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Season's Greetings from Elvin Hill. Our wish for you is a happy & safe season from the faculty & staff of our school.

Congratulations are in order for Steven Kearley, our Teacher of the Year, and Ms. Geneva, from our lunchroom, who is Support Person of the Year. We also want to congratulate and give our best wishes to the Community Education, Dream Makers Dancers, Travel Team, who after extensive auditions, were invited to represent the State of Alabama at the Out Back Bowl half-time show, in Tampa, Florida in January of 2012.

Thank you to the Dream Makers dancers, twirlers, and singers, who performed an outstanding high energy pre-parade performance in town. Also, a big clap for the students who

participated on other floats in the parade such as sports, choir, cheerleaders, Scouts, and church organizations. We want to thank Mrs. Mayfield for inviting us to be a part of such a magical night.

Parents, remember we have a Santa Shop, where your children can shop, make decisions, and purchase affordable gifts, from Dec. 5th – 9th. Our school will welcome James Spann, TV Meteorologist on December 5th.

We have early holiday dismissal on Dec. 20th, at 12:40.

Remember that Elvin Hill Elementary School empowers our students to become life-long learners. Happy Holidays from our students, faculty, and staff to each of you.

**Christmas
Parade
December 1st
Theme:
Christmas
Gatherings in
Columbiana
For info contact:
Ouida Mayfield
669-7813**

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December's Drug Free Message

Only 14.4% of 6th-12th grade Shelby County students that use illicit drugs reported that their parents talk with them a lot about the problems of using these substances. Your children are listening: Let them know every day you expect them to be drug-free.

For more information, please visit www.shelbycountdrugfreecoalition.org.

The Shelby County Drug Free Coalition provides the drug free message each month. The Coalition is a program of Family Connection made up of volunteers who are concerned about and want to reduce alcohol, tobacco and other drug use among our youth. Representatives from law enforcement, health agencies, businesses, church and civic groups and Shelby County Schools are part of the Coalition.

DRUG FREE MESSAGE

NOVEMBER YARD OF THE MONTH

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Arts Council
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2nd Annual Director's Invitational Art Exhibit

The Shelby County Arts Council is proud to host the Director's Invitational Art Exhibit. This exhibit features artwork by the Shelby County Board of Education – Art Educators. The artwork presented will be in a variety of media.

Each year the Arts Council features the works of our area public school art educators as a tribute to the work they do every day in the classroom. Art Educators nurture the creative spirit of the children of Shelby County. Each day they strive to uphold the position of the State of Alabama's Department of Education on Art Programs: "The languages of the arts are universal and elemental parts of the human experience. Arts education is a fundamental component of the complete education of every Alabama student. Through participation in a quality comprehensive arts education



program, students engage in a variety of activities that address multiple learning styles, cultivate multiple intelligences, develop higher-order thinking skills, and generate self-esteem and positive emotional responses to learning". (Alabama Course of Study: Arts Education)

We consider it an honor to celebrate the talent of the Art Educators in Shelby County for their commitment to educating our children. We invite the public to visit the gallery during regular gallery hours.

Visit us online at www.shelbycountyartscouncil.com

For more information on participating Artists visit our website www.shelbycountyartscouncil.com or call our office (205) 669-0044.

Upcoming Classes December 2011

Visit us on facebook: www.facebook.com/shelby.arts.council

Espresso Yourself Workshops: Faceless Angel

- ▶ Complete a beautiful acrylic painting of a faceless angel in just one class!
- ▶ All materials provided! Just come, relax, and paint!

Thursday, December 1, 2011 - 6pm - 9pm

Price \$35 (supplies included)

Class limited to 12 students.

Instructor: Susan Gordon

Location: Shelby County Arts Council Studio
Mildred Street, Columbiana

Please note: There is a \$25 Registration fee per student per year for all classes offered by the Shelby County Arts Council.

