



Thoughts From Tina...

By Tina Dalton, Director

For almost 150 years, the Cuba Circulating Library has served the Cuba community. Our mission, to serve the informational, cultural, and recreational needs of the public, is met through the hard work of our wonderful employees. This past year, Senior Library Clerk Nancy Robinson celebrated 40 years as an employee of the Cuba Circulating Library. Nancy began working at the library in 1978, when she was hired by library director Karen Rettig. Over the past four decades, Nancy has

become a staple of the library. She knows almost everyone who comes through the door and greets them with a friendly welcome. Anytime a question comes up about Cuba's history, Nancy is the one with the answer. She manages the memorial donations with grace and thoughtfulness. We wish to recognize Nancy's achievement and significant anniversary of her employment with us. She is a valued member of our



community and her contributions are important to our success. Thank you, Nancy, for your many years of service!

Chat With Cherilyn...

By Cherilyn Wise, Youth Services Coordinator



Storytimes for all ages have been very active. The "Humpty Dumpty" group, looked at O and B for weekly letters. We decorated a felt tree

together and made individual mini-trees to take home. Lap sit read some fun and silly books, decorated the felt tree, and made individual mini-trees to take home. The After School Explorers group spent two weeks getting familiar with the STEAM Toys (Sphero, Osmo, and Snap Circuits). They really enjoyed them and I'm looking forward to building on them in the upcoming months. We took a break from robots for Christmas. We read the Polar Express, made Christmas trees, and talked about holiday traditions.

Tweens had STEAM and Cooking Clubs. For STEAM, we started getting to know the STEAM

toys (Sphero, Osmo, and Snap Circuits) and we will be taking them a step further in January. Cooking Club decorated Christmas cookies. I am working on new ideas for **teen** programming, so if anyone has any suggestions I would love to hear them. I am working on developing an Escape Room for the teens to do, most likely over the February break.

Courtney Lasher's **BOCES class** visited once. We read two Christmas themed books and sang a few songs together. Melody Klotz's morning and afternoon **pre-k classes** visited once. We read Christmas books, sang songs, and made a Christmas craft together.

After reading about a **mobile app** called Novel Effect, I signed up to be a beta tester for the Android version. (Our iPads are too old to support it and I don't own any iOS devices personally.) The premise of the app is that, through voice recognition, it

provides a soundtrack and sound effects to accompany many popular children's titles. Once the app is started, you can set your device aside and read aloud as your



normally would. I read The Polar Express to the after school group and The Night Before Christmas to the 3 and 4 year old group. I enjoy the app but I think the Christmas titles were rushed as I did not enjoy the soundtrack or sound effects as much as I enjoyed the effects in The Tale of Peter Rabbit. (It sneezed when Peter sneezed and scritch-scratched while Mr. McGregor raked!) I look forward to finding a few more titles that are high quality to incorporate into storytimes. Not every week, of course, but for something different.



New Books

FICTION

Sarah Bailey, [Into the Night](#)
 Oyinkan Braithwaite, [My Sister the Serial Killer](#)
 Laura Childs, [Eggs on Ice](#)
 Robin Cook, [Pandemic](#)
 Fiona Cummins, [The Collector](#)
 Ryan Dietzen, [Murder Most Garlic](#)
 Shelly Shepherd Gay, [A Christmas Bride in Pinecraft](#)
 W.E.B. Griffin, [The Enemy of My Enemy](#)
 Robin Lee Hatcher, [Who I Am With You](#)
 Nancy Holder, [Big Dam Hero](#)
 Catherine Ryan Hyde, [Just After Midnight](#)
 Kelly Lane, [Cold Pressed Murder](#)
 Kelly Lane, [Dipped to Death](#)
 George R.R. Martin, [Fire & Blood](#)
 Val McDermid, [Broken Ground](#)
 Brenda Novak, [Before We Were Strangers](#)
 Nora Roberts, [Of Blood and Bone](#)
 Michael Robotham, [The Other Wife](#)
 Diana Setterfield, [Once Upon a River](#)
 M.B. Shaw, [Murder at the Mill](#)

PAPERBACK FICTION

Mary Balogh, [Someone to Trust](#)
 Elizabeth Hoyt, [Not the Duke's Darling](#)
 Janna MacGregor, [The Good, the Bad, and the Duke](#)

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Liana Finck, [Passing for Human](#)
 Andrew Rostan, [Form of a Question](#)

AUDIOBOOKS

Lee Child, [Past Tense](#)
 Mary Higgins Clark, [You Don't Own Me](#)
 Beth Macy, [Dopesick](#)
 Liane Moriarty, [Nine Perfect Strangers](#)
 James Patterson, [Target: Alex Cross](#)
 Bob Woodward, [Fear: Trump in the White House](#)

LARGE PRINT

Keith O'Brien, [Fly Girls](#)
 Diana Palmer, [Wyoming Rugged](#)
 Tracey Peterson, [The House on Windridge](#)
 Jodi Picoult, [A Spark of Light](#)

NONFICTION

Aaron Chimmel, [Why I'm A Journalist](#)
 Karen Clayton, [Demystifying Hospice](#)
 DK, [Travel Guide: New York City](#)
 Casey Gerald, [There Will Be No Miracles Here](#)
 Amy Herzog, [Ultimate Sweater Book](#)
 Phil Hudgins, [Travels With Foxfire](#)
 Chris Impey, [Einstein's Monsters](#)
 Torill Kornfeldt, [The Re-origin of the Species](#)

Lao-Tzu, [Tao Te Ching](#)
 Tilar Mazzeo, [Eliza Hamilton](#)
 Chris McGreal, [American Overdose](#)
 Elaine Pagels, [Why Religion?](#)
 Akhtar Purvez, [Managing Chronic Pain](#)
 Jacy Reese, [The End of Animal Farming](#)
 Peter Sagal, [The Incomplete Book of Running](#)
 Samuel Schwartz, [No One at the Wheel](#)
 Sarah Smarsh, [Heartland](#)
 Spoon University, [How to Feed Yourself](#)
 Linda Stroh, [Getting Real About Getting Older](#)
 Haemin Sunim, [Love For Imperfect Things](#)
 Stephan Talty, [Saving Bravo](#)
 Markus Torgeby, [The Runner](#)
 Jonathan Walton, [A Lens of Love](#)

Memorials For December...

Memorials were received in honor of RoseAnn Botens by Larry Dye, Ruth Davis by Pat Drake, Caroline Dye by Andrew and Mary Lindquist, and Fred Goldthwait by Linda Rix & the Cuba-Rushford Retired Teachers.

Donations were received from Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hollis and Lona Edwards.

Book Discussion Club:

The Page Turners will meet January 9th at 1:30 p.m., when they will discuss *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate.

Book Display:

The main book display for this month is *Staff Picks*.

Upcoming Programs:

Jan 15 @ 6:30 p.m. Fake News
 Jan. 23 @ 6:30 p.m. Paper Beads
 Jan. 24 @ 6:30 p.m. Grown-Up Gaming
 Jan. 29 @ 6:30 p.m. Keeping it Off: Maintaining a Healthy Weight