5 Reasons to Visit Your Library this holiday season

Warm Up with a Good Book

Sit cozy with an engaging story from your library's collection of holiday and winter-themed books, ranging from old-fashioned classics to modern-day, winter tales. Or, perhaps it's a little library news you'd like to discover the traditions of Kwanzaa, Hanukkah or Three Kings Day.

Need a Recommendation?

Some libraries have winter-themed book displays or offer holiday reading lists. Some libraries have winter-themed book displays or offer holiday reading lists.

Bake Something Tasty

If you need some inspiration in the kitchen, turn to your library cookbook selection.

Grate, Marinate & Sizzle

Cooking Programs in the Library

You can also find out if your library has a holiday cooking class, where you can learn how to prepare dishes ranging from simple appetizers to festive desserts.

Spread Goodwill

Help Those in Need

See if your library has opportunities to donate to those less fortunate. Your library might host a mitten or winter coat drive, for example.

You could also contact your library to see if they are collecting canned foods and other nonperishables to donate to a food pantry.

Stretch Your Holiday Budget

Spend less on gift-giving and decorating

Avoid the hectic holiday shopping by going to your library to learn about DIY handmade cards or gifts. Ask your librarian to direct you to their craft books.

It also doesn't hurt to check your library's calendar for winter programs. Some libraries offer holiday craft-making activities, where you can get together with others to make things like ornaments, cookies or greeting cards.

Melt Away the Winter Blues

Light Therapy Lamps

For people who suffer seasonal affective disorder in the winter months, some libraries offer full-spectrum, light therapy lamps in public areas.

Programs & Resources

Other libraries offer programs and resources to help people grieving over the loss of a loved one cope during the holiday season.