



CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS AT BROWARD COUNTY LIBRARY

Come celebrate the holiday season at your library. Broward County Library offers a host of free holiday programs and events during December, and whether you're a book lover, a music fan, or a cinema buff, we offer something for almost everyone this month.

Join us for a Holiday Open House at BCL locations countywide, including the Tyrone Bryant Branch, Century Plaza Branch, the Dania Paul DeMaio Branch, Main Library, and Stirling Road Branch. Everyone is invited to enjoy refreshments and holiday music during these free events, which are the perfect time to mingle with friends new and old as well check out your library's selection of books, DVDs, CDs and more. Each open house is free and open to all.

Music is one way to catch the holiday spirit; join BCL as we present free holiday concerts with artists such as the Miami Oratio Society, child musicians from the Suzuki Academy, the Century Village Choraleers, and vocalist Ellen Bukstel. Book lovers can attend holiday-themed book reviews and discussions or select the latest on seasonal cooking, crafting and more from book displays in libraries throughout Broward. You can even attend a free cooking class with holiday food recipes from Chef "D" at the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center.

There is also a holiday poetry reading at the new Miramar Library and Education Center, a presentation of Neil Simon's play *The Gingerbread Lady* at Dania Beach Paul DeMaio Branch, and movie screenings of films such as *Snow Angels* (Northwest Regional) and *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* (Weston Branch).

If you'd like to learn more about celebrating Kwanzaa and the meaning behind the holiday's symbols and principles, the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center, Carver Ranches Branch, Hollywood Branch, and South Regional/Broward College Library will host educational programs and celebrations in December for Kwanzaa; they're open to the whole family, with some featuring dance and drumming performances and refreshments.

Of course, BCL will also present its regular programs this month along with special seasonal events; please checking our Web site, www.broward.org/library for a complete list of BCL's December 2008 programs.

Holiday Programs and Displays This Month at Broward County Library

African-American Research Library and Cultural Center, 2650 Sistrunk Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311, 954-625-2800

December 8 – Cooking with Books with Chef "D": Join Chef "D" as he presents a program on holiday food recipes and food safety, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

December 26 – Celebrating Kwanzaa at AARLCC, 6 p.m. Call 954-625-2811 for information.

Tyrone Bryant Branch, 2230 N.W. 21 Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311, 954-497-1675

December 24 – Holiday Open House: Join us as we celebrate the holidays with friends and fun, 2 to 4 p.m.

Carver Ranches Branch, 4735 S.W. 18 St., West Park, FL 33023, 954-985-1945

On Display: Holidays Around the World: Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa.

December 27 – Celebrating Kwanzaa: Celebrate and learn about Kujichaguilia (Self-Determination) at this all-ages Kwanzaa event, 4 p.m.

Century Plaza Branch, 1856A W. Hillsboro Blvd.,

Deerfield Beach, FL 33442, 954-360-1330

December 15 – Holiday Open House with live music from harpist Ruth Pavlow, 2:15 to 3:15 p.m.

Jan Moran Collier City Learning Library, 2800 N.W. 9th Ct.,

Pompano Beach, FL 33069, 954-968-3820

On Display: Holiday Books.

Dania Beach Paul DeMaio Branch, 255 E. Dania Beach Blvd.,

Dania Beach, FL 33004, 954-926-2420

December 20 – Holiday Open House: Enjoy cookies, drinks and holiday songs played by members of the Dania Beach Acoustic Guitar Club, 3 to 5 p.m.

December 27 – Holiday Play: Conundrum Stages presents Neil Simon's *The Gingerbread Lady*, 2 p.m.

Deerfield Beach Percy White Branch, 837 E. Hillsboro Blvd.,

Deerfield Beach, FL 33441, 954-360-1380

On Display: Books on Diverse Holiday Celebrations.

Galt Ocean Mile Reading Center, 3403 Galt Ocean Dr.,

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308, 954-537-2877

On Display: Holiday Recipe Books from Around the World.

Hallandale Beach Branch, 300 S. Federal Hwy., Hallandale, FL 33009, 954-457-1750

On Display: Happy Holiday Book Display; Holiday Cookbooks.

Hollywood Branch, 2600 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, FL 33020, 954-926-2430

December 17 – Kwanzaa Family Workshop: Bring the whole family to this workshop on the history and purpose of Kwanzaa; light refreshments will be served, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

December 20 – Holiday Concert: The Miami Oratorio Society presents a free concert of music by Haydn, Mendelssohn, Dubois and music honoring Christmas and the holidays, 1 to 2 p.m.



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Imperial Point Branch, 5985 N. Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308, 954-492-1881

December 17 – Brown Bag Book Discussion: *Murder for the Holidays*; bring your lunch, beverages provided, 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.

