Have a Merry Motion Picture!

Some of you may have attended “Creature Feature Under the Stars,” our first outdoor movie experience, in October. With over 200 people in attendance, we consider it a great success! Patrons enjoyed free popcorn and punch, and we enjoyed our patrons’ excitement!

With all the positive feedback and requests to do it again, the NPL is happy to announce “Merry Motion Picture,” our second outdoor movie! We will be showing “Elf” on December 16th at 7pm on the hill behind First Baptist Church (308 Second St.), across from the NPL. We will again be providing free punch and popcorn, and ask that our patrons bring their own chairs and blankets for seating.

Invite a friend, bring some extra blankets, and get into the spirit of the holiday season together at your local library! Don’t miss this chance to see “Elf” on the big screen (it’s over 12 FEET WIDE GUYS)!

In the event of inclement weather, we will reschedule the showing. Be sure to follow us on Facebook and mark your attendance to the event to receive any updates we post.

There was a great turn-out for our first outdoor movie, the popcorn was VERY popular, and the screen was HUGE!
Quilting and Craft Club at the NEB

Rachel Shaddock, Genevieve Mathews, Clara Silvie, and Jewel Phillip are shown at work on the Campti Museum Quilter's latest project.

Patrons and visitors to the Natchitoches Parish Library Northeast Branch in Campti are enjoying the new Quilt Exhibit which will be on display through the end of February, 2017. The exhibit consists of quilts created by members of the Campti Museum community. Present group members who collectively have over 120 years of quilting experience include: Genevieve Mathews, Jewel Phillip, Clara M. Silvie, and Rachel Shaddock. They enjoy the friendship, the quilting process, and sharing the activity with others who visit the museum. Visitors often comment on revived memories and connections to the past after watching this group creating quilts. The group is a non-profit organization which uses proceeds from the sale of quilts to support the Campti Museum. Their quilts have also been sent to St. Jude’s Hospital.

The Northeast Branch Library exhibit includes quilts with block patterns which hold historical significance. Ozella McDaniel Williams, an African American quilter, in an interview with historian Jacqueline Tobin in 1994 stated that the patterns contain codes used by escaping slaves traversing the Underground Railroad. A copy of the book which retells this story, Hidden in Plain View: A Secret Story of Quilts and the Underground Railroad is available at the Northeast Branch. Patrons may also enjoy Underground Railroad Sampler by Eleanor Burns and Sue Bouchard. The Oprah Book Club 2016 selection, The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead is also available to checkout as a book or as an audiobook on CD.

Patrons interested in learning how to quilt may sign up to join the NEB Library Craft Club which will hold its first meeting on January 9, 2017 at 10:00am. Members will create a small quilting project for their first craft. For more information, contact Geneva Walker at 318-476-3280.
Hello readers, Joey Matheson here! During the day, I work at the Natchitoches Parish Library, and by night I am a member of the Shreveport-Bossier Astronomical Society. I will be starting a new monthly article focusing on the subject of Astronomy.

I realized a long time ago that there are other people interested in the subject of astronomy, or “what’s that up there?” Being an amateur astronomer, or “star gazer,” I have had many people ask when different astronomical events would be taking place in our portion of the night sky.

So, I welcome you to this new article that I hope will eclipse (haha) all others! During the month of December, the winter constellations visible to us will be: Orion, the Hunter; Canis Major; and the Dog Star, Lepus. Many things I’ll be referring to are objects or events that WILL NOT require large or expensive equipment. What you WILL need is your interest in astronomy!

Two things that might keep us from enjoying the night sky are: 1) City light pollution and 2) Louisiana weather. The running joke is “Give it a couple of hours and it will change.” So what can we do about this? Go out of town for one, and wait on the other.

Here are some of the events we have coming up in the December’s night sky:

- The planet Venus will be visible on December 10th, 30 minutes after sunset, looking southwest. Also, low towards the horizon in twilight is the planet Mercury.
- We also have a meteor watch coming up December 22. Looking north, the radiant point (the point at which they seem to spread out from) is Ursa Minor; or you can look for the North Star, Polaris.
- And as always, our beautiful moon will be moving through its phases.

November had an interesting event in the Super Moon, or Hunter’s Moon. At different times, the moon may appear to be larger than others for two reasons: 1) The moon, being in an elliptic orbit, is at times closer to the earth than others, varying by thousands of miles! 2) When a full moon comes over the horizon, it can appear very large do to the 150-160 miles of atmosphere that can have a magnifying effect.

If you have an interest in astronomy, please come by the Natchitoches Parish Library and introduce yourself! I am hoping to meet new people, students, and families who are fellow “star gazers!”
394.2 CLE—The Spirit of Christmas Past, Linda Clements.

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Mulled Wine
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1 lemon, 4 whole cloves, 1pt (600ml) red wine, 3oz (85g) soft brown sugar, 4in (10cm) cinnamon stick, 1/4pt (150ml) brandy.

Push the cloves into the lemon and put into a saucepan with the wine, sugar, and cinnamon. Heat to simmering point, cover and simmer (do not boil) for two to four minutes. Remove from the heat, add the brandy, strain the drink, and serve hot.

Cinnamon-Apple-Bourbon Bread Pudding
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Recipe:

Ingredients:

Instructions:

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