

**CHILLIWACK  
RESOURCE CENTRE WILL  
BE CLOSED FOR THE HOLI-  
DAYS FROM  
DECEMBER 20th  
UNTIL  
JANUARY 6th, 2014**

## NEWSLETTER



**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND  
A HAPPY AND  
PROSPEROUS  
NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!**

**From the Volunteers of  
Chilliwack Resource Centre.**

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### *HISTORY OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE*



In the 7th century a monk from Devonshire, England went to Germany to teach the Word of God. Legend has it that he used the triangular shape of the Fir Tree to describe the Holy Trinity of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The people began to revere the Fir tree as God's Tree.

By the 12th century it was being hung, upside-down, from ceilings at Christmastime in Central Europe, as a symbol of Christianity.

The first decorated tree was in Latvia, in 1510, when, Martin Luther is said to have decorated a small Christmas Tree with candles, to show his children how the stars twinkled through the dark night.

The early trees were biblically symbolic of the Paradise Tree in the Garden of Eden. They were decorated with food items which were symbols of **Plenty**, and flowers, which originally were red for **Knowledge** and **White** for Innocence.

The decorations later evolved to Tinsels, silver wire ornaments, candles and small beads. All these have been manufactured in Germany and East Europe since the 17th century.

Originally the custom was to have several small trees on tables, one for each member of the family, with that person's gifts stacked on the table under the tree.

The Christmas Tree first came to England with the Georgian Kings who came from Germany.

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## Chilliwack Resource Centre

46240 Yale Road Unit 3  
Chilliwack, B.C. V2P 2P3  
Phone/Fax: 604-702-9595

**Income Tax Returns prepared and filed**

**By donation**

We provide confidential and individual attention in a  
supportive and friendly environment.

We believe in helping each individual access information and services they  
need to make their lives better.

**Office hours:**

**Monday to Thursday from 9am to 1pm**



**Our Sponsors**

- The United Way of the Fraser Valley
- Van City Credit Union
- Coast Capital Savings
- Fraser Health Authority
- Chilliwack Foundation
- Win Resources Inc
- Valley Women's Network
- The Chilliwack Lions Club

**Thank You**

**Soup Kitchens**

- December 7th  
Chilliwack United Church  
45835 Spadina Avenue,
- December 14th  
St. Thomas Anglican Church,  
46048 Gore Street,
- December 21st  
Christ Lutheran Church,  
9460 Charles Street,
- December 28th  
Cooke's Presbyterian Church,  
45825 Wellington Avenue,

**Local Meals**

- ✦ **Ruth & Naomi's Ministries**  
Tuesday through Saturday - 6:30 to 9:00 pm 604-795-2322  
Sunday Only-6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- ✦ **Salvation Army Soup Kitchen / Food Bank**  
45746 Yale Road, Chilliwack  
Monday to Friday 12:00 to 1:00  
By appointment:  
✦ 604-792-0001

**Christmas Cheer** Thursday, Dec 5th—2:00pm-4:00pm

*Chilliwack Library* — Join members of the Chilliwack Harmony Chorus as they celebrate the season-barbershop style! Adults and seniors are invited for hot apple cider, holiday goodies and an enjoyable hour of Christmas Music.

**Jingle Time Christmas Special** Tuesday, Dec 17th—3:30pm-4:30pm—*Chilliwack Library*

— Ring in the festive season with this Christmas themed program. Join library staff as they celebrate the holiday season. Everyone is welcome.

**Conversation Circles** Monday, Dec 23rd — 7:00pm-8:30pm

*Chilliwack Library* — Are you an adult trying to improve your spoken English? Would you like to meet new friends in the community? Chilliwack Library in partnership with Chilliwack Community Services is hosting a free, drop in Conversation Circle. Contact the library at 604-792-1941 for more information.

