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## HAPPY WINTER!

Now that the days have gotten shorter and the temperature is dropping, it's time to get cozy with some new books to warm your heart. This season, we are celebrating a love of winter and holiday stories with a **WINTER TRIVIA CHALLENGE!** Details are inside so be sure to check it out if you are feeling festive, full of holiday cheer, and would like to win a prize!

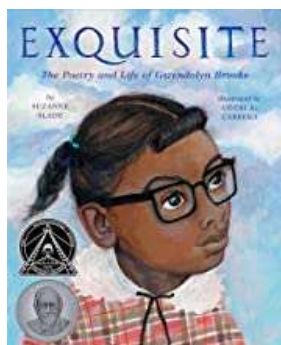


## NEW BOOKS!



### Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks

by Slade, Suzanne. **DB102344**. A free verse biography of poet Gwendolyn Brooks, the first Black person to win the Pulitzer Prize. From a young age, Brooks found inspiration from her family, in nature and her Chicago neighborhood, and began writing poetry at the age of seven. Includes her poem "Clouds." For grades K-3. 2020.



### Allergic by Lloyd, Megan Wagner.

**DB104348**. Hoping to adopt a pet to find a sense of belonging in her busy family, Maggie discovers that she is severely allergic to anything with fur and tries to find a pet to love anyway. For grades 3-6. 2021.



### The Only Black Girls in Town



by Colbert, Brandy. **DB098925**. In a predominately white California beach town, the only two black seventh-graders, Alberta and Edie, find hidden journals that uncover family secrets and speak to race relations in the past. For grades 3-6. 2020.

### Show Me a Sign by LeZotte, Ann Clare.

**DB102083**. Martha's Vinyard, 1805. Mary Lambert has always felt safe among the deaf community of Chilmark where practically everyone communicates in a shared sign language.

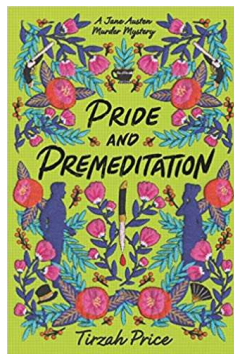


But a scientist determined to discover the origins of the islands' widespread deafness decides that she makes the perfect live specimen-and kidnaps her. For grades 4-7. 2020.

**Pride and Premeditation. Jane Austen Murder Mystery: 1**

by Price, Tirzah.

**DB103669.** Seventeen-year-old aspiring lawyer Lizzie Bennet seeks to solve a murder before her rival, Mr. Darcy, beats her to it. For senior high and older readers. 2021.



**The Ones We're Meant to Find**

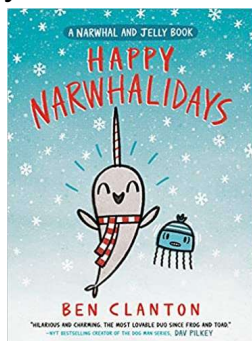
by He, Joan. **DB104776.** Outside of Earth's last unpolluted place, Cee tries to leave an abandoned island. Meanwhile her sister, STEM prodigy Kasey, seeks to escape from the science and home she once trusted. For senior high and older readers. 2021.



**FUN HOLIDAY READS!**

**Happy Narwhalidays** by Clanton, Ben.

**DB100819.** Holiday shenanigans featuring a cheerful narwhal and cynical jellyfish. This year Narwhal is looking forward to cozying up with a good book, singing and partying with his pod pals, and enjoying some warm waffle pudding. For grades K-3. 2020.



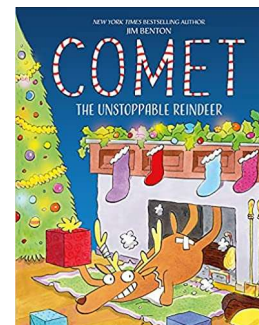
**The Unicorns Who Saved Christmas**  
by Heider, Mary Winn. **DB101322.**

When Santa's reindeer become sick with the chicken pox on Christmas Eve, Santa enlists the help of the North Pole Unicorn Troop to guide his sleigh and save Christmas! K-3. 2020.

