

*"Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas...perhaps... means a little bit more!"*  
— Dr. Seuss, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*



# Inklings

Leander Public Library

The library will be closed on  
December 24th, 25th and  
January 1st.  
We will close at 5 pm 📅  
December 31st.  
*Happy Holidays!*

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Connect with us on:



December - 2014



## Winter Wonderland\*



**Saturday, December 6th, 10:00 - 12:00 pm**

Join us for treats, crafts, a show by Three-Legged Willie from the Williamson Museum, a performance from the Leander Middle School Choir and a visit from **SANTA!**



## Deep in the Heart . . . of Reading. Family Winter Reading Club\*



Our family winter reading club is back.

Sign up starting at our **Winter Wonderland** and read 6 hours together as family before January 6<sup>th</sup>. All finishers receive a prize, and are also entered into our grand prize raffle.

Spend the holidays together **Deep In the Heart . . . of Reading.**

**December 6th - January 6th**

For more information please contact: [youthservices@leander.lib.tx.us](mailto:youthservices@leander.lib.tx.us)

## STEAM After School Club\*

Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm

For kindergartners and older

No registration necessary

**Dec 2:** Art with Jones of Art

**Dec 9 :** Ms. Remmler's Science

**Dec 16:** LEGO open build

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## Signs and Stories\*



**December 12th and 19th, 10 am**

Join the Liberty Hill High School ASL club for a children's signing storytime.

## FOOD FOR FINES\*

**November 1st to December 31st.**

**1 canned or boxed item = \$1 in fines.**

**\*does not pertain to lost books.**

**\*WE CANNOT ACCEPT EXPIRED ITEMS**

\* All of these events are free and open to the public, children do not have to live in Leander or have a Leander Library card to participate. For more information: [youthservices@leander.lib.tx.us](mailto:youthservices@leander.lib.tx.us)

Calling all Superheroes!

## Mini Comic-Con

^ FREE family-friendly, all-ages event comin  
Saturday, March 28th  
12-6 pm



With crafts, games, food vendors, workshops, comic book vendors, a costume contest and more!

More details to come; contact Youth Services with questions.



Are you 13-18 years old and need volunteer hours for school or Scouts? We are always looking for dedicated volunteers to help us shelve or assist with special programs.

To volunteer, contact [youthservices@leander.lib.tx.us](mailto:youthservices@leander.lib.tx.us) and ask for an application. Once you have completed the application and have had a parent or guardian sign it, return it to us to start your hours. Note that we will need at least 2 days from receipt of your application to scheduling your first hours, and usually shifts are two hours or less per day.

## TEEN HOLIDAY GAME NIGHT



### Teen Game Night Holiday Event

Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 5-10 pm  
Leander Library Conference Room C

Please RSVP to [gamenight@leander.lib.tx.us](mailto:gamenight@leander.lib.tx.us) by December 18th to sign up. Come join us for an evening of Holiday Magic!

We will be watching holiday themed movies and playing holiday themed games. Also, we will be having our first ever mystery gift exchange.\*

If you have any questions you can email those to [gamenight@leander.lib.tx.us](mailto:gamenight@leander.lib.tx.us) as well or post them to our Leander Teen Game Night Facebook page.

\*If you decide to bring in a present for our mystery exchange (encouraged but not required), the max. amount is \$10 and please wrap it.

\*must be between the ages of 12 and 19 to participate

## Calling all crafters and would-be crafters!

Do you love to make things? Do you find your passion in a ball of yarn, bolt of fabric, or box of beads? Do flea market finds fuel your creative dreams? Do cutting, shaping, designing and decorating bring you joy? If so, then we have the program for you! Starting on January 17<sup>th</sup>, on the third Saturday morning of each month, we'll be discovering and sharing the fun and satisfaction of crafting. From paper crafts and garden decorations to crocheted accessories and jewelry, we have lots of fun ideas. We have some green projects planned using recycled and repurposed materials to enhance our lives and the planet. And we want to know what kinds of crafts you want to explore. We would also love any experienced crafters to share the talents with us – just let us know you're interested! So mark your calendars for **January 17<sup>th</sup>** and join us as we get our craft on!



## How to access your account online:



- Go to



[leander.lib.tx.us](http://leander.lib.tx.us)



**You can :**  
Place/check your requests, save your reading list, check if your items are overdue, renew items and so much more!

## Free Computer Classes



### Computer Class

Tuesday nights 6:15-7:45 PM

**\*NO class December 23rd\***

This month, we will cover all the basics of Microsoft Word 2010. Learn how to make documents like a pro!

### Computer Q & A

Don't need a class but looking for answers?

Sunday afternoons,

Anytime between 3-4:30 PM

Ask questions, get answers!

Our mobile computer lab is made possible  
by a Grant from the Texas Book Festival



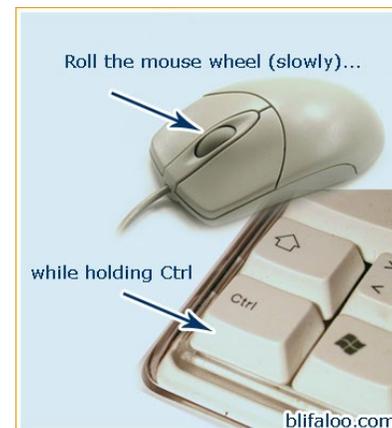
## Quick Computer Tips

Some quick tips to help you become a better computer user and internet surfer:

While holding down the Ctrl button on your keyboard -- rotate the scroll wheel in the middle of your mouse. (see image on right)

On most computers this will magnify / shrink the size of websites.