Lauderdale Lakes Branch, 3521 N.W. 43 Ave.,

Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33319, 954-497-3627

On Display: Holiday Decorations.

December 15 – Holidays Around the World: Many Countries, Many Stories – all ages are invited to come share your story with others and enjoy ethnic food, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Lauderhill Mall Branch, 4257 N.W. 12 St., Lauderhill, FL 33313, 954-791-1000

On Display: Holiday Craft and Recipe Books.

December 17 – Holiday Open House for all ages; enjoy refreshments and holiday fun, 2 to 4 p.m.

Lauderhill Towne Centre Library, 6399 West Oakland Park Blvd.,

Lauderhill, FL 33313, 954-497-1630

December 20 – Holiday Tea Party: Participants are invited to bring their own unique cups, saucers, and tea pots and share five-minute tea stories; refreshments served, 3 to 5 p.m.

Main Library, 100 S. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301, 954-357-7444

December 9 – Learn How to Create Holiday Gift Cards and Tags with artist Susan Buzzi, noon.

December 12 – Holiday Open House: Join us for refreshments and music by flautist Laura Sue the Silver Nightingale, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

December 20 – Christmas in Jamaica with the Golden Girls, 3 to 5 p.m. Call 954-253-0519.

Margate Catharine Young Branch, 5810 Park Drive, Margate, FL 33063, 954-968-3800

On Display: Seasons Reading from Around the World.

Miramar Library and Education Center, 2050 Civic Center Place,

Miramar, FL 33025, 954-437-1806

December 6 – Holiday Poetry reading by Anastasia Clark: Come and enjoy holiday-inspired poetry, 2 to 3 p.m.

North Lauderdale Saraniero Branch, 6901 Kimberly Blvd.,

North Lauderdale, FL 33068, 954-968-3840

On Display: Happy Holiday Display depicting Christmas, Chanukah and Kwanzaa; Holiday Books, CDs and Films.

North Regional/Broward College Library, 1100 Coconut Creek Blvd.,

Coconut Creek, FL 33066, 954-201-2600

December 12 – Movie Matinee Lunch Bunch: *Snow Angel*, bring lunch; soft drinks provided, noon to 2:30 p.m.

Pembroke Pines Branch/Walter C. Young Resource Center, 955 N.W. 129 Ave.,

Pembroke Pines, FL 33028, 954-437-2635

On Display: Holidays Around the World.

Pompano Beach Branch, 1213 E. Atlantic Blvd.,

Pompano Beach, FL 33060, 954-786-2181

On Display: Tribute to the Holidays.

Riverland Branch, 2710 W. Davie Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312, 954-791-1085

On Display: December Holiday Books.

South Regional/Broward College Library, 7300 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines, FL 33024, 954-201-8825

December 29 – Kwanzaa Celebration: Celebrate the principle of Ujamaa , cooperative economics, with a family-fun event featuring drummers, African-inspired dance performances, face-painting for the kids, refreshments, and more, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Southwest Regional Library, 16835 Sheridan St., Pembroke Pines, FL 33331, 954-538-9996

On Display: Holiday Cooking and Craft Books.

December 13 – Holiday Celebration with the Century Village Choraleers, 2 to 3 p.m.

December 14 – Culture Vultures Sunday Happening @ the Library Presents vocalist Ellen Bukstel singing Songs of the Season and Songs with a Reason, 2 p.m.

Stirling Road Branch, 3151 Stirling Road, Hollywood, FL 33312, 954-985-2689

On Display: Snowmen Collection courtesy of Susan Noble; Holiday books.

December 9 – Holiday Open House: Come join the staff and Friends of the Stirling Road Branch for refreshments and holiday music with DJ Bill, 7 p.m.

December 20 – Holiday Music Concert for the whole family. Children from the Suzuki Academy will perform classics by Bach, Mozart, Handel, and Brahms along with traditional holiday music, 3 to 4 p.m.

Tamarac Branch, 8701 W. Commercial Blvd., Tamarac, FL 33351, 954-720-2282

December 10 – Holiday Film: *White Christmas*, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

December 22 – Special Klezmer Band Performance: Join us for a wonderful afternoon of Klezmer music celebrating the holidays, light refreshments, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. *Free for members of Friends of Tamarac Library, \$3 charge for non-members.*

Weston Branch, 4205 Bonaventure Blvd., Weston, FL 33332, 954-389-2098

December 2 – Feast in Style: Holiday Table Settings with interior decorator Victoria Stewart, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

December 20 – Cinema Saturday: *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*, 2 to 4 p.m.