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Brand new books at the library

Christmas is three weeks away. Books you check out today will be due the day after Christmas! The library Christmas movies are out, we've started a book display with ideas for cooking, baking, decorating and making gifts as well as a selection of fiction for your reading this holiday season.

I love a well-loved book, one that bears the marks of many hands having held it and turned the pages. But I get downright giddy over new books. I love the pristine pages, smooth covers, crisp binding and there is a smell that is almost intoxicating to me.

Here are some brand new books that called out to me. And yes, they are almost all children's books, but I love the way they present information and tell stories and so I keep reading them. I'll start with the picture books.

Jan Brett has a new



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title *Cinders: a Chicken Cinderella*, full of her gorgeous illustrations with a delightful twist to the traditional tale. As I write this column it is snowing outside, now it may not be the Big Snow as depicted in Jonathan Bean's new book, but even after 10 years of living here, I still get a kick out of watching snow fall much as the little boy does.

I know I have talked about the 'scientists in the field' series here before and many people have had to listen to me talk about it in the library. I

love this series and the newest title is no exception. *Eruption! Volcanoes and the science of saving lives* by Elizabeth Rusch with photographs by Tom Uhlman. The author and photographer spend time in the field with volcanologists Andy Lockhart and John Pallister who seek to discover ways to prevent massive tragedies from volcanic eruptions by learning if they give early warning signs, if there is a way to know when and how violent and eruption will be.

Kids who love cooking will have fun with *Grandpa's Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs cookbook* written by Judi and Ron Barrett. It includes recipes like 'spaghetti twister with a tomato tornado' and 'french un-fries.' This book is shelved in the adult non-fiction but if you have children who want to learn to make a bow and arrow then this is the definitive

volume, *Making Bows with Children* by Wulf Hein. It includes detailed instructions, history of bows and even information on selecting the right wood.

I'll end with three chapter books. The first is part of the 'interactive history adventures' *The Oregon Trail* by Matt Doeden lets you choose the path, make choices along the route and discover your fate. *Nick and Tesla's High Voltage Danger Lab* by Bob Pflugfelder and Steve Hockensmith is a mystery with electromagnets, burglar alarms and other gadget you can build yourself.

Treasure Hunters is an illustrated novel by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein in which four kids must follow the clues left by their missing, treasure-hunting parents. Plenty of adventure for a cold winter's night.



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Bended-Knee to perform

To celebrate the Christmas season is through music and family, the band Bended-Knee, organized by Kent and Shantel Dudley, along with their entire family, will perform Sunday at Full Gospel Fellowship, 1530 Sixth Ave. W.

The Dudleys and the Bended-Knee band are from the Bemidji area. According to a release, Kent and Shantel have worked hard through the years to blend two families — with Kent having three children and Shantel four. Their love for their family has only grown, as God has called them to adopt five more children with special medical needs through the United States

foster care system. The release states that God has called Kent and Shantel to be caregivers to their children and to minister their testimonies through music.

Bended-Knee is a country gospel group who sings, play instruments and share the love of Christ through testimonies. Their country gospel roots lead them to sing about Jesus, their families and country.

To start off the day, the Dudleys will share during the 10:45 a.m. service, with a meal following. Bended-Knee will again perform at 7 p.m., with finger food to follow the concert.

For more information, call 283-2088.

BIRTHS

Steven and Rebecca Schultz, International Falls, announce the arrival of their son, Deacon Kade Schultz, 9 pounds, 10 ounces, 21 inches long, born Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2013, at

Rainy Lake Medical Center hospital campus.

Grandparents are Terrence and Emilee Schultz. Grammie is Denise Hall-Atchley.

Kayla Nelson and Ryan Mayfield, International Falls, announce the arrival of their daughter, Adalynn Grace Mayfield, 8 pounds, 12 ounces, 21 ½ inches long, born Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2013,

at Rainy Lake Medical Center hospital campus.

Grandparents are Mike Nelson (Gayle) and Julie and Alan Mayfield.

Great-grandmother is Dianne Nelson.

Minnesota, others push fast broadband to hinterland

BOYD, Minn. (AP) — From a farm country studio 3 1/2 miles down a gravel road, Jean Menden ships handmade silver jewelry as far away as Norway to customers who discovered the pendants, rings and bracelets through her website.

What the retired teacher turned silversmith lacked until recently was a robust, reliable Internet connection critical to her budding business. Before newly installed fiber-optic cable delivered ultrafast broadband to her home, it was a challenge for Menden to maintain her electronic storefront and tap into Web-based tutorials that help hone her craft.

"If you had two hours, you could watch a 10-minute video," Menden said as she described the fitful connection that used to be the best available around Boyd, a town of 172 people not far from the Minnesota-South Dakota border.

The high-speed capability that's an afterthought in big cities and regional centers is spreading ever deeper into the nation's countryside, nudged along by billions in federal stimulus dollars and state efforts to expand a key amenity for both quality of life and business competitiveness.

A Commerce Department report to Congress this fall highlighted efforts in Nebraska to hook up 100 key community institutions and 25 public schools with Internet dependable enough to support distance learning and library access in remote areas. It showcased a collaborative in Oregon where broadband has been credited with aiding 50 startup businesses and creating hundreds of jobs. And it emphasized strides in rural Illinois, where one district now supplies all of its students with a mobile device.

Still, the Federal Com-

munications Commission reports that as of last year 19 million Americans still lived in an area without a fixed broadband connection, most of them in rural towns and on tribal reservations.

Every state has a commission or special project to measure broadband progress, but some are doing more. California established an industry-fed \$60 million technology fund to advance broadband. Massachusetts lawmakers authorized investment of up to \$40 million from state bonds in network infrastructure projects. Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad directed officials to report back by December on how to deliver on a "Connect Every Iowan" pledge.

Minnesota's goal is universal access to quality broadband by 2015, a target set in law.

"It's just as important as rural electrification was a century ago," said state

Sen. Matt Schmit, a Minnesota Democrat studying law changes designed to spread broadband's reach.

Even among advocates, though, there are doubts Minnesota can reach its marker. Federal aid has largely run out with some hard-to-serve areas still unreached. Regulatory uncertainty is causing some providers to delay. And efforts to subsidize far-flung buildouts have drawn criticism from those who question whether it's worth the steep expense.

The first director of a new Minnesota Office of Broadband Development was just named ahead of a statewide summit to be held Dec. 4. Meanwhile, a task force is working up recommendations to state lawmakers for tax changes that could make broadband equipment more affordable, and for a potential fund that could make it more feasible to reach into remote areas.

PET OF THE WEEK

"Sam" is a funny little character. He loves to play but also loves to be pet and he is a purr machine. His color is very unique and makes him a handsome little man and will grow up to be a stunning Tom. He is up-to-date on shots and will be neutered soon. For more information, call 218-235-8735.

For more information, visit the website at www.borderlandhumaneociety.org or call 218-324-2313 or 283-9276.



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MEMORIAMs

In loving memory of my dear husband, **Dennis Kaushagen.**

Six years have passed since you left.

I miss you lots, dear Dennis, but God knows the best.

Love and miss you, Ann

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