Rolling the mouse wheel up will make everything bigger, while rolling the mouse wheel down will have the opposite effect.

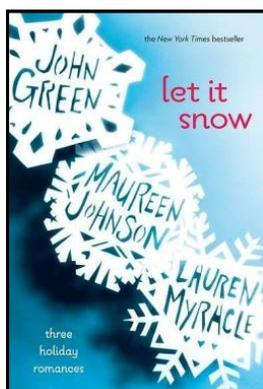


So, next time you are having trouble reading small text on a website, simply hold down control and use the scroll wheel. Very handy -- pass this on to your friends.

-- From Blifaloo's Computer Tips on blifaloo.com --

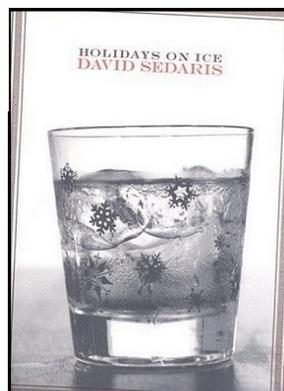
# MERRY CHRISTMAS

curl up with a good book this holiday season



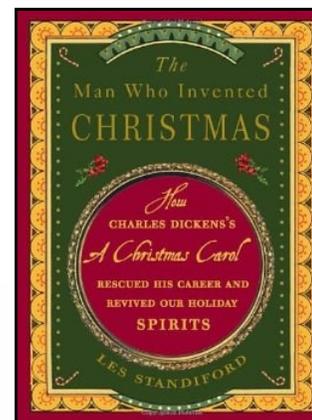
"Tender without being mushy, these carefully crafted stories of believable teen love will leave readers warm inside for the holidays."

—School Library Journal



"A joy to read...Sedaris is a connoisseur of human nature at its worst."

—Christopher Muther, Boston Globe



"A wonderfully absorbing and revealing account, full of things I did not realize about *A Christmas Carol*, Charles Dickens, and the world of publishing."

—Dan Wakefield, author of *New York in the Fifties*

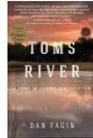


## Award Winning Titles - 2014

**The Pulitzer Prizes:** The Pulitzer Prize is an award for achievements in newspaper and online journalism, literature, and musical composition in the United States. Visit the official Pulitzer Prize site for more information.



*The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt - Fiction*



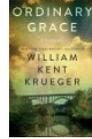
*Toms River by Dan Fagin - Non-fiction*

**Texas Bluebonnet Award:** Texas Bluebonnet Award is a unique program that encourages reading for pleasure and is aimed at students in grades 3-6. Visit the official Texas Bluebonnet Award Home Page for more information.



*Ten rules you absolutely must not break if you want to survive the school bus by John Grandits*

**The Edgars:** Each Spring, Mystery Writers of America present the Edgar® Awards, widely acknowledged to be the most prestigious awards in the genre. Visit the official Edgars Award Home Page for more information



*Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger*

**Coretta Scott King Book Awards:** The Coretta Scott King Book Awards are given annually to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults that demonstrate an appreciation of African American culture and universal human values. Visit the official Coretta Scott King Book Awards Home Page for more information.

Author Winner

*P.S. Be Eleven by Rita Williams-Garcia*

Author Honor

*Darius & Twig by Walter Dean Myers*

*Words with Wings by Nikki Grimes*

Illustrator Winner

*Knock Knock: My Dad's Dream for Me by Bryan Collier*

Illustrator Honor:

*Nelson Mandela by Kadir Nelson*



## Programs &



**Special Needs Support Group:** If you have a family member with special needs, the Special Needs Support Group is here for you on the first Friday of each month from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Storytime Room. All ages welcome. Contact Debbie at [info@internationalautismministry.com](mailto:info@internationalautismministry.com) for more information.

**ESL:** Mondays & Fridays from 10:00am-12:00 pm and Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 9:15-2:00pm. For more information, please contact Mary at [mary.hengstebeck@gmail.com](mailto:mary.hengstebeck@gmail.com).

**Writer's Guild:** December 23st, 7:00 p.m. \*

**Zumba Fitness:** Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room C. \*

**GED Classes:** Thursdays from 6:15 to 8:45 p.m. For those 17 years and older who need to study for the GED exam. One-time \$20 registration fee. Register at any class. For more information: [adonovan@leander.lib.tx.us](mailto:adonovan@leander.lib.tx.us)



**HitMaker Music School Storytime with Mr. Mike :**

Mondays at 9:30 a.m.  HitMakerMusicSchool



**Baby & Me with Cindy:** Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. (no Baby & Me on Dec.23th, 26th, 30th and Jan.2nd)

**Storytime with Goddard:** Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. (no Storytime on Dec. 31st)



**The Reading Fairy Storytime:** December 13th at 11:00 a.m.

 TexasReadingFairy

**Vamos a Leer Spanish Storytime:** Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.



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\*Contact Parks & Recreation for more information at 512-528-9909

For Storytime information: [youthservices@leander.lib.tx.us](mailto:youthservices@leander.lib.tx.us)

All events (except GED) are free to the public. Programs are subject to change without prior notice. Please call the library to confirm dates and times or visit our website:  
[www.leandertx.lib.tx.us](http://www.leandertx.lib.tx.us)

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