

Library is a great place to start for holiday gift ideas

It's almost that time of year again. Yes, that time of year that so often gets mentioned far too early... that particular holiday. So I'm going to resist and not mention it at all. But I'm sure you know the one I mean.

Mentioning that time of the year is really important though, if you are the kind of person who likes to make... well you know... gifts... for giving on that particular holiday (the one I won't mention). Hand-made gifts can be a great way to save money, give something from the heart, and show someone that you really care.

But making gifts can be tricky. You need ideas or instructions or patterns, etc. And ideas or instructions or patterns, etc. can be pricy... if you have to buy them, which of course you don't if you come to the Halton Hills Public Library to borrow them.

And just to give you an idea... you can find ideas, instructions and patterns for: knitting, crocheting, quilting, sewing, scrapbooking, beading, weaving, gluing, basket-making, woodworking, cookie-baking, bookbinding, pet caring, dinner-fixing, pottery-throwing, painting (artistic and house), photographing, and all sorts of other kinds of gift-making.

Not only will our helpful staff put you in touch with ideas, instructions and patterns, but we can also help you get started with the doing. Knit Night, for example, meets on the first Thursday of every

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month from 7-8 p.m. at the Georgetown Branch (the next one is on Dec. 2). You can bring along your latest project to work on, get some help if you need it, and browse through idea or instruction or pattern books.

But never fear... if making things is not your thing then there is another way for you to find truly economical gifts (for that holiday that I'm not going to mention). The Friends of the Halton Hills Public Library are holding a book sale on Saturday, Dec. 4, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Georgetown Branch. There you can find an amazing selection of books (new and used) at prices so amazingly low there are no words to describe them.

So if you are thinking of starting to plan your gift giving for that holiday coming up (you know the one) then take a look at your local library. Visit www.hhpl.on.ca for more information or browse our catalogue for ideas or instructions or patterns, etc. And have a Merry...

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