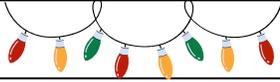


South Central

REGIONAL LIBRARY

Altona, Manitou, Miami, Morden & Winkler



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Pictured: Miami Library

Book & Bake Sale

Thanks to all of our volunteers and staff who participated in the setup, running and take down of the book sale!

We also wanted to give a special thanks to the Morden Fire Department for their assistance in moving hundreds of book boxes from the library to the church, both there and back.

We hope you had a chance to stop by and we look forward to seeing you at our next sale!



Patron Appreciation

To show our appreciation and gratitude for our patrons, each library will have a patron appreciation day or week during December.

Stop by for a snack, to enter for a gift basket, and more!

Altona- Dec 12th
Manitou- 2nd-9th
Miami- 20th
Morden- 12th-16th
Winkler- 5th-10th

Book Clubs

Winkler's book club "Books N' Brew" will be taking a break for the month of December and will plan to be back in January with their next read.

Altona library has started their own book club, and will be meeting on Dec 13th to discuss "This is How it Always is" at 7:00pm in the library.

Join them in January to discuss The Hate You Give by Angie Thomas



Featured Articles

SCRL Book Review

A Boy Called Christmas

By Matt Haig

Illustrated by Chris Mould

Junior Fiction

Reviewed by Janine from the Winkler Branch

"But if you are one of those people who believe that some things are impossible, you should put this book down right away. It is most certainly not for you. Because this book is full of impossible things....Are you still reading the book? Good. (Elves would be proud.) Then let us begin..."

So begins the tale of Nikolas, an ordinary boy, living in the middle of Finland with his father, Joel the woodcutter, in a small one room cottage. As a poor boy with only a turnip doll and a mouse named Miika for companions, Nikolas (who is sometimes called Christmas because he was born on Christmas day) loves to hear the stories of the elves of the Far North who live in the city of Elfhelm. When Nikolas' father is invited on a quest to find the city of Elfhelm, Nikolas is left with his mean Aunt Carlotta, who makes life even worse for Nikolas. When his father doesn't return when he says he will, Nikolas decides to go after him. This leads Nikolas on an adventure far beyond what he could have ever imagined, allowing him to make new friends and ultimately, discover who he was meant to be.

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A Boy Called Christmas tells "the true story of Father Christmas" and had me captivated from the very first page. After watching the movie adaptation on Netflix, I knew I had to read this book and it definitely did not disappoint. At times funny, heartwarming and sad, A Boy Called Christmas is the perfect novel to read together as a family during the Christmas season.

"An impossibility is just a possibility you don't understand"



For more book reviews and suggestions, check out the SCRL blog *Novel Experiences*

scriblogs.blogspot.com



Ten Thousand Villages



Looking for Christmas gift ideas? Stop by Ten Thousand Villages Christmas shop located in the Winkler Library meeting room to find the perfect item!

Shopping Dates & Hours:

From Nov 1st-Dec 23rd

Sun & Mon: Closed

Tues: 10-8

Wed: 10-5

Thurs: 10-8

Fri: 10-5

Sat: 10-3:30