



# Library News

December 2017

## Italian Heritage Student Art Show Winners

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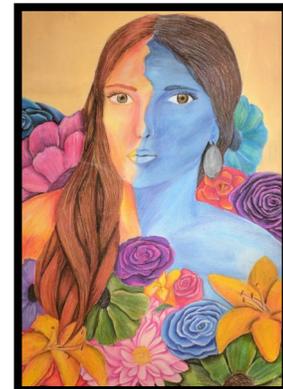
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*The staff at Vineland Library would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season. We look forward to serving the community in the new year!*

During the month of October, the library featured a juried art exhibit of South Jersey high school art students. The show was sponsored by Dr. Frank DeMaio, in collaboration with the library, as part of the cultural activities of the Sicilian American Club in honor of Italian Heritage Month. High schools from throughout South Jersey participated in the exhibit. An Artists' Reception was held at the library on October 28th to honor the artists. Over twenty awards, including Best in Show, were given for winning entries during the program. The three Best in Show winners were:



"What's on your Mind" in graphite, by John Keane (St. Augustine Preparatory School)



"Flower Child" in pastel, by Arielle Gsell (Clearview Regional High School)



"Untitled" in colored pencil, by Alyssa Anne Espulgar (Williamstown High School)

**Congratulations to all who participated in the Italian Heritage Student Art Exhibit! You can visit our website for a full list of winners.**

## 'Nutcracker Prince' Puppet Show

The library continues a December tradition with a performance of "The Nutcracker Prince" puppet show on **Saturday, December 9, from 11:00 - 11:45 a.m.** upstairs in the Children's Department.

Join Clara on her adventure to Sugar Plum Land, where she helps the Nutcracker Prince save the Sugar Plum Fairy Princess from the evil Mouse King, in this puppet version of the beloved ballet, using music from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite."

The puppet show is free for all ages. Seating will be on a first come, first served basis. **Children younger than 9 must be accompanied by an adult at all times in the library.**



# Interactive Family Movie Program

Families are invited to watch the movie *Elf* and interact with the characters using props.

**Tuesday**

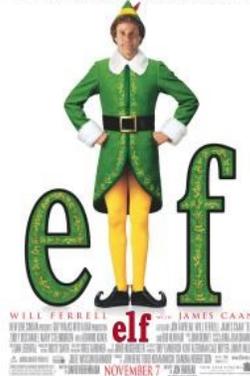
**December 12**

**5:30-7:30 p.m.**

**All ages**

**Vineland Public Library  
Community Event Room  
Registration is required.**

THIS HOLIDAY DISCOVER YOUR INNER ELF



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Buddy, a human baby, stows away in Santa's toy bag and ends up at the North Pole. The elves raise him as one of their own, but when he begins to notice how different he is from the other elves, he goes to New York City to find his birth father in this sweet holiday comedy. This 2003 movie is rated PG.

Please register online at [www.vinelandlibrary.org/Childrens](http://www.vinelandlibrary.org/Childrens) or call the library at 856-794-4244, x. 4246

No admission fee required.

Closed captioning is available upon request.

This film is being shown in compliance with a license from Movie Licensing USA. The license and props for this program are funded by The Friends of the Vineland Public Library.

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## Angel Tree Project



If you are looking for a way to share the spirit of the holiday season, look to the Vineland Public Library. The library is again sponsoring an Angel Tree for the 2017 holiday season. This project, coordinated by Alex Kaganzev, has become a library tradition. In lieu of decorations, paper angels adorn the holiday tree. Each angel represents a local child, whose family is in need, and lists the gender and age of the child. Area residents are encouraged to select an angel from the tree and purchase an appropriate toy or gift item. Library staff members also participate. Unwrapped gifts are to be brought to the library along with the paper angel by **Wednesday, December 20**. The gifts will then be wrapped and distributed to the families in time for holiday giving. The library is also accepting donations of gift boxes, wrapping paper, tape and bows. Please stop by and choose your angel. For more information, call 856-794-4244.

A Big Brothers Big Sisters donation box, for unwrapped toys, will also be available in the Children's Department for any age/gender.

## Cozy Mystery Book Club

Calling all cozy mystery fans! Be sure to join our Cozy Mystery Book Club! The December meeting will be held on **Monday, December 11 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.** in the Community Event Room. The book to be discussed is *Plum Pudding Murder* by Joanne Fluke. For help in obtaining a copy of this book, and to register, please visit the Information Desk or call (856) 794-4244, ext. 4243. Please be sure to say it's for the Cozy Mystery Book Club. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Vineland Public Library.



## Our First FanCon was a Great Success!

Our 1st Library FanCon is over, and we think it was a great success! Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen: funders, staff, volunteers, special guests, vendors, and all you awesome people that attended.

Visit VPL FanCon2017 on Facebook to see photos from the event.



# Beatrice's Book Review



Hello Readers!

I am an avid feel-good Christmas book enthusiast. Since it's that time of year, I decided it would be nice to review some of my favorite new reads. I've read two already, and I hope my review puts you in the holiday spirit.

The first book I read is by my favorite author, Debbie Macomber. What is the holiday season without at least one book by her? The book is titled *Merry and Bright* (FIC MACOMBER). It is a very cute story about falling in love around Christmas, but there's a catch. The lovebirds featured in this story don't realize they already know each other until after they fall. They meet through an online dating site and start an online relationship. Eventually they discover they have a past. This was a great read with a nice twist.

The second book on my nice list is titled *Christmas Cake Café* by Sue Watson (FIC WATSON). It's a funny, heartwarming story about a woman who gets jilted by her long-term boyfriend just when she thinks he is about to propose. What else can a girl do but run off to the Swiss Alps with her younger sister to recover? Of course she meets a handsome ski instructor and his teenage daughter, and naturally, a new relationship blossoms. This book has something for everyone, and I highly recommend this title.

*Have a wonderful holiday season,  
Beatrice*

Cut here for a  
fridge calendar!

## December 2017 Free Events for Adults

### Thursday, December 7

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Adult Tea and Coloring,  
Community Event Room \*

### Monday, December 11

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Cozy Mystery Book Club  
Discussion of *Plum Pudding Murder* by Joanne  
Fluke, Community Event Room \*

### Monday, December 18

1:30 – 3:30 p.m. "A Better Me" Information Ta-  
ble hosted by the Cumberland County Health  
Department, Lobby

### Tuesday, December 19

11:00 – 2:00 p.m. Free Job Corps Orientation  
Program, ages 16-24, Community Event Room

### Thursday, December 21

12:00 – 12:45 p.m. Tai Chi Class,  
Community Event Room \*

5:00 – 7:30 p.m. New Jersey Writers Society  
Gathering, Community Event Room



### Monday, December 25

Christmas Day – Library Closed

### Wednesday, December 27

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Adult Book Club Discussion of  
*Into the Lion's Mouth* by Larry Loftis,  
Community Event Room

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. "Ready, Vet, Go!" Information  
Table, Lobby

### Thursday, December 28

5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting,  
Community Event Room

**\* Registration Required**

All programs and times are subject to change.  
For a full list of programs, visit  
[www.vinelandlibrary.org](http://www.vinelandlibrary.org). You can also follow  
VPL on these social media outlets:

