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Symbolism of the Christmas Wreath



Wreaths have been used as a decorative sign of Christmas for hundreds and hundreds of years. Christmas wreaths can adorn any part of your home, inside or out. In many homes, this symbol of growth and everlasting life can be found both inside and out. It is common to find a number of wreaths on doors, over the mantle, or hung in windows.

The wreath is made of evergreens, most often pine branches or holly. They can be real or artificial. But, an artificial one just doesn't smell the same as a real wreath. It is decorated with a variety of items including pine cones, holly berries, fruits, and just about anything you can imagine.

The wreath has significant meaning for the season. It's circular shape represents eternity, for it has no beginning and no end. From a Christian religious perspective, it represents an unending circle of life. The evergreen, most frequently used in making wreaths, symbolizes growth and everlasting life. Holly branches have thorns. When used in a wreath it represents the thorn on Jesus' crown when he was crucified. Bright red holly berries symbolize Jesus' blood that was shed for us.

Today, it is sometimes hard to remember the real meaning of Christmas. We get all caught up in the hype of Santa and his arrival. The wreath over the hearth brings a warmth to our hearts as we stop to reflect upon the true meaning of this very special day.

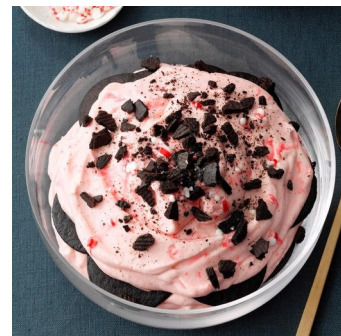
<https://www.holidayinsights.com/xmas/wreaths.htm>

Recipe: Peppermint Stick Dessert

Prep Time 20 mins Chill 20 mins Total Time 20 mins

Ingredients

8 ounces peppermint candy, crushed
1/2 cup half-and-half cream
1-1/4 teaspoons unflavored gelatin
1 tablespoon cold water
1-1/2 cups heavy whipping cream, whipped
27 chocolate wafers



Directions

In a small saucepan, combine crushed candy and cream. Cook over low heat until candy is melted, stirring occasionally. In a small bowl, sprinkle gelatin over water; let stand for 1 minute. Stir into hot peppermint mixture until dissolved. Refrigerate until mixture begins to set, about 20 minutes. Fold in whipped cream. Crush 3 chocolate wafers; set aside for garnish. Line a 1-1/2-qt. serving bowl with 12 wafers. Top with half of the peppermint mixture. Repeat layers. Sprinkle with chocolate crumbs. Refrigerate for at least 8 hours. If desired, sprinkle with additional crushed peppermint candy just before serving.

Recipe: Cranberry White Chocolate Cookies

Ingredients

Prep Time 25 mins Bake Time: 10 mins

1 cup butter, softened	3/4 cup sugar
3/4 cup packed brown sugar	2 large eggs, room temperature
1/3 cup cranberry juice	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 cups all-purpose flour	2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt	2 cups dried cranberries
2 cups vanilla or white chips	

GLAZE:

2 cups vanilla or white chips
2 tablespoons plus 1-1/2 teaspoons shortening



Directions

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugars until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs, cranberry juice and vanilla. In another bowl, combine the flour, baking powder and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture and mix well. Fold in cranberries and vanilla chips. Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls 2 in. apart onto greased baking sheets. Bake at 350° until edges begin to brown, 10-12 minutes. Cool for 2 minutes before removing to wire racks to cool completely. For glaze, microwave vanilla chips and shortening at 70% power until melted; stir until smooth. Drizzle over cookies.

~Creative Corner~

Due to the busy holiday season, we will not have Creative Corner during the month of December.



~Kids/Juniors/Teens & Young Adults~

Preschool story hour: every Friday at 10:00 a.m. in our children's room. Children listen to stories and create a craft related to the theme chosen for that week.

Juniors:

Junior Book Club: Tuesday, December 14th from 4:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Kids will be making DIY Paper bag snowflakes. All supplies are provided at no cost.

Junior Craft Night: Thursday, December 9th from 4:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Kids will make DIY Paper bag snowflakes. All supplies needed are provided at no cost.

Teens & Young Adults:

Teen Craft Night: Thursday, December 16th from 4:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Teens will be making DIY Paper bag snowflakes. All supplies needed are provided at no cost.

Teen Book Club: Tuesday, December 7th from 4:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.



