

# Leaves

from the Mynderse Library

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## CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS, WORTH GIVING.

### LADY of the LOTUS by William E. Barrett.

To veteran novelist William Barrett, Yasodhara's was one of the untold stories of the world, one which took him decades to write. "There have been at least one thousand books written about Siddharta," he writes "and not a single book on the life of Yasodhara, who married him."

### The Faithful Servants By Margery Sharp.

Margery Sharp's thousands of devoted readers will certainly enjoy her sparkling new novel. Spanning one hundred eventful years of English life, this entertaining period saga follows the course of the Copstock Foundation, established in 1860 to help support the honest and faithful maidservants in the city of Westminster.

### The Seven-Per Cent Solution edited by Nicholas Meyer.

The first publication of a heretofore unknown and astounding episode in the career of Sherlock Holmes as recorded by his closest friend and chronicler, Dr. John H. Watson.

### Curtain and the Mysterious Affair at Styles by Agatha Christie.

In Curtain, Hercule Poirot, the celebrated Belgian detective, takes his final bow. Exactly 55 years after the

publication of the first Poirot adventure, the little Belgina is brought back to the scene of his first adventure.

### Grow It Indoors by Richard W. Langer.

As bright and breezy as a spring afternoon, this delightful guide discusses plant types and plant care.

### Pearl S. Buck's Book of Christmas.

Nobel Prize winner Pearl S. Buck has brought together thirty-nine favorite short stories on Christmas themes by such notable writers as Sir Walter Scott, Charles Dickens and Feodor Dostoyevsky. There are humorous adventures and touching tales of love and inspiration. A unique and lasting gift.

### How to be Your Own Best Friend by Mildred Newman and Bernard Berkowitz.

Two practicing psychoanalysts tell how people can and must learn to help themselves. In simple layman's terms they explain why they believe each person has both the innate ability and the power to be happy.

### Pearl's Kitchen by Pearl Bailey.

An extraordinary cookbook filled not only with mouth-watering recipes but also with warmth and humor and anecdote after anecdote from her private and public lives.

## Christmas Books At The MPL By Ann Cramer

"It was the middle of the night.  
And night of all nights it was Christmas.  
The children couldn't sleep . . .  
Quietly listening, listening all over,  
with eyes and ears and hands and feet  
they went down into the warm dark pine  
scented hall."

From On Christmas Eve by Margaret  
Wise Brown

In beautiful and poetic prose,  
Margaret Brown has captured the sounds  
and smells and luminous expectations of  
Christmas Eve for a child. Don't miss  
this one, especially for reading aloud.

Three of my favorite children's  
Christmas stories at the library also  
serve as inspirations for children's  
handicrafts projects for the holidays.

"Never have the ladies danced so  
gaily or the pipers piped so sweetly or  
the drummers drummed so smartly as in  
Brian Wildsmith's The Twelve Days of  
Christmas. The fresh and vivid illustra-  
tions of the traditional song will inspire  
adults and children alike to reach for  
the scissors, construction paper and paste.

In Arthur's Christmas Cookies, a  
Harper I Can Read Book for first and  
second graders by Lillian Hoban, Arthur,  
a chimp, planned to make Christmas  
cookies for everyone in his family. But  
his sister and two friends talked, fought  
and pushed so much in the kitchen that  
when the the cookies were done, they  
were dreadfully wrong . . . How Arthur  
cleverly turned his "cookies" into the  
perfect Christmas surprise will show the  
5 - 8 year olds how to make a delightful  
Christmas gift with a little adult help.

A Caldecott Medal winner for the  
best picture book of 1960, Nine Days To  
Christmas: A Story of Mexico, by Marie  
Hall Ets, is a tale of modern Mexican  
holiday celebrations for children.  
(Several years ago as a veteran room  
mother at school, I learned through

trial and error to make simple piñatas  
for Christmas parties. In hopes that  
Nine Days To Christmas will lead to  
other piñata parties in Seneca Falls, the  
directions follow:

1 large balloon (blown up and tied)  
newspapers (torn into long strips)  
wallpaper paste (thick)

Dip strips into wallpaper paste and  
cover balloon completely with about four  
or five layers of wet strips. Let dry  
about five days (a hot air register speeds  
this up but an oven is too hot.) When  
dry, puncture balloon with a pin, cut a  
curved slit in the top, and carefully pull  
out balloon. Let dry two days with the  
flap up until the inside is very dry.  
Fasten a strong string to the piñata at  
any place except the flap closed. Decorate  
the piñata with paint, colored tissuepaper,  
etc.

The children should take turns hitting  
the piñata with a stick or ruler until it  
breaks and showers down the candies or  
toys. Older children may be blindfolded  
before hitting the piñata.

