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In the Spirit

If you haven't got your tree trimmed or your gifts wrapped or those cookies baked or that blinky-light reindeer out on the lawn yet, what are you waiting for? The Library may have just the thing you need to set the mood, because after all, 'tis the season! Hey, it's even snowing out there as I write this!

Featured This Month:

It's a Wonderful Life, White Christmas, Miracle on 34th Street, A Christmas Carol

In Frank Capra's enduring tale from 1946, *It's a Wonderful Life*, a despairing, never-wanted-to-be small town banker named George Bailey is rescued from a Christmas Eve suicide by his guardian angel, who shows him what life would have been like if, as he bemoans, he'd never been born. It's a wonderful story of how every single life is incalculably valuable.

On a more musical note, you can see (and hear) Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye dance and sing (respectively) their way into the hearts of two sisters while saving their former army commander's Vermont inn. Beautiful Gershwin tunes including the title song, *White Christmas*.

1947's *Miracle on 34th Street* features John Payne as a young lawyer trying to romance Maureen O'Hara's once-burnt-twice-shy Macy's executive. Her daughter, the radiant young Natalie Wood, is even more of a cynic until they all meet up with Edmund Gwinn, whom Payne must defend in court as he claims to be the real, one and only Kris Kringle. Ah, but he possibly --?

Though the Library does not (yet) own the definitive (in this reviewer's opinion) 1951 movie version of *A Christmas Carol*, luckily, nothing really beats reading the original, which can be found in the classics section in the Betty Reynolds Reading Room. The lush prose and elaborate detail will re-visualize for you the classic tale of Scrooge and his ghosts and the London that Dickens knew.

Reviewed by Mary Anne Ciancia



New at the Library:

Classics:

The Odyssey of Homer ... The Iliad of Homer

Fiction:

The Memory of Old Jack by Wendell Berry

The Corrections by Jonathan Franzen

The Colour of Magic by Terry Pratchett (Juvenile)

The Board thanks everyone who contributed to Christmas in the Foothills!

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Sunday & Monday: closed
Tues. 6:30 – 8:30pm Wed. 1:00 – 4:00pm
Thurs: 6:30–8:30pm Fri: 10:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday 10:00am–2:00pm

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