HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Winter is almost here, so it's time to get cozy by the fireplace with a cup of hot chocolate and a special holiday book! Here are a couple of favorites...

**The Nutcracker** by Janet Schulman. DB018430. A retelling of the original 1816 story by E.T.A. Hoffmann on which Tchaikovsky based his ballet. This version explains why the King of Mice and the Nutcracker are bitter enemies. For grades 3-6 and older readers.

**Llama, Llama Holiday Drama** by Anna Dewdney. DB088798. If there's one thing Llama Llama doesn't like, it's waiting. He and Mama Llama rush around, shopping for presents, baking cookies, decorating the tree — but how long is it until Christmas? Will it ever come? Compilation of eight books featuring young Llama Llama and his adventures in school and at home. Includes Llama Llama Misses Mama, Llama Llama Time to Share, Llama Llama and the Bully Goat, Llama Llama Holiday Drama, and more. For PreK-2.

**DVD SPOTLIGHT**

**Paddington 2** (DVD0189)

Paddington is happily settled in with the Brown family in Windsor Gardens, where he has become a beloved member of the community, spreading joy and marmalade wherever he goes. While searching for the perfect present for his Aunt Lucy's 100th birthday, Paddington spots a unique pop-up book in Mr. Gruber's antique shop and takes on a series of odd jobs to buy it. Hilarity and adventure ensue when the book is stolen and Paddington and the Browns must unmask the thief. Rated PG. 2017.
DID YOU KNOW?
• The **coldest** temperature ever directly recorded was -128.6° F at Vostok Station in Antarctica in 1983.
• The **largest** recorded snowman ever built was in Bethel, Maine, in February 1999 and stood 113-foot, 7 inches high.
• All snowflakes have **six** sides.
• The snowiest city on Earth is in Japan. Each year, Aomori City gets 312 inches, or about 26 feet, of snow on average!
• Bismarck, North Dakota, holds the record for the **most snow angels** at one time. On Feb. 17, 2007, several schools joined forces to create 8,962 snow angels.

**COOL READS FOR WINTER**

**The Basque Dragon: Unicorn Rescue Society 2** by Adam Gidwitz. DB091625. Barely recovered from their last adventure, Elliot and Uchenna join Professor Fauna on another quest where they must track down a missing dragon! Sequel to DB090708. For grades 2-4. 2018.

**Ask Emma** by Sheryl Berk. DB091301. After starting an advice blog for a computer science project, Emma begins to question the wisdom of it when fellow seventh graders ask her opinion on things that are not easy to respond to. Then an online bully's hurtful comments threaten to unravel her good intentions. For grades 3-6. 2018.

**Front Desk** by Kelly Yang. DB091215. Recent immigrants from China and desperate for work and money, Mia Tang's parents take a job managing a rundown motel in Southern California. Even though the owner, Mr. Yao, is mean and exploits their family, Mia plans on following her dreams. For grades 4-7. 2018.
SNOW IS FALLING ... and BOOKS are CALLING

**The Last Endling** by Katherine Applegate. DB091550 and BR022423
Fearing she may be the last of her kind, Byx sets off to find a safe haven and to see if the legends of hidden Dairne packs are true.
For grades 4-7. 2018.

**Secrets of the Seven: 1-3** by Sarah Thomson. DB091259. Three mysteries featuring three kids as they search for seven artifacts. In The Eureka Key, Sam, Martina, and Theo solve puzzles in order to unlock Benjamin Franklin's greatest invention. Includes The Eagle's Quill and The Ring of Honor.
For grades 4-7. 2018.

**Before I Let Go** by Marieke Nijkamp. DB091651 and BR022425. Returning to her small Alaska hometown after her best friend Kyra's tragic death, Corey uncovers chilling secrets about the townspeople and their treatment of Kyra prior to her drowning.
For senior high and older readers. 2018.

**After the Shot Drops** by Randy Ribay. DB091542. Told from alternating perspectives, Bunny takes a basketball scholarship to an elite private school to help his family, leaving behind Nasir, his best friend, in their tough Philadelphia neighborhood. For senior high and older readers. 2018.

**Brightly Burning** by Alexa Donne. DB091433. After a supervolcano renders Earth uninhabitable, humans live on massive ships that orbit the planet. As one orphan teen searches for a better life and spaceship, she uncovers a government conspiracy. A reimagining of Jane Eyre (DB047868). For senior high and older readers. 2018.

**OBOB REMINDER!!!**
If you are participating in Oregon Battle of the Books at your school or just want to read some great books, you can request a cartridge with the books from your grade level on it!
3-5th grade DBX01258
6-8th grade DBX01259, DBX01259B
9-12th grade DBX01260, DBX01264
SPOTLIGHT: HOLIDAY READS
With winter break just around the corner, be sure to get your book requests in and check out a fun holiday book!

How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss. DB047536 and BR004656
The Grinch, whose heart is two sizes too small, tries to abolish Christmas by stealing all the presents from the people in the valley. For grades K-3.

The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg. DB023625 and BR006467.
On a dark Christmas Eve, a boy boards a mysterious train. He and the other children, still in their pjs, drink cocoa and sing carols as the train carries them to the North Pole to visit Santa. Grades K-3.

A Boy Called Christmas by Matt Haig. DB086288. Nikolas, the boy who would one day be known as Santa Claus, goes on a life-changing quest to the North Pole. For grades 3-6.