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Christmas Gatherings in Columbiana

The Columbiana Beautification Board will present its 2011 Christmas Tour of Homes on Saturday, December 3, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

This year's tour will include a variety of home styles and features that reflect the personalities of their owners. Corley and Julie Ellis will again open their home now in the second stage of restoration. Visitors will see the progress that has been made and have their interest piqued to see the completed project. At the home of Zack and Brandi Kellis, visitors will enjoy the beautiful 25-mile view across hillsides. Other hosts of featured homes are Cindy Kelly, Milton and Joan Pointer, and Richard and Leigh Williams. Tour participants will enjoy warm and inviting spaces, rooms decorated in bright and bold palettes, and unique decor finds such as the old Avondale Post Office and a daughter's Rapunzel balcony. Tour co-chairman Ouida Mayfield said, "I am very excited about the homes that are on the tour this year and believe this will be a marvelous experience for those attending. This will be a great kickoff for the Holiday Season." Each year the Beautification Board is proud to present some of the most beautiful homes in Columbiana. All proceeds from the event are used for Beautification Board projects for the City.

Tour tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door of any of the tour locations on the day of the tour. Advance tickets are on sale at the following locations: Dr. Stancil Handley's office, Busy Hands Framing and Gifts, and Anita's Creations.

For more information about the Tour of Homes, please contact tour co-chairmen Ouida Mayfield (669-7813) or Dr. Stancil Handley (669-4131).

The Columbiana Christmas Parade will be on Thursday, December 1, at 7:00 pm. The parade theme will also be "Christmas Gatherings in Columbiana."

AUTUMN CAREGIVING TIP 5

As the trees around us explode in vibrant colors, we are reminded that the seasons are changing. The change is gradual at first and we often try to pretend things are just the same as they were in the previous season. Terms like "Indian Summer" often make sentiments like this more palatable. But seasons do change, and even Indian Summer gives way to cooler temperatures for longer periods of time. Finally, we give in and admit that winter is upon us.

Our lives are much like this. Changes can invade our lives, our routine, everything we deem precious and untouchable. At first we can pretend they are not really there, focus in other directions, and postpone our perceptions. But inevitably, as we all have experienced, the time comes when we have to admit certain changes have taken place. Acceptance gives way to new perspectives and often we find ourselves adjusting in ways we had not envisioned. As autumn continues to lead us to winter, remember that we will weather the change together with the help of family and friends.

Columbiana Health and Rehabilitation is a 63-bed skilled nursing facility located on Hwy. 25 in Columbiana. The facility provides residents with access to extensively trained professionals in nursing care, physical, occupational and speech therapies. For more information, call Kay Sertell Wheless at (205) 669-1712.



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WHAT IS THE **YELLOW DOT** PROGRAM?

The Yellow Dot Program was created to assist citizen during automobile accidents when they might not be able to communicate for themselves. Four (4) items are needed: A photo, a Completed Information Form, A Yellow Dot Decal and a Yellow Dot Folder. This is a FREE program geared primarily toward senior citizens, but anyone may participate. The Yellow Dot is placed in the rear window of your vehicle to alert all First Responders to the vital information in your glove compartment. This will help to ensure that you receive the medical attention you need during the first 'Golden Hour' after a crash or other emergency involving your vehicle.

For more information call Shelby County RSVP (205)669-3837

Where to Sign Up In Columbiana: Shelby County RSVP 669-3837 Craig Dorris, State Farm 669-6706

Scrapbooking in January

Scrapbooking & Craft Group News

The Scrapbooking & Craft Group of Columbiana / CUMC does not meet in December, due to the Christmas holidays, but we will kick off our 2012 schedule on January 27th and 28th.

We hope you will make your plans to join us. For more information please contact Kathy Corbitt at 669-0346 or kathycorbitt@aol.com.

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Columbiana Friends of the Library

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Tues. Dec. 13th – 1 p.m. – Join us for our monthly Friends of the Library meeting and help plan programs that will raise awareness of our wonderful library!

