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# FREEDOM

## *Tis the Month Before Christmas*

**Tis** the month before Christmas, we're all going nuts; With so much to do, there's no ifs, ands or buts. Buy presents, hang tree lights, pop cards in the mail, Send gift packs, thread popcorn, find turkeys on sale. Decorations need stringing up all through the house. And you haven't a clue what to buy for your spouse. School concerts, receptions, open houses with friends, Long lineups, short tempers, tying up the loose ends. With all our mad dashing, we're reeling from shock; Let's stop for a minute and really take stock. It's crassly commercial, the cynical say; If that's true, that our fault-it's us and not they.

*Take time for yourself-though hard as that seems—Enjoy your kids' laughter, excitement and dreams. Take a moment out now, don't get overly riled, Instead make an angel in snow with your child.*

The shortbread can wait, and so can the tree; What's important to feel is a child's sense of glee. The holidays aren't about push, rush and shove; They're for friendship and sharing and family love.

*Hear the bells, feel the warmth, light up with the glow  
Of a message first sent to us so long ago: Peace, love and goodwill, and hope  
burning bright.*

***Merry Christmas to all,  
and to all a good night!***

## **December 10: Dewey Decimal System Day**

The Dewey Decimal system is one of the most common book-organization systems. The DDS was developed basically by one guy, Melvil Dewey.

He was born in 1851, created the DDS in 1876, and modified and Improved his system for the rest of his life-and that system is still used in more than 200,000 libraries in at least 135 countries, today! December 10 was picked due to its being Melvil's birthday.

The best place to head today, to celebrate the Dewey Decimal System, is the library itself! Browse around the nonfiction sections and study the numbers on the lower spine of each book. You will see that books are shelved in numerical order—and that means that books about similar topics are shelved together. That way we can browse among all the books on a particular subject.



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OPEN  
TUESDAY-THURSDAY & SATURDAY  
8:00AM-8:00PM  
FRIDAY  
8:00AM-9:00PM



# TRIVET'S hosting a LIBRARY BENEFIT

## Friday, Dec. 5 3-9pm

Choose all-you-can-eat catfish  
for \$11.99 or from the full menu  
\*\*\*dine in or carry out\*\*\*

bring your family, your friends,  
even your neighbors  
to support a GREAT cause!

10% of proceeds  
will be donated to  
Elgin Community Library





# MERRY CHRISTMAS

Mrs. Claus is making a  
special visit to meet all the  
boys and girls  
in our community!



Monday, December 8 at 6pm

Come hear her read a  
story, take your child's  
picture with her, and  
get a treat bag from  
the Friends of ECL.  
Children of all ages



welcome.

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LIBRARY

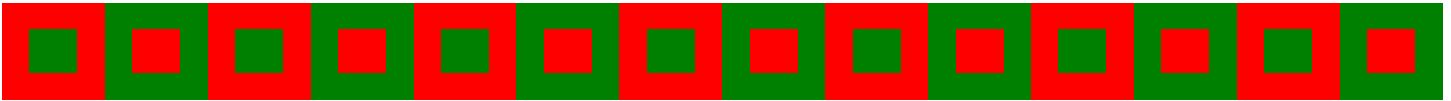


We have two book clubs that meet at the library on the last Tuesday of the month.

One starts at 9:30am and the other at 6pm.

Everyone is welcome even if you have not read the book.

**\*\*\*Several people from the evening book club have moved. We need more people to participate in order to keep offering this time. Grab a friend and come join**



## ***Upcoming book selections for the 9:30 group.***

*December 30: No gathering*

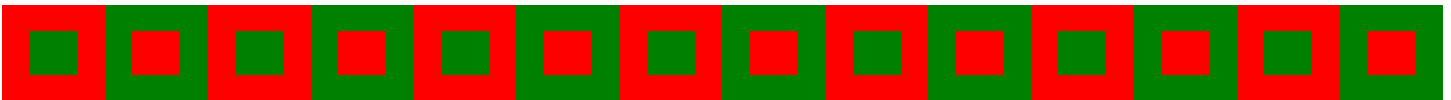
*January 27: When We Were Friends by Elizabeth Joy Arnold*

*February 24: The Last Girls by Lee Smith*

*March 31: The Last Child by John Hart*

*April 28: Capitol Murder by William Bernhardt*

*May 26: The Magicians by Lev Grossman*

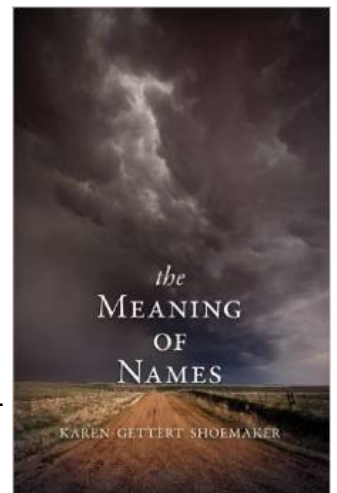


## ***The Meaning of Names by Karen Shoemaker***

***December 30 at 6pm***

Stuart, Nebraska is a long way from the battlefields of Western Europe, but it is not immune to the horrors of the first Great War for Peace. Like all communities, it has lost sons and daughters to the fighting, with many more giving themselves over to the hatred only war can engender.


Set in 1918 in the farm country at the heart of America, *The Meaning of Names* is the story of an ordinary woman trying to raise a family during extraordinary times. Estranged from her parents because she married against their will, confronted with violence and prejudice against her people, and caught up in the midst of the worst plague the world has ever seen, Gerda Vogel, an American of German descent, must find the strength to keep her family safe from the effects of a war that threatens to consume the whole world.



**Don't forget to save your best Choice labels for the library.**

**When shopping on Amazon go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com), click on Friends of ECL as your charity of choice, and continue shopping. No extra money out of your pocket and Amazon will give a percentage of your sale to the Friends group.**

# December 2014

Sun closed	Mon closed	Tue 10-6	Wed 10-6	Thu 10-6	Fri 9-12	Sat 9-12
	1	2 crochet 9 reading rangers 3:40	3 wigglers 10:30 teens 5	4	5 Trivets library benefit 3-9	6
7	8 Mrs. Claus 6	9 crochet 9 reading rangers 3:40	10 wigglers 10:30	11	12	13
14	15	16 crochet 9 reading rangers 3:40	17 wigglers 10:30 teens 5	18	19	20
21	22	23 crochet 9	24 library closed			26 27
28	29	30 crochet 9 bookclub 6	31	Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!		