**All-of-a-Kind Family Hanukkah** by Jenkins, Emily. **DB094016.** New York City, 1912. Gertie feels left out while Mama and her four older sisters cook Hanukkah dinner, but Papa comes home and asks her help with an important task. Based on the classic books by Sydney Taylor. Sydney Taylor Book Award. For grades K-3. 2018.

**Comet, the Unstoppable Reindeer**

by Benton, Jim. **DB101665.** An injured Comet the reindeer expects to sit out Christmas Eve, but ends up delivering the presents that Santa has accidentally left behind. For grades K-3. 2020.



**Jingle Jangle; the Invention of Jeronicus Jangle** by Sisson-Talbert, Lyn. **DB101475.** Eccentric toymaker Jeronicus Jangle creates fanciful inventions that burst with whimsy and wonder. But when a betrayal by a former protégé leaves Jeronicus down on his luck, it's up to his bright granddaughter, Journey-and a singularly magical invention-to save the day! Based on the Netflix film. For grades 3-6. 2020.





## WINTER READING TRIVIA!

It's trivia time!

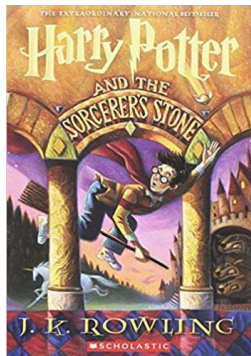
Answer the following five questions by scanning the QR code below and filling out the form or by emailing your answers to me at [jennifer.graves@slo.oregon.gov](mailto:jennifer.graves@slo.oregon.gov).

Participants with the correct answers will be entered in a drawing for a gift card to a local restaurant! If you don't know the answer to a question, all books referenced are available to request or download from BARD so you can find the answer by listening to the story. Please submit your answers by **January 31, 2022** to be entered in the drawing. Are you ready for some winter reading trivia? Here are the questions:



1. In J.K. Rowling's ***Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*** (DB092229, BR017774), what is the name of the drink that can be enjoyed ice cold or served as a foaming warm beverage, perfect for a winter treat?

- a. Ginger fizz
- b. Butterbeer
- c. Cranberry Cream
- d. Pumpkin Potion

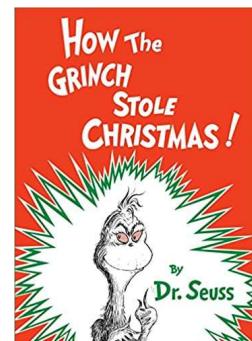


2. In ***The Polar Express*** (DB023625, BR012001) by Chris Van Allsburg, what was the first gift of Christmas that Santa gave away?

- a. toy train set
- b. one silver bell from Santa's sleigh
- c. a box of chocolates
- d. a partridge in a pear tree

3. In Dr. Seuss' ***How the Grinch Stole Christmas*** (DB047536, BR023192), the Grinch dresses his dog, Max, up as what?

- a. an elf
- b. a snowman
- c. a reindeer
- d. Santa



4. In the Laura Ingalls Wilder book, ***A Long Winter*** (DB021198, BR011325), the Ingalls family celebrates Christmas in what month?

- a. April
- b. May
- c. June
- d. July

5. In Disney's ***Frozen*** (DB078544), where does Elsa flee after her powers are revealed?

- a. Witch Mountain
- b. Ice Mountain
- c. Snow Mountain
- d. North Mountain





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**WINTER FUN DVDS!**

**A Christmas Carol** (DVD0285) An old bitter miser is given a chance for redemption when he is haunted by three ghosts on Christmas. Based on the novel (DB13724). 1951.

**Rise of the Guardians**

(DVD0080). When an evil spirit launches an assault on Earth, the Immortal Guardians team up to protect the innocence of children all around the world. Starring Hugh Jackman, Alec Baldwin, and Isla Fisher. Rated PG. 2012.



**Small Foot** (DVD0232). A bright young Yeti finds something he thought didn't exist -a human! News of the "smallfoot" throws the simple Yeti community into an uproar over what else might be out there in the big world beyond their snowy village. Starring Channing Tatum, James Corden, Zendaya, LeBron James, and Gina Rodriguez. Rated PG. 2018.

**OBOB Reminder!**

If you are participating in Oregon Battle of the Books at your school, we have many of the titles available to send on a cartridge or download from BARD. Contact us to request your grade level!