook and Youtube channel.

### Holiday Hours

**Dec. 24th:** Closed at 1:00 pm  
**Dec. 25th:** Closed  
**Dec. 31st:** Closed at 1:00 p.m.  
**Jan. 1st:** Closed

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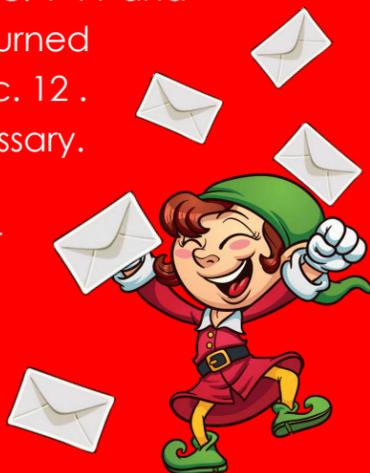


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## Spreading Christmas Cheer

A cheerful, encouraging card is always a welcome gift to receive. This year, when many senior members of our community are unable to be with their friends and family, it is especially important to let them know how precious they are to us and to share our hopes for the New Year.

Cheryl encourages you to pick up a Christmas Card for Seniors kit and take part in this community outreach. The kits will be available Dec. 1-11 and cards should be returned to the library by Dec. 12. No postage is necessary. Our library elves will be happy to deliver your cards to local senior citizens after they have been quarantined.



## Have a Dickens of a Time

Stop in at the Wyandot County Museum's Christmas tree preview on Dec. 5th and 6th to see USCL's Christmas Carol themed Christmas tree. Decorated by our staff with book pages, ink drawings, and bows, it's sure to make you say "God bless us, everyone!"



## USCL's Gift To You!

We will no longer be charging fines for overdue materials that have been checked out from our library. Missing materials, when returned in good condition, will be removed without cost from accounts as well!

## The Family that Crafts together...

This month, Crafternoon and the Youth department are teaming up to bring you Christmas crafts for the whole family!

For Adults, join Miss Rachel in making a Christmas String Tree-O. Using twine, embroidery thread and glue, you'll fashion three Christmas trees glittered with snow and showcased on wintery wood slices.

Christmas is a time for family so Miss Lisa is making a companion craft for your tween and teen crafters! They'll be making their own decorated pinecone Christmas tree. Display your collection of trees together for the perfect holiday centerpiece!

Whether it's your children, grandchildren or friends, let USCL help you share the joy of crafting and the cheer of the season with those you love!



**FYI**

Crafternoon is moving to the first Thursday of the month starting in January!

## Bake Someone Happy

The "What's Cookin'?" Gift Exchange returns again this year!

Anyone who wishes to participate should bring a \$5 gift relating to baking or cooking to the library Dec. 7-12. Helpful items like kitchen towels, measuring cups, and pot holders are always a welcome addition to anyone's kitchen. Or, inspire the bakers to share their goodies with gifts of parchment paper, rubber spatulas or sprinkles!

When participants return on Dec. 14-19, we'll check our list—twice, in the Santa approved manner—and present you with your new culinary treasure!



## "Sakes Alive"

### Chocolate Fudge Bars

- 2 cups firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 sticks unsalted butter, salted
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 large egg
- 2 (7.4 oz) packages Martha White chocolate chip muffin mix
- 1-1/2 cups quick cooking oats
- 1 (14 oz) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 (12 oz) package semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 3/4 cups chopped nuts

Preheat oven to 350. Spray a 9x13 pan with cooking spray. Beat brown sugar and butter in large bowl with a mixer until light and fluffy. Beat in vanilla and egg. Stir in muffin mix. Stir in oats until well blended. Reserve one cup of mixture. Set aside. Pat remaining mixture into prepared pan with oiled hands. Combine condensed milk and chocolate chips in a medium saucepan. Cook over low heat until melted, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in nuts. Quickly spread evenly over muffin mixture completely to edge of pan. Drop reserved oat mixture by teaspoons over chocolate mixture. Spread lightly. Bake 30-40 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely on wire rack. Cut into bars. Makes 32 bars.

Join Cheryl for "What's Cookin'" on USCL's Facebook or Youtube channel Dec. 14th for her favorite holiday recipes!

## Meowy Christmas!

If you're planning on walking in a winter wonderland this month, head uptown for a Storywalk!®

Start at the library's front window to begin the story of how Pete the Cat Saves Christmas by James Dean and Eric Litwin. Follow along as the story continues in the windows of uptown businesses.

What a wonderful way for you and your family to enjoy the Christmas lights and a heartwarming tale from one of children's literature's favorite characters!

This Storywalk® begins December 3rd.

