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LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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Holiday Wish Lists...

Unless you stayed up all night on Thanksgiving to get in line for a terrific Black Friday deal, you are probably spending time trying to come up with the perfect gift for the people on your holiday list. I'll admit that I am one of the hardest people to buy for, because I never want anything, and I've already read the book you thought to buy me...sorry! It's Amazon and Audible gift cards for me.

But, books do make **GREAT** gifts for the people on your holiday list! The most popular question I am asked this time of year is, "What book should I get for my (insert family member of your choice here)?"

Whether it is book for your own child, a niece/nephew, a friend, or even your dad, it can be difficult to pick the right book. Please check out "Chapter & Verse" on page 2 of this newsletter for my suggestions to help you find the perfect book for your loved-one this holiday season!

In the spirit of the gift-giving season, if you feel so inclined to include your favorite school library on your holiday shopping list, the Evergreen JH Library has a "[Wish List](#)" on Amazon.com. The students of EJH thank you!

*May you and yours have a wonderful and relaxing vacation! Happy Reading ☺
With a smile, Mrs. Yusko
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HEADS AND TALES— LIBRARY & BOOK NEWS

HEARD A GOOD BOOK LATELY?

As the holidays are often a time to travel, I like to take this opportunity to remind you to **pack the audiobooks!** For a complete list of the audiobooks available for checkout from the Evergreen Junior High library, click [here!](#) We have many terrific choices for long car trips to grandma's house. Some of my top choices: **Inkheart** (Funke); **Peter & the Starcatchers** (Barry); **Beastly** (Flinn); **Midnight for Charlie Bone** (Nimmo); **Schooled** (Korman). And in the spirit of the season, **A Christmas Carol** (Dickens), narrated by Jim Dale, the AMAZING narrator of the "Harry Potter" audiobooks!

LOOKING FOR BOOK-RELATED GIFT IDEAS?

For kids/teens on your list: Consider a movie gift card to see one of the following movies (all based on books): "**Hugo**," "**Breaking Dawn**," "**Sherlock Holmes**" in theaters 12/16, "**Adventures of TinTin**" (12/21), "**War Horse**" (12/25), or "**We Bought a Zoo**" (12/23).



For families with young children: Consider tickets to see "**Year with Frog and Toad**" at the Seattle Children's Theater through mid-January, www.sct.org.

For families with older children: Tickets to see Book-It Theater's presentation of "Owen Meany's Christmas Pageant" would be a good choice. Running through 12/23, tickets at <http://www.book-it.org/>.

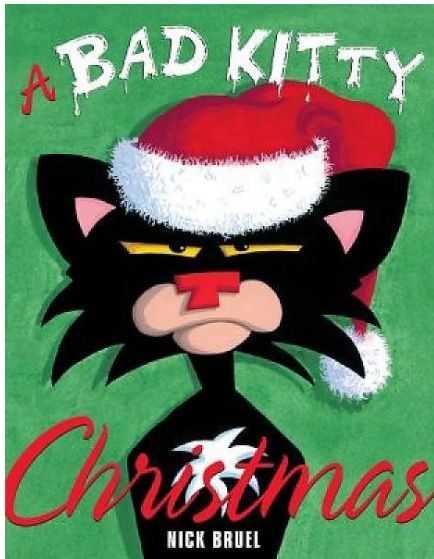
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Loose Book Ends

A book is a gift you can open again and again. – Garrison Keillor

Gift Book Suggestions:

Adults:

In the Garden of Beasts—Larson
Science Fair Season—Dutton
How I Killed Pluto...—Brown
We Bought a Zoo—Mee (9th & up)
Little Princes—Grennan (9th & up)
To Timbuktu: Nine countries...—Scieszka (9th & up)
Night Circus—Morgenstern
Tiger's Wife—Obrecht
Swamplandia—Russell
Once Upon a River—Campbell
Language of Flowers—Diffenbaugh
Truce: the day the soldiers stopped fighting—Murphy (7th & up)
Traitors' Gate, and other doorways to the past—Eamer (7th & up)

Series: Unless you've been living under a rock, you know all about "The Hunger Games" trilogy (Collins), and the "Wimpy Kid" series (Kinney). Here are other series popular with teens (and adults):

Brotherband Chronicles—Flanagan
Kane Chronicles; Heroes of Olympus; & Lightning Thief series—Riordan
Maze Runner—Dashner
Big Nate—Peirce
Incarceron—Fisher
Immortal Nicholas Flamel series—Scott
Hex Hall series—Hawkins
Septimus Heap series—Sage
Leviathan—Westerfeld
Body Finder series—Derting
Shadow Children series—Haddix
Riley Bloom series—Noel
Redwall series—Jacques

Kindergarten-3rd Grades:

Grandpa Green—Smith
A Bad Kitty Christmas—Bruel
Won-Ton: a cat tale told in Haiku—Wardlaw
Diary of a Baby Wombat—French
Lulu and the Brontosaurus—Viorst
Trouble with Chickens—Cronin
I Want My Hat Back—Klassen
Sea of Dreams—Nolan
Babymouse series—Holm
Squish series—Holm
Frankie Pickle series—Wight

4th-6th Grades:

Apothecary—Meloy
Secrets at Sea—Peck
Breadcrumbs—Ursu
Small Persons with Wings—Booraem
Seriously, Norman—Raschka
Every Thing On It—Silverstein
Smells Like Dog—Selfors
Close to Famous—Bauer
Cosmic—Boyce
Danger Box—Balliett
Museum of Thieves—Tanner

7-8th Grades:

War Horse—Morpurgo
Amelia Lost—Fleming
Okay for Now—Schmidt
Wonderstruck—Selznick
Warp Speed—Yee
Fever Crumb—Reeve
Legend—Lu
Malice—Wooding
Wisdom's Kiss—Murdock
Heist Society—Carter
Guys Read: Funny Business—various

High School:

Anna & the French Kiss—Perkins
Divergent—Roth
Scorpio Races—Stiefvater
Future of Us—Asher/Mackler
Payback Time—Deuker
Running Dream—Van Draanen
Matched—Condie
Amy & Roger's Epic Detour—Matson
North of Beautiful—Chen
This Dark Endeavor—Oppel
What Happened to Goodbye—Dessen
 Anything by Sarah Dessen or Chris Crutcher