

HOLIDAY COOKING AT YOUR LIBRARY

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December is a fun time to do activities with your children, to entertain with your friends and to do traditional activities with your family. Veterans Memorial Library has many books and DVDs to help you.

During the holiday season it is fun to introduce children to baking and decorating cookies. *The greatest cookies ever* by Rose Dunnington shows how to read a recipe, cookie equipment you need, how to measure, mix, and shape the dough, and how to bake and decorate the cookies. Recipes include sugar cookies, applesauce cookies, oatmeal raisin cookies, peanut butter cookies, chocolate chip cookies, and no bake cookies,

Bake and make amazing cookies by Elizabeth Macleod has recipes for shining star cookies and gingerbread reindeer cookies. *Teens cook dessert* by Megan & Jill Carle shows how to make a traditional English pudding and has a recipe for a Yule log, a French cake often made for the holidays. Another recipe included is a gingerbread and pumpkin trifle which is often served in England during the holiday season. It is a layered dessert made with cake, fruit and cream.

Desserts around the world by Lee Engfer has a recipe for Chinese New Year's Cake. It uses red dates symbolizing the color of happiness and celebration in the cake. Haman's ears or Haman's pockets are a Jewish cookie with a fruit filling. From Chile is a recipe for Christmas bread – fruit bread with peaches, pears, apples, raisins, prunes, apricots, dates, and currants which resembles a pie.

Gingerbread houses by Nonnie Cargas has all the information needed to make a gingerbread house including materials and supplies, patterns, decorating information and inspiration, and projects for leftover dough. It is heavily illustrated and has patterns for an A-frame house, birdhouse, a Hansel and Gretel house, a castle, a Swiss chalet and many others.

To every season - a family holiday cookbook written and illustrated by Jan Breskin Zalben - has recipes for Chanukah including Uncle Solly's Sufganiyot/Jelly Doughnuts. It also features Kwanzaa recipes including baked chicken nuggets and black-eyed pea cutlets and collard greens. *Kwanzaa Karamu* by April Brady presents cooking and crafts for a Kwanzaa feast. It has recipes for hush puppies, callaloo, deep-fried catfish, steamed kale and baked plantain on the shell. It also has crafts such as a mkeka, African mask, and a kinara tapestry.

Library programs for the week include a special Dickens Christmas storytelling at noon on December 1st. Regular story times are at 10:15 am on Mon., Dec. 3rd and Thurs Dec. 6th. Music and movement continues at 10:15 am on Wed. Dec. 5th.

Computer classes are "Basic computing" at 6:30 pm on Tues, Dec. 4th, "Buying on eBay" at 6:30 pm on Dec. 5th, "Windows basics" at 1:00 pm on Thurs., Dec. 6th, and "Greeting cards" at 1:00 pm of Fri., Dec. 7th. Please call 773-3242 ext. 33 to register for these free computer classes.

Teens have a special movie on Thurs, Dec. 6th at 4:30 pm about the third adventure of everyone's favorite web slinging hero. Hope to see you there!