

# Buena Park Library District

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## Book Club Picks for December

Thursday, Dec. 22 at 1:00

Adult Book Club

Join us as we discuss [The Art of Racing in the Rain](#) by Garth Stein

Enzo, a lab terrier mix, is the narrator in this story about Denny, an aspiring race-car driver who has hit a rough patch in his life as he struggles to retain custody of his daughter.

Readers will delight in Enzo's original voice, his insights into the limitations and joys of the canine and human worlds, and his devotion and love for his human companion.

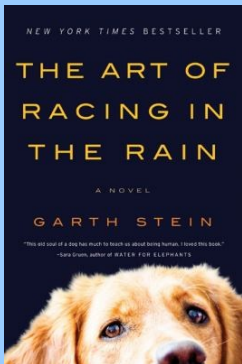
Thursday, Dec. 15 at 6:30

Adult Book Club

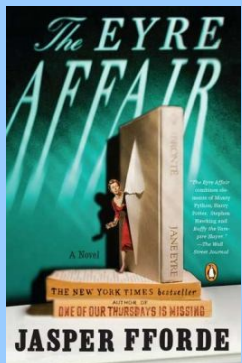
Join us as we discuss [The Eyre Affair](#) by Jasper Fforde

In a world where one can literally get lost in literature, Thursday Next, a Special Operative in literary detection, tries to stop the world's third most wanted criminal from kidnapping characters, including Jane Eyre, from works of literature.

This is a highly entertaining mystery with social satire, time travel, fantasy, science fiction, and a little romance thrown in to the mix.



[The Art of Racing in the Rain](#)  
by Garth Stein



[The Eyre Affair](#)  
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## Celebrate the Holidays!

Are you looking for music to set a festive mood or an entertaining movie to enjoy with the family?

How about a craft book for instruction or inspiration ... there is still time to make a handcrafted gift or decorate a room inexpensively.

This month the Buena Park Library is displaying featured books, movies and music for a festive celebration ... dash on in and pick one up!

We have many craft books including [Martha Stewart's Handmade Holiday Crafts](#) or, for something a little more hip and retro, [The Craftster Guide to Nifty, Thrifty, and Kitschy Crafts](#).

Turn trash into treasure with the books: [The Big Green Book of Recycled Crafts](#) or [Rubbish: Reuse Your Refuse](#) by Kate Shoup.

Are you looking for some new recipes or entertaining ideas? Try [Real Simple Celebrations: Easy Entertaining for Every Occasion](#) or [Holiday Inspirations](#) by Better Homes and Gardens.

With a more literary connection, fans of the Cedar Cove or Mitford series might look for [Debbie Macomber's Christmas Cookbook](#), [Debbie Macomber's Cedar Cove Cookbook](#), or [Jan Karon's Mitford Cookbook & Kitchen Reader](#).

Hanukkah customs, traditions, games, and recipes can be found in: [In The Jewish Tradition: A Year of Food And Festivities](#) by Judith B. Fellner.

The library also has books on Kwanzaa such as [A Kwanzaa Keepsake: Celebrating the Holiday with New Traditions and Feasts](#) by Jessica B. Harris.

For those with a more jaundiced view of the holidays, we have [The Dreaded Feast: Writers on Enduring the Holidays](#), a book of essays by authors such as John Waters, John Cheever, Mark Twain and David Sedaris.

Bah, Humbug!

By Marcia Miyoshi



The library will host a Red Cross blood drive Thursday, Dec. 22  
Sign up to donate at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) & use the sponsor code BPL



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# Staff Picks for the Holidays



[Babette's Feast](#)



[A Twisted Christmas](#)

## DVD: [Babette's Feast](#)

Take a break from the chaos of the holiday season, and treat yourself to the gastronomical delight that is *Babette's Feast*.

Two elderly sisters live quiet, austere lives in a coastal village in 19<sup>th</sup>-century Denmark. Following in the footsteps of their minister father, they have renounced worldly pleasures despite their beauty and opportunities for marriage and fame.

But the calm of their lives is disrupted one night when a stranger arrives on their doorstep. What unfolds is a stunning story of sacrifice, giving, healing, and beauty.

Starring the inimitable Stéphane Audran and based on a novelette by Karen Blixen, the film won the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film in 1988.

Don't hesitate to ask your little ones to watch with you, and unless you understand Danish, be prepared to read subtitles. Above all, be prepared to be moved, enchanted, and warmed as you watch.

By Ruth Cho

## CD: Twisted Sister's [A Twisted Christmas](#)

If you are looking to rock and have some Christmas fun, then look no further than past-their-prime 1980s heavy metal group, Twisted Sister. Spreading holiday cheer with their 2006 album, "A Twisted Christmas," they sing ten Christmas standards, their way.

The album begins with eerily soft singing and acoustic guitars until frontman Dee Snider interrupts. From that point on, the guitars buzz, Snider's vocals squeal, and the drums thump reminiscent of their glory days.

Highlights include "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" (where the group shamelessly self-promotes their big 1980s hit, "We're Not Going to Take It"), "I'll Be Home for Christmas," featuring Lita Ford, and the hard rocking "Silver Bells."

But the best is "Heavy Metal Christmas (The Twelve Days of Christmas)," which spotlights the group's creative juices as they rewrite the song geared towards their heavy metal lifestyle.

With this album, you take it as it is: an entertaining parody that actually brings holiday cheer through utter ridiculousness.

By Daniel Macri

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"My Alma Mater was books, a good library... I could spend the rest of my life reading, just satisfying my curiosity."

-Malcolm X

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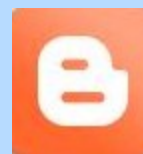
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**15% Off All Art Books in December!**

**And... For every \$5.00 you spend you will get a coupon for \$2.00 valid January through March 2012!**

**\*The bookstore will be closed Dec. 20 - 31\***

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