

Library offers a quiet place to read and reflect over the holiday season

'Twas the week before Christmas and the stores are so crowded!

Christmas conjures up images of lights, trees, presents, decorations, wonderful smells from the kitchen and, yes, crowded stores and parking lots.

Want a quiet retreat for the period before the holidays? Christmas is a wonderful time to visit the Milton Public Library. It's a haven of peace and quiet from the hectic pace elsewhere.

We have many books with Christmas as their theme.

The popular Elm Creek Quilts series by Jennifer Chiaverini has a new offering. 'The Christmas Quilt' is the story of a mysterious unfinished quilt that reveals the secrets of holidays past.

In 'A Redbird Christmas' by Fannie Flagg, Oswald Campbell moves to Lost River for what he believes will be his last Christmas and becomes involved in the lives of its residents.

'Dave Cooks The Turkey' — one of Stuart McLean's humorous radio monologues — describes the lengths that Dave must go to ensure his family their promised Christmas dinner when he forgets to buy the turkey.

For those who looked forward to Alan Maitland's readings of Christmas stories every year on the CBC there is 'Favourite Christmas stories from Fireside AI'. Included in Fireside AI's collection are Christmas classics (like 'The Shepherd' by Frederick Forsyth or 'The Gift Of The Magi') along with some not so familiar tales and some tasty recipes for seasonal fare.

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Mystery writers find Christmas a popular setting for their stories.

'The Christmas Thief' by Mary Higgins Clark involves the disappearance of a blue spruce destined to be the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center and the bag of loot hidden in its branches.

Christmas is also a season of wonderful music. Check out 'A Christmas gloria' by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir or 'Christmas with Pavarotti' on video performed at Montreal's Notre Dame Cathedral.

For Barenaked Ladies fans we have 'Barenaked For The Holidays' or 'Country heat Christmas' including a variety of artists for fans of country music. Why not listen to Tom Jackson's 'The best of the Huron Carole' or Rita MacNeil's 'Late December?'

For the movie buffs we have those perennial classics like 'It's A Wonderful Life' and 'Miracle On 34th Street'.

To keep the children entertained there are many Christmas movies and animated films including 'An Avonlea Christmas' and Dr. Seuss' 'How The Grinch Stole Christmas'.

The children's collection has many, many Christmas and seasonal books almost too numerous to mention.

Merry Christmas to all from the staff at Milton Public Library. We look forward to seeing you over the holidays.

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