

Holiday party at South Tahoe library

The South Lake Tahoe branch library (1000 Rufus Allen Blvd.) is having a Children's Holiday Party on Dec. 10 at 2pm.

Join us for an afternoon of family fun:

- Listen to a holiday story
- Sing Christmas carols
- Free picture of children with Santa
- Holiday frames for children to make and decorate
- Refreshments will be provided.

This program is free, however, a non-perishable food item donation to Christmas Cheer is requested.

Gingerbread building at Zephyr Cove library

Sweets will be featured at the Douglas County Public Library in Zephyr Cove on Dec. 17 at 1pm.

Miss Carol will be on hand to help children build gingerbread houses using graham crackers and other sweets. Come to the library to create a fun, edible craft to take home. Children and parents are welcome.

This program is limited to 30 children.

You will be asked to choose a donation from a list of supplies for the program. Supplies must be delivered to the library before 5pm Dec. 15.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Douglas County Public Library. The library is located at 233 Warrior Way in Zephyr Cove.

Call (775) 588.6411 to participate.

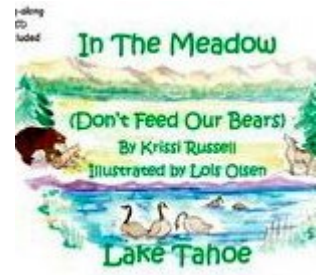
Budget gift: Children's books about Lake Tahoe



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Sing-along stories make a great gift for young children on your gift list. "In The Meadow (Don't Feed Our Bears)" and "On the Trail" are two Tahoe stories that use rhythm, rhyme, and repetition to teach nature appreciation and environmental awareness. Each book, illustrated in full color, comes with a sing-along CD.

Book/CD sets are \$15 each.



Contact local author, Krissi Russell at (530) 307.1357 or go online. Both books are also available at Toy Maniacs, Barton Gift Shop, Explore Tahoe, Driftwood Cafe, Made in Tahoe and Bona Fide Books.

– Krissi Russell

Warning – be sure to inspect Christmas lights

Christmas, what a wonderful time of year. South Lake Tahoe firefighters would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and to remind you that when decorating your home, please inspect your lighting strings and extension cords for broken, frayed, or damaged wires.



Be careful not to overload an electrical circuit with the use of multiple plug connections or splitters.

Finally, remember to discard your Christmas tree soon after Christmas before it becomes a tinder dry fire hazard.

Happy holidays from the city of South Lake Tahoe firefighters.

– Sallie Ross-Filgo, South Lake Tahoe Fire Department

Budget gift: Lake Tahoe News T-shirt

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What could be more stylish than sporting a *Lake Tahoe News* T-shirt? OK, probably lots of things.



But they make for great gifts at \$15 each. Sizes range from small to 2X.

Send a check made out to *Lake Tahoe News* to P.O. Box 13406, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96151; indicate size of shirt; and include an address where it should be mailed to. We would offer to gift wrap, but we're a little challenged in that department. However, if you want creative wrapping, we can do that.

Giving Tree benefits South Shore youth at holidays

The El Dorado County Library, South Lake Tahoe Women's Center and CASA El Dorado are partnering to offer the seventh annual Giving Tree. The tree is up in the South Lake Tahoe branch library and decorated with the holiday wish list ornaments of children who are part of the court system, perhaps in foster care, or living in a shelter as a result of domestic violence in their family.

Here is how you can help with the Giving Tree:

- Pick an ornament from the tree. Or pick more than one.
- Take the ornament(s) and buy what you would like from the list.
- Return the unwrapped gifts to the library no later than 1pm Dec. 10 so Santa has time for wrapping and delivering to kids.
- To return, please put gifts in a bag and secure the ornament tag on the outside of the bag.

These children have wishes, and the community can help their wishes come true.

For more information on the Giving Tree, contact Amanda at (530) 573.3072 or amanda@casaeldorado.org.

Blackjack tournament benefits cancer foundation

The Incline Firefighters Association along with the Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation is having a charity blackjack tournament Dec. 8 at 8pm at the Hyatt in Incline Village.

The tournament is in conjunction with the 16th annual Paramedic Refresher.

A limited number of spots are available on a first come, first serve basis, with all the proceeds directly benefiting the Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation.

Cash and other prizes are available for the top finishers.

The Hyatt has donated the space for the tournament and drinks will be provided during playing.

The cost is \$40 for conference attendees and \$50 for non-conference attendees.

To sign up, go online and click on "Sign up here."

Budget gift: Books from Lake

Tahoe publisher

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For another shop local option, consider Meyers' Bona Fide Books, the South Shore's own small press. For the readers in the house, a great budget choice is one of two titles out from Bona Fide Books. "Permanent Vacation: Twenty Writers on Life and Work in Our National Parks" is perfect for nature lovers and the armchair adventurer. For those inclined to poetry, "Mud Cakes" is great for adults and YA.



Books are \$15 each, and can be purchased onsite at Bona Fide HQ in Meyers or ordered online. (If you buy at Bona Fide, you'll get a complimentary gift with your purchase.)

Bona Fide Books also carries a selection of books by local writers, so if mystery or history is your thing, drop in to Bona Fide for your holiday book needs.

Bona Fide is behind the Getaway Cafe in Meyers at 1069 Magua St., No. 4.

– Kim Wyatt

2 tree lightings in South

Lake Tahoe today

South Lake Tahoe is officially turning the lights on two trees today – at the Y and by the senior center.

Last year was the first time the big tree by the Y was lighted. That will take place at 4:30pm.



Liberty Energy crews on Nov. 23 weave strands of lights into the tree by the South Lake Tahoe Senior Center.

Photo/LTN

The larger event – which includes Santa – is from 5-7pm.

Be sure to comment on *Lake Tahoe News'* question of the week. It's all about holiday lights.

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*

Budget gift: Slew of choices at Made in Lake Tahoe

For this holiday season, many people suggest shopping locally. The reasons are obvious. But in addition to helping local business owners, why not help local artists as well.



There is a great shop in South Lake Tahoe that offers many gift ideas for under \$20. I'm talking about Made in Lake Tahoe at Ski Run Marina. The shop offers only handmade items, by over 50 local artists and crafters.

For \$20 or less you can get a beautiful pair of handmade sterling silver earrings made by Range of Light Designs which has been in business in South Lake Tahoe since 2005. Or, how about a clip-framed photo of our beautiful lake, taken by local photographer Richard Matera. They make great gifts to take along when visiting out-of-town friends and family.



Other ideas are knitted scarves and hats, ceramic items, photo cards, feather jewelry, calendars and books. All great choices for under \$20.

So have fun shopping, and help your community, too.

– Carol Matera