The old adage, "one picture is worth  
a thousand words," holds true for two  
books without words; Ruth and Latrobe  
Carroll's The Christmas Kitten and How  
Santa Claus Had A Long And Difficult  
Journey Delivering His Presents by  
Fernando Krahn. Their lively and detailed  
illustrations enable the youngest child to  
"read" and enjoy the humor of these stories  
by himself.

And the true meaning of Christmas is  
expressed in Dick Gackenbach's Claude  
The Dog: A Christmas Story, a new book  
recently given to the MPL by the Womens  
League. A simple story of sharing and  
unselfishness as seen through the eyes  
of two dogs, Claude The Dog's large  
print and few words is easy to read for  
beginning first graders.

# new ARRIVALS



## Fiction.

Gate of Heaven by Ralph McInerny.  
The Great Train Robbery by Michael Crichton.  
Far Tortuga by Peter Matthiessen.  
The Faithful Servants by Margery Sharp.  
Csardas by Diane Pearson.  
The World From Rough Stones by Malcolm Macdonald.  
Watchman's Stone by Rona Randall.  
Native Intelligence by Raymond Sokolov.  
The Smuggler's Bride by Rosalind Laker.  
In a Year of Grace by Honor Tracy.

## Non-Fiction.

Fatu-Hiva by Thor Heyerdahl  
The Memory Book by Harry Lorayne & Jerry Lucas.  
A River for the Living, The Hudson and its People by Jack Hope.  
Bobby Orr, My Game by Bobby Orr.  
Nice Guys Finish Last by Leo Durocher.

## For Teen-Agers.

Weakfoot by Linda Cline  
Track and Field for Young Champions by Robert Antonacci.  
Joyride by Betty Cavanna.  
Return to Daytona William E. Butterworth.  
Sycamore Year by Mildred Lee.

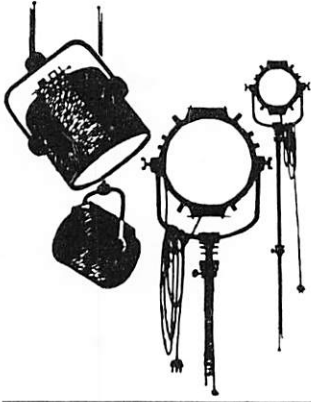
## For Beginning Readers.

Oh, a hunting we will go by John M. Langstaff.  
Good Morning Whale by Achim Broger.  
Dinosaur Story by Joanna Cole.  
Who Goes There, Lincoln by Dale Fife.  
A Bag Full of Nothing by Jay Williams.

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# HIGHLIGHTS of the MONTH

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## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library met on October 21 and planned for the winter season. Ida Lay and Joan Doshi will read stories to the children on November 20 in recognition of Childrens Book Week which is November 17-24.

Betsy Shultis has arranged for a display by local artists in the schools for the Christmas season.

Special programs have also been arranged for the Seneca Nursing Home and the Johnson Home.

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## THANK YOU'S TO:

The Women's League for \$150 to buy books for grades one through three.

The Peter Wormuths for two red maples in memory of Warren E. Wormuth and Dr. Robert F. Gibbs which have been planted in the library lawn.

Dr. Jerry Jantssen for a series of lectures on Science Fiction.

## FINGER LAKES LIBRARY SYSTEM MEETING

The Foggs and Campbells, Bill Ottemiller, Ethel Bishop and Lee Wayne attended the Annual Meeting of the System at the Holiday Inn on October 15.

Reports from the director, the treasurer, announcements and the election of two new trustees were accomplished quickly.

Kenneth Brock from the Public Records of the Office of State History spoke on the Preservation and use of local resources. He emphasized the need for libraries and historical societies to help preserve the records of local public agencies, churches, lodges, volunteer groups, etc., and their importance in writing an adequate history of a community.

America was the last of the major industrial nations to preserve its records. The National Archives was established in 1937 and the states slowly followed its lead. The need for preservation of local records is great, for as the motto of the National Archives tells us, "What is past, is prologue." LW

## Christmas in Mynderse Library 1901

The board of Trustees met on December 23, 1901 and elected the following officers for the coming year:

Pres.	Mr. Cushing
V. Pres.	Mrs. Silsby
Treas.	Mr. Palmer
Sec.	Mr. Golden

The Book Committee reported thirty seven books were added to the Library as a result of the Armitage Sale.

The bill for electricity, \$14.66 for the month of December was ordered paid.

The papers and magazines which were not to be saved were given to the boys of Mrs. Sanford's School to send to the soldiers in Manila. (The Sanford Preparatory School, a boarding school for boys under 14 years of age, was founded by Mrs. Leonard Gibbs Sanford in September 1901 and its students came from several eastern states.)

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FROM: The Trustees and the Library Staff



Season's  
Greetings