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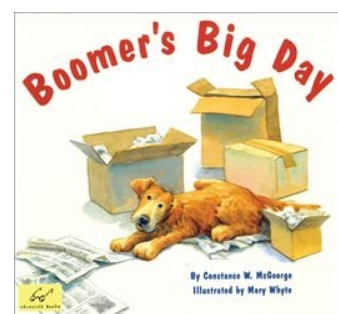
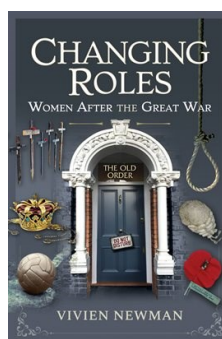


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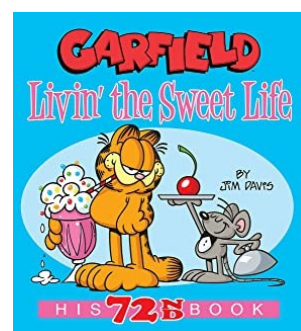
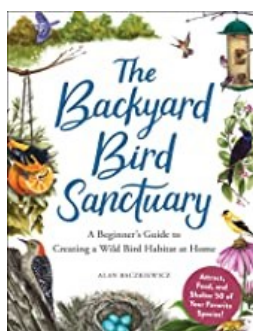
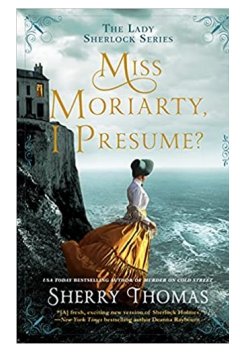
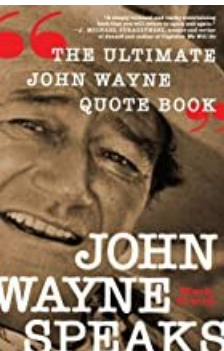
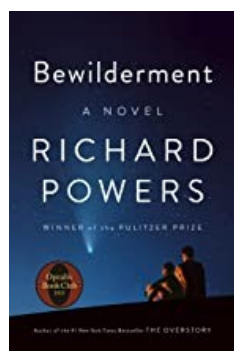
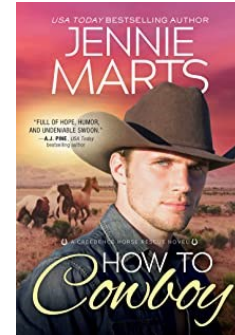
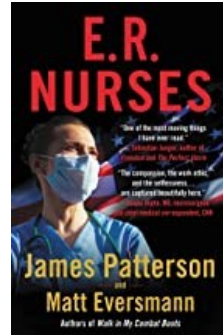
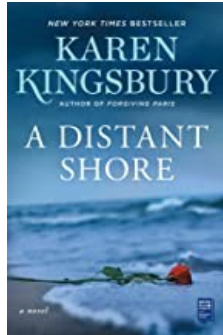
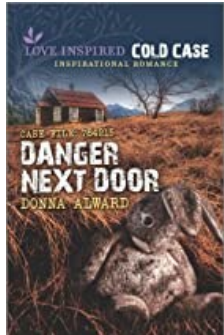
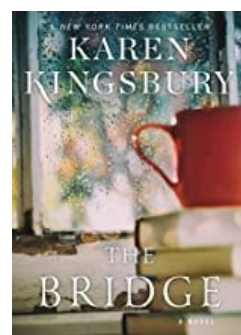
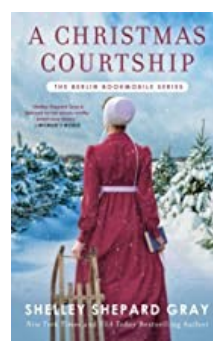
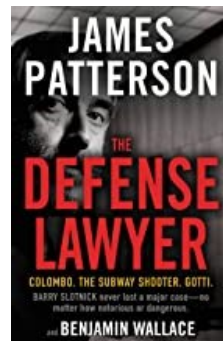
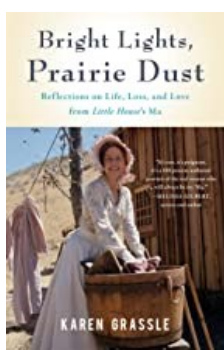
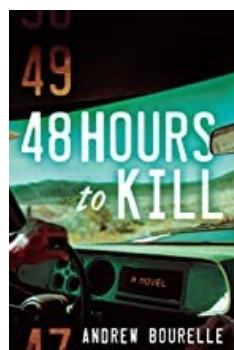
Wi-Fi Hotspots!



No Internet access at home? Let the Library help with that. Bell Memorial Library is circulating 4 Internet Hotspots.

These devices are about the size of a large cell phone and connect the user to the Internet via cell phone towers. The device will circulate for a week with a possibility of renewing for an additional week (as long as there are no prior holds, units can be reserved. For more information, contact Stephen Boggs at (574) 353-7234 or via e-mail at sboggs@bell.lib.in.us

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