



# FES Library E-News

## New Library Books

Below is a small sample of some of our new titles for the upper elementary (2-5) section of the library.

1. Advice about Friends (155.418 GAL AR)
2. Energy Island (333.9 DRU AR)
3. Tornadoes (551.553 SIM AR)
4. How to Deal with ADHD (618.92 ROB AR)
5. Lowriders (629.222 DAV AR)
6. How to Draw Cars (743.89629222 BER)
7. Mean Machines (743.8962922 WAL)
8. Nutty Knock Knocks! (818.5402 ROS)
9. Yellowstone National Park (978.7 PET AR)
10. Justin Bieber, Oh Baby! (92 BIE)
11. Fred & Anthony's Horrible, Hideous Back-to-School Thriller (FIC ARE AR)
12. How I Nicky Flynn Finally Get a Life and a Dog (FIC COR PB AR)
13. I, Amber Brown (FIC DAN AR)
14. Bounty Hunter: Boba Fett (FIC FRY PB AR)
15. The Journey (FIC LAS AR)
16. Franny Parker (FIC MCK PB AR)
17. You are the First Kid on Mars (FIC OBR AR)
18. The Stone Child (FIC POB AR)
19. The Lost Hero (FIC RIO AR)
20. Woven (FIC TOF PB AR)

Check Them Out!



I Like to See Christmas

I like to see the stockings.  
 I like to see the gifts.  
 I like to see the bells.  
 I like to see a tree.  
 And I like to see Santa  
 Looking at me!



**Note:** the Library has a page devoted to holiday sites:

<http://www2.firelandsschools.org/library/myweb3/Christmas%20Sites>

## Library Activities

### December Activities

Library activities for December include:

- Parts of a book
- Nonfiction Review of the Dewey Decimal System with a power point lesson
- Game: "Do We Know Dewey"
- Holiday Books highlighting Jan Brett stories: *Gingerbread Baby*, *Gingerbread Friends* and *Three Snow Bears*.

Our major feature of the month will be the book "*Dewey's Christmas at the Library*" by Vicki Myron. Ms. Myron was the former director of the Spencer, Iowa Public Library. This book is based on a real cat named Dewey Readmore Books. Vicki rescued him as a kitten one freezing winter morning after discovering him left in the return book slot. The story of Dewey is based on his adventures living in the library. Dewey has a website at:

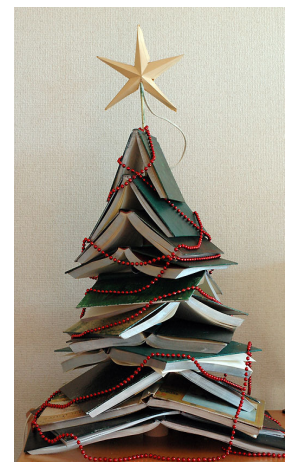
[www.deweyreadmorebooks.com](http://www.deweyreadmorebooks.com)

*Seasons Reading !!*

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# Technology Applications

## Triptico

<http://www.triptico.co.uk/>

### Triptico

The **Triptico** resource application allows you to create, save and share engaging interactive learning activities with one free download. It currently contains 23 different interactive resources all of which are easy to edit, adapt, save and share. It works well with an interactive white board.

## Smilebox

<http://www.smilebox.com/>



**Smilebox** is a free software download that lets you upload photographs, music and video clips to create multimedia projects. Design types include scrapbooks, slideshows, Ecards, photo albums, postcards, recipes and invitations. Finished projects can be emailed, sent to a blog, burned to a DVD or printed. The possibilities are endless.

## Soungle

<http://soungle.com/>



**Soungle** has over 100,000 royalty free sound effects to use in multimedia projects. There is no need to register and it is extremely user friendly.

## Youngzine

<http://www.youngzine.com/>



**Youngzine** is an online magazine about current events written just for students 8 to 15 years old. The magazine was started in response to a need to create global awareness for our children in a safe and moderated environment. Youngzine offers teachers the opportunity to set up student accounts.

## Merry Christmas Around the World

Afrikaner (Afrikaans) ~ "Geseënde Kersfees"  
Argentine ~ "Felices Pascuas"  
Bohemian ~ "Vesele Vanoce"  
Brazilian ~ "Boas Festas"  
Chinese (Cantonese) ~ "Saint Dan Fai Lok"  
Danish ~ "Glædelig Jul"  
Dutch ~ "Vrolijk Kerstfeest"  
English ~ "Merry Christmas"  
Filipino ~ "Maligayang Pasko"  
Finnish ~ "Hyvaa Joulua"  
French ~ "Joyeux Noël"  
German ~ "Froehliche Weihnachten"  
Greek ~ "Kala Christouyenna"  
Hawaiian ~ "Mele Kalikimaka"  
Hebrew ~ "Mo'adim Lesimkha"  
Icelandic ~ "Gledileg Jol"



