



THS Library Checklist
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Texas High School
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December 2007

THS NIGHT LIBRARY SCHEDULE
FOR DECEMBER 2007

Night library will be held on the following dates in December:



- Dec. 3rd
- Dec. 6th
- Dec. 10th
- Dec. 13th
- Dec. 17th

Charles Dickens



Charles Dickens is among the most famous of English writers. A literary giant of the Victorian period in London, he authored *A Christmas Carol* in 1843 to open a door that would ease the suffering of the poor. Many Londoners were impoverished, experiencing some of the worst of living conditions. Through the story, Dickens illustrates that kindness can cure many of society's ills. To hear podcasts of the story click on this link:

[A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
Audiobook Podcast](#)

Cite: Dickens, Charles. 1997. *A Christmas Carol*. New York: DK Publishing, Inc.

Traditions around the World in the
Celebration of Christmas

Christmas has been celebrated around the world for centuries. Not all countries and cultures observe the holiday in the same way. While some customs might appear similar among diverse nationalities, other countries might practice variations to what we know as Christmas traditions in quite a different manner. Click on [this link from History.com](#) to read about Christmas traditions in other lands.

December Birthdays:
An Author and An Illustrator

E.B. Lewis, known as an artistator on [his website](#), illustrates children's books. He has illustrated such titles as *Bippity Bop Barbershop* and *The Jazz of Our Street*. Lewis was born on December 16, 1956.

Avi, author of young adult and children's books, was born December 1937. His true name is Edward Irving Wortis. Among his works are the well-known *Blue Heron* and *Nothing but the Truth*.

Reference:
<http://www.flr.follett.com/intro/calendar.html>

BOOKS FOR YOU

THS Library has discarded books to share with you. These books are:

1. Not current in terms of valuable information for today's educational use.
2. May be tattered or not in the condition suitable for educational use.

Please, come by the library to look through and pick up some of these giveaways.

Cable in the Classroom Recording Calendar

See the schedule for recordings of great educational programs from Cable in the Classroom. Click [here!](#)

Research at Texas High School Library

Thanks go to the following teachers who brought their classes to do research at Texas High School Library during the month of November.



- Ryan Murry—English
- Toni Hellums—American Sign Language
- Britni Huggins—American Sign Language
- Ann Hoover—CE Psychology
- Michelle Robinson—Theater Arts
- Tanya Terry—Speech
- Debbie Nicholas—Art
- Lee Surratt—World History
- Amelia Dorsey—Personal/Family Dev.
- Scott Smedley—Art

Library Was Site for Competition Preparation

Mrs. Pam Hamilton hosted The Hinesly Group on November 29th in relation to a DECA competition preparation seminar. Texas High School Library was a station for judging role playing exercises presented by Texas High students and students from Atlanta High School, a guest for the event. Activities began around 10:30 a.m. and were completed by 12:00 noon. THS staff participated as judges for the seminar.

NEW Recorded Books at THS Library

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
<i>The Call of the Wild</i>	Jack London
<i>Bridge to Terabithia</i>	Katherine Paterson
<i>The Outsiders</i>	S. E. Hinton
<i>The Contender</i>	Robert Lipsyte
<i>Killing Mr. Griffin</i>	Lois Duncan
<i>Monster</i>	Walter Dean Myers

A Holiday Wish



For each and every one of you, I wish a very happy holiday season. May all the blessings that you desire be yours. I wish you peace and joy now and throughout the New Year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

~Sandra Austin, Librarian

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