Santa Claus is Comin' To Town

Sat. Dec. 17th-10am-12pm- Don't miss your chance to tell Santa how good you've been. Mrs. Claus will be there, too. She has some stories to share that I know you won't want to miss.

Adult Knitting Classes

Every Tuesday from 10 until noon

Join the Loose Stitches Knitting group as we knit for charity, share patterns and fellowship! We also encourage those of you who crochet to join us!

Letter from the Director

By Laurie Hackney

We have been a very good library this year, and we are hoping to get everything on our Christmas list. That's right; we have a Christmas list for the library!

This holiday season, our library Christmas tree will be decorated with ornaments that represent items on our Christmas list. Will

Pre-school Storytimes with Ms. Jennie

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6th – "Now, That's a Big Animal"

13th – "Once Upon a Time"

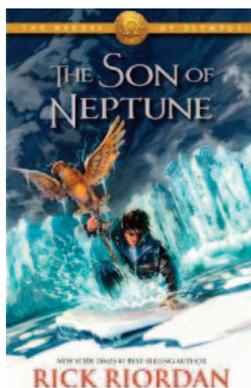
20th – "Santa's Elves"

27th – "Happy New Year!"

you be our Santa Claus? Come by the library and select an ornament from the tree. Buy that book or movie, wrap it up, and bring it back to the library to place under our tree. You don't have to buy from the list. We welcome any gift. Just wrap it up and put it under our tree. It feels so good to give. Happy Holidays from all of your favorite library ladies!

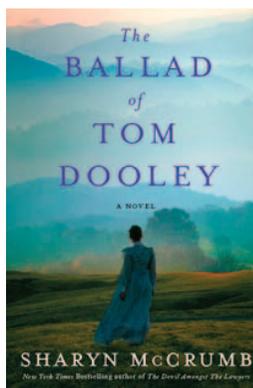
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by Rick Riordan



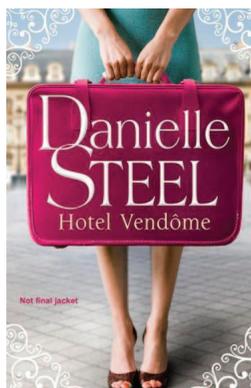
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by Sharyn McCrumb



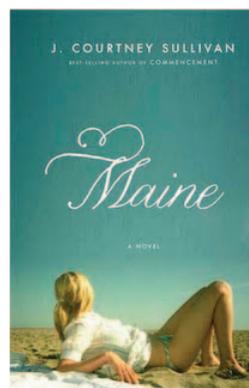
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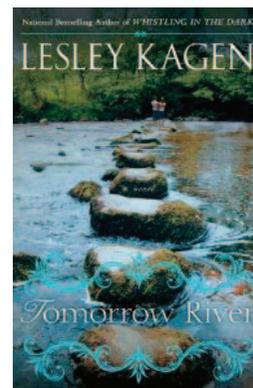
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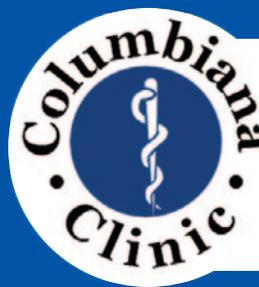
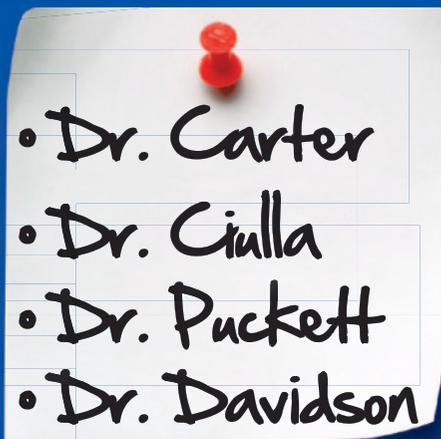


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Tomorrow River
by: Lesley Kagen



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