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New Titles

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Favorite Movie
I love scary movies so I have the black and white original Night of the Living Dead on repeat most of the year.

Favorite thing about working at NPL
There’s not just one favorite thing! I love the staff and how we work as a team! I love seeing all the kiddos that come in and how excited they are about books, programs, etc. And best of all, I love making a difference, even if it’s just helping to find a book for someone’s book report!

Hobbies
Drawing, Painting, Ceramics
Books you’ve illustrated
Frank E. Stein and the Missing Halloween Costume
Norbit and the Search for the Sun
Tristan and the Wise Little Dragon
(more to come!)

Favorite Book
The Shining by Stephen King (still scares me)
Favorite children’s book
Too many to list! All the ones I order for our department 😊
Favorite artist
This one is too hard… Living: James Jean, Rebecca Green, Teagan White, Sally Mann
Nonliving: John William Waterhouse, N.C. Wyeth, Henri Cartier Bresson
Favorite thing about Natchitoches
Our small town hospitality
Favorite Christmas memory
Trying to catch Santa with my little brother, Ian. We failed every mission.
Favorite Christmas gift you’ve given or gotten
My first Digital SLR camera! It was a Canon Rebel XT and I cherished it for years!
Favorite television show
It’s a tie between The Walking Dead and Game of Thrones!

Christmas Cookbooks

The pioneer woman cooks: Dinnertime: comfort classics, freezer food, 16-minute meals, and other delicious ways to solve supper! by #1 bestselling author and Food Network personality, Ree Drummond. She at last answers that age-old question— “What’s for Dinner?”—bringing together more than 125 simple, scrumptious, step-by-step recipes for delicious dinners the whole family will love.

Christmas with Southern Living 2015: the ultimate guide to holiday cooking & decorating, offers recipes for meals, treats, and baked goods for gift giving and holiday entertaining, along with seasonal decorating ideas, including festive centerpieces, mantles, and wreaths.

South your mouth: tried & true Southern recipes by Mandy Rivers, who is the epitome of southern cooking! South Your Mouth recipes are easy to follow and turn out perfectly every time. They are good enough for Sunday dinner and easy.

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