**Games Night (Teens)** Thursday, Dec 12th — 5:00pm-8:30pm

*Chilliwack Library* — Join us for a great evening of board and card games, including Apples to Apples, Escalation, Zombie Brains and more! For more information, email Susan at [sjbarclay@telus.net](mailto:sjbarclay@telus.net).

**How's That Made? (Teens)** Thursday, Dec 5th — 6:30pm- 8:30pm—*Chilliwack Library*

— Registration required for this program. Due to the level of skill and attention required for the craft classes, registration is limited to youth in Grade 7 or higher. For more information, email Susan at [sjbarclay@telus.net](mailto:sjbarclay@telus.net) or call 604-799-0624. You can also visit her blog at [swiftcraftymonkey.blogspot.com](http://swiftcraftymonkey.blogspot.com) for updates on classes and copies of handouts

**How's That Made Christmas Extravaganza (Teens)** Thursday, Dec 19th — 5:30pm-8:30pm — *Chilliwack Library* —Registration required for this program. Join Susan Barclay from Community Services for a Crafty Christmas Extravaganza! Due to the level of skill and attention required for the craft class, registration is limited to youth in grade 7 or higher.

**Rated T for Teen** Saturday, Dec 28th — 1:30pm-4:30pm

*Chilliwack Library* — With Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros. Brawl, Rock Band, Wii Sports, Animal Crossing, retro-gaming on the Dreamcast, and the One Quarter Challenge, you bring your "A" Game and we bring the rest. Bring your Nintendo DS for portable multiplayer mayhem. For more information, email Raymond at [raynichols@telus.net](mailto:raynichols@telus.net), call 604-793-7238 or search for "Rated T for Teen" on Facebook to join our group and get updates!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Would you like to help an adult meet a learning goal??

Tutors are needed to assist adult learners with a variety of needs: English as a Second Language, basic technology skills, reading, writing or math. Learners come from all walks of life and range in age from 19 to 80+. If you are patient, flexible, have a sense of humour and a desire to help others achieve their goals, then consider becoming a volunteer for **Outreach Worker for Literacy (OWL)**.

**Free Training**

OWL provides free training which will take place this Fall, dates and times to be determined. For more information contact program coordinator Marci Bulloch at [marcib@chilliwacklearning.com](mailto:marcib@chilliwacklearning.com)

**Local Thrift Stores**

- **Salvation Army Thrift Store**, 45746 Yale Road, 604-792-0001
- **MCC Thrift Store**, 45775 Kipp Avenue, 604-792-3731
- **Mother Teresa's Place**, 8909 Mary Street 604-795-7110
- **Bibles for Missions Thrift Shop**, 9280 Nowell Street, 604-858-9444
- **Chilliwack Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shoppe**, 9236 Main Street, 604-793-9222
- **The Chilliwack Lions Club Flea Market**, 46293 Yale Road 604-792-3483
- **Thrifty Boutique (Chilliwack Hospice Society)**, 260-45428 Luckakuck Way, 604-846-2226
- **Streethope New and Used**, 8982 Young Road, 604-703-0690

## Cook's Corner

*This is almost a "Must" in your Christmas baking — it is always a great hit with everybody.*

### NANAIMO BARS

#### BASE:

3/4 cup butter or margarine  
1/4 cup sugar  
6 Tbsp. cocoa  
1 egg  
1 tbsp. milk  
1 tsp. vanilla  
2 cups graham cracker crumbs  
1 cup coconut  
1/3 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

#### MIDDLE LAYER:

1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened  
6 Tbsp. milk  
4 Tbsp. custard powder  
4 cups icing sugar

#### TOP LAYER:

8 semisweet or dark chocolate baking squares (8 oz.)  
1 Tbsp. butter



**BASE:** Combine first 6 ingredients in large saucepan. Heat and stir over medium-low heat until mixture is smooth. Remove from heat.

Stir in graham crumbs, coconut, and walnuts. Pack firmly into ungreased 9 x 13" pan. Chill while you prepare the middle layer.

