

# HELPING HOLIDAY HANDS AT YOUR LIBRARY

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Last Tuesday, master cake and confection maker Beth Travorrow led a delicious demonstration and practice session (although I think there was more tasting than practicing going on) for anyone wanting to try their hand at holiday candy and cookie making and decorating. If you missed *CRDL Creative Minds: Sweets for the Holidays* at Faith Johnston Memorial Library in Rosebush, don't worry, your Chippewa River District Library System still has plenty of resources to help you get through this mouthwatering Holiday season. A great place to start is the *Better Homes and Gardens Christmas Series*. You can take home *Better Homes and Gardens Christmas All Through the House*, *Better Homes and Gardens Christmas at Home*, *Better Homes and Gardens Christmas at Home by the Fireside*, even *Better Homes and Gardens Treasury of Christmas Crafts and Foods*. *The Lights of Hanukka* by Barbara Rush, *The Story of Chanukah for Children* by Beverly Rae Charette, *How to Plan a Kwanzaa Celebration: Ideas for Family, Community, and Public Events* by Ida Gamble-Gumbs, *The Children's Book of Kwanzaa: a Guide to Celebrating the Holiday* by Dolores Johnson, and *It's Kwanza Time* by Linda and Clay Goss are all wonderful stories rich in tradition that are ready to be checked out for your to share with your family and friends. All should help give your Holiday season a boost in the right direction.

Now that you have the basics covered, it's time to pre-heat the oven and take home *Kwanzaa Karamu: Cooking and Crafts for a Kwanzaa Feast* by April Brady, *Bon Appétit the Christmas Season* from the editors of *Bon Appétit*, or *My Lucky Dreidel: Hanukkah Stories*,

*songs, poems, crafts, recipes, and fun for kids* by Cherie Karo Schwartz. All are guaranteed to help create smiles and delectable treats throughout this Holiday season. Of course, there are many more. In fact there are shelves and shelves full of books on wonderful Holiday treats, crafts, decorating ideas and more. Click the [www.crdl.org](http://www.crdl.org) website and search for your family's Holiday traditions, or stop into any branch of the Chippewa River District Library System and browse in person. Just don't wait too long, a whole heap of Holiday goodie cook books were just checked out and are now on their way to hungry kitchens throughout Central Michigan.

After the Holiday cook books are returned, the dishes are washed, and the Holiday decorations are packed neatly in their boxes and tucked away in the garage there are a couple books I'll be looking at bringing home. It's a tossup between *50 Ways to Lose Ten Pounds* by Joan Harbiak, or *8 Minutes in the Morning: A Simple Way to Shed up to Two Pounds a Week* by Jorge Cruise. If I put them on hold now doesn't that mean I can sneak an extra cookie every now and then? Seems like sound reasoning to me, what do you think?

There's a lot of fun planned for 2009 throughout your Chippewa River District Library System including our first ever CRDL LEGO Contest starting January 5<sup>th</sup>. Click events at [www.crdl.org](http://www.crdl.org) or visit any branch of your Chippewa River District Library to see why everybody is saying I Love My Library.