Indonesian ~ "Selamat Hari Natal"  
Irish ~ "Nollaig Shona Dhuit"  
Italian ~ "Buone Feste Natalizie"  
Japanese ~ "Kurisumasu Omedeto"  
Korean ~ "Sung Tan Chuk Ha"  
Lithuanian ~ "Linksmu Kaledu"  
Malay ~ "Selamat Hari Natal"  
Maori ~ "Meri Kirihimete"  
Norwegian ~ "God Jul" - [Jul i Norge](#)  
Romanian ~ "Craciun Fericit"  
Peruvian ~ "Felices Fiestas"  
Portugese ~ "Boas Festas"  
Slovakian ~ "Vesele Vianoce"  
Spanish ~ "Feliz Navidad" - [Cyber Navidad](#)  
Swedish ~ "God Jul" - [Jul i Sverige](#)  
Welsh ~ "Nadolig Llawn"



# History of the Christmas Tree

**Christmas Trees** have a long and exciting history. During the pre-Christian era, people and tribes often had holy groves and trees where they sacrificed to the gods. The trees were most often oak or ash, and they symbolized a connection between heaven and earth. Similar ideas are found in the Old Testament - trees symbolized wisdom and life.

The Christmas tree is a strong symbol of Christmas. It serves as the family's center of attention. In fact, it is the center of most Christmas ceremonies all over the world. Christmas is about traditions and memories, and symmetric and beautifully decorated Christmas trees are something that the entire family will always value and remember. Every year, between 25 and 30 million Americans celebrate Christmas with Christmas trees, thus, the scent of a freshly cut Christmas tree enlivens the Christmas spirit among most Americans.

In 16th-century Germany fir trees were decorated, both indoors and out, with apples, roses, gilded candies, and colored paper. In the Middle Ages, a popular religious play depicted the story of Adam and Eve's expulsion from the Garden of Eden. A fir tree hung with apples was used to symbolize the Garden of Eden -- the Paradise Tree. The play ended with the prophecy of a savior coming, and so was often performed during the Advent season.

The Christmas Tree was brought to England by Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert from his native Germany. The famous *Illustrated News* etching in 1848, featuring the Royal Family of Victoria, Albert and their children gathered around a Christmas tree in Windsor Castle, popularized the tree throughout Victorian England.

Brought to America by the Pennsylvania Germans, the Christmas tree became popular in the United States during the middle of the 18th century. An image of the English royal family standing in front of a Christmas tree was copied and brought to the USA in 1850. This resulted in the American upper classes embracing the Christmas tree. In the following decades, the tradition of Christmas trees in living rooms became popular among the rest of the population.

In the early days, Germany dominated the market of Christmas decorations. The most popular items were hand-blown glass balls and later, also silk threads, angels, and butterfly wings. Not until the beginning of the 1940's did the United States enter the market for Christmas tree decorations. One of the reasons for this was that an American company succeeded in producing 2,000 Christmas balls per minute on a specially designed machine. In 1973, mass production really took over when the company, Hallmark, published a wide variety of Christmas products for Christmas trees.

Today, decorations for Christmas trees vary from family to family, and from country to country. In the United States, Santa Claus is frequently used as decoration; the same is the case with candy, fruit, animals, and artificial snowflakes.

In the United States, the lighting of the National Christmas Tree has become a major event. The tree is located south of the White House in Washington D.C. In fact, it has already become an important symbol for the nation for many years now.



## Did you know that...

- ▲ Christmas trees have been selling commercially in the United States since the 1950's.
- ▲ With 3,000 Christmas lights, a towering Eucalyptus tree, 80 meters (262 ft) tall, became the tallest ever Christmas tree in the world. This record was set in Tasmania in 1999.
- ▲ Thomas Edison's assistant, Edward Johnson, came up with the idea of electric lights for Christmas trees in 1882.
- ▲ In the first week, a tree in your home will consume as much as a quart of water per day.
- ▲ There are over 10,000 cut-your-own farms for Christmas trees in the United States alone.



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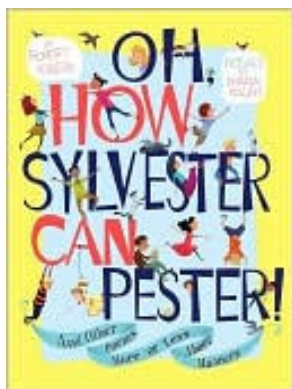
The purpose of our Library Newsletter is to further the mission and goals of the library which are to:

- ☺ Cultivate a Love of Reading
- ☺ Provide for students and faculty a broad range of quality and reliable resources
- ☺ Ensure that all students become effective users of information
- ☺ Encourage all students to become lifelong learners.

If you have any suggestions for the library staff please let me know. Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. I hope you will find this and future issues helpful.



## Book Review



### Synopsis & Review

This neatly crafted collection of etiquette poems covers all the traditional juvenile sins: interrupting ("When someone is speaking—a grown-up, let's say—/ can you interrupt? In general, no way"); talking during movies ("There ought to be armies of top-notch, trained boopers/ protesting those loudmouths disturbing us viewers"); and chewing with one's mouth full. Kozjan's manners-minders are both diverse and retro; there's a distinctly Hilary Knight feel to his bespectacled, necktie-wearing dads. Oddly, the real manners problems of the day—cellphones and texting—go unmentioned. Nevertheless, it's a sterling performance.

Oh How Sylvester Can Pester Publishers Weekly

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Interest Level: Lower Grade  
Reading Level: 4.2  
Points: 0.5