**MIDDLE LAYER:** Beat all 4 ingredients together in medium bowl until smooth. Spread over first layer. Chill for 45 minutes.

**TOP LAYER:** Melt chocolate and butter in a small bowl at 50% power in microwave until completely melted, stirring frequently. Spread fairly evenly over middle layer. Chill for 1 hour, then score chocolate with a sharp knife and return to fridge to chill completely before cutting into bars.

## KIDS — YOU'VE GOTTA LOVE THEM

### THE LITTLE RED WAGON



It was the day after Christmas at St Peter and St Paul's church in Borden, Kent, England. Father John, the vicar, was looking at the nativity scene outside when he noticed the baby Jesus was missing from the figures.

Immediately, Father John's thoughts turned to calling in the local policeman but as he was about to do so, he saw little Nathan with a red wagon, and in the wagon was the figure of the little infant, Jesus.

Father John approached Nathan and asked him, 'Well, Nathan, where did you get the little infant?'

Nathan looked up, smiled and replied, 'I took him from the church.'

'And why did you take him?'

With a sheepish grin, Nathan said, 'Well, Father John, about a week before Christmas I prayed to the Lord Jesus. I told him if he would bring me a red wagon for Christmas, I would give Him a ride around the block in it.'



**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

The Creators behind the songs —While he hasn't created every carol, no man has contributed more to the Christmas music genre than Jonny Marks, who wrote such classics as "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," "A Holly Jolly Christmas," "Silver and Gold," and "Run Rudolph Run." Interestingly, despite writing so many of modern day Christmas classics, Marks didn't even celebrate the holiday because he was Jewish

Because we might only listen to Christmas songs for a short part of the year, they often become some of the most enduring pop songs since they are a lot harder to get burned out on. In fact, the best-selling single of all time, with more than 100 million copies sold worldwide, isn't sung by the Beatles, Michael Jackson or even Justin Beiber, but is instead by Bing Crosby. When you listen to "White Christmas" written by Irving Berlin, though, it's easy to see why it has continued to sell so well throughout the years -Crosby's classic crooning immediately sets the mood for Christmas, even seventy years after it was released.

Christmas in July sounds silly to some, but to many who live in warm climates, it can be fun to at least imagine cool weather and holiday cheer instead of the reality of sweat, sweat and more sweat. That's why a few Christmas carols weren't actually composed during the holiday season, but instead during the peak of summer. "The Christmas Song," better known as "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire," is one such example. Writers Mel Torme and Bob Wells were trying to "stay cool by thinking cool," during the miserably hot summer of 1944. When Bob started writing down things like "Jack Frost nipping at your nose," and "folks dressed up like Eskimos," he didn't realize he was even writing a song, but forty minutes later, the duo had created what was to become the most-performed Christmas song of the last century.

"Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!" is another summertime Christmas song, as creators Sammy Cahn and Jule Styne wrote the song while sweating away in Hollywood during one of the hottest days on record during July of 1945.



Someone has been busy delivering presents — Can you count how many presents there are??



Riddle Corner

1. Why didn't the boy believe the tiger?
2. Chickens rise when the rooster crows, but when do ducks get up?
3. What do teddy bears do when it rains?
4. What happens when it rains cats and dogs?
5. What do you call a crate of ducks?

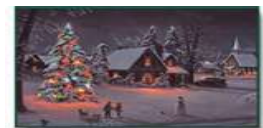
Riddle Answers  
 1. He thought it was a lion.  
 2. At the quack of dawn.  
 3. They get wet.  
 4. You might step in a puddle.



CHILLIWACK LIBRARY

Hours of Operation:

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| Monday    | 10:00 to 9:00 |
| Tuesday   | 10:00 to 9:00 |
| Wednesday | 10:00 to 9:00 |
| Thursday  | 10:00 to 9:00 |
| Friday    | 10:00 to 6:00 |
| Saturday  | 10:00 to 5:00 |
| Sunday    | 1:00 to 5:00  |



Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.

Norman Vincent Peale