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### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Pat Bone (center) reads “the Night Before Christmas” to children and their families at the Sherwood Masonic Lodge. CHRIS WORST PHOTOS

# Santa visits Sherwood

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SHERWOOD — Santa came to visit the children of Sherwood during the first-ever “Breakfast with Santa.” The breakfast took place at the Sherwood Masonic Lodge on Saturday, Dec. 7. The event was sponsored by the Branch District Library.

Gina Horn, the coordinator of the event, said that the event was set up entirely through donation. “We couldn’t do it without the help of the (Sherwood Township) fire department,” said Horn, along with the various other donors who helped

to make the event possible. Horn, who was excited by the turnout, said that she “hopes to make it an annual event.”

Pat Bone, who volunteered her time with the event as well, read “the Night Before Christmas” to the children in the lodge, and also led them in a singing of “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.” Bone was accompanied to the event by her granddaughter, 9-year-old Ada Gaborik.

After enjoying breakfast, children were ushered outside the hall to a sleigh where they had their photos taken with Santa.



Dixi Ball, 6, of Sherwood, was one such child that attended the “Breakfast with Santa” at the Sherwood Masonic Lodge on Saturday.

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# Deck the Halls



**Daifallah Ahmed, 10, making a Christmas tree decoration**

COLDWATER — Kid's Place was full Monday with children enjoying their winter break. The Coldwater Branch of the Branch District Library Kid's Place offered a full day of Christmas crafts.

Children could choose from several different crafts including decorating a pine cone or Christmas tree made out of construction paper.



**Lita Fulton, 7, gluing beads to a pine cone**



**Khirallah Ahmed, 8, cutting out flower decorations for a Christmas flower pot.**



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BRIDGING  
CULTURES

# Film and discussion slated at library

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COLDWATER — The Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library, in cooperation with the Bridging Cultures Bookshelf, will be presenting four film and discussion nights throughout the month of January. All events begin at 5:30 p.m.

The Coldwater branch is one of 953 libraries and state humanities councils across the country selected to receive the Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association.

According to a press release, “The program aims to familiarize public audiences in the United States with the people, places, history, faith and cultures of Muslims in the United States and around the world.”

The public is welcomed to attend the first in the series, “Islamic Art Spots: Film and Discussion,” slated for Jan. 6.

The Islamic Art Spots are seven visual essays, presented in a series of short films designed to make art from Muslim societies an

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internal part of the Muslim journeys experience.

On Jan. 20, the PBS film “Prince Among Slaves” will be discussed. The film is the remarkable true story of an African prince who endures the humiliation of slavery without ever losing his dignity or hope for freedom.

The film “Koran by Heart” will be discussed on Jan. 23. The documentary follows three 10-year-old children who leave their native countries to participate in the International Holy Koran Competition.

On Jan. 27, the “Islamic Art: Mirror of the Invisible World” film will be discussed. Islamic Art is a documentary of stunning breadth and beauty which transports viewers over nine countries and across 1,400 years of cultural history to reveal the astonishing riches of Muslim arts, crafts and architecture.

For more information, contact the Coldwater branch at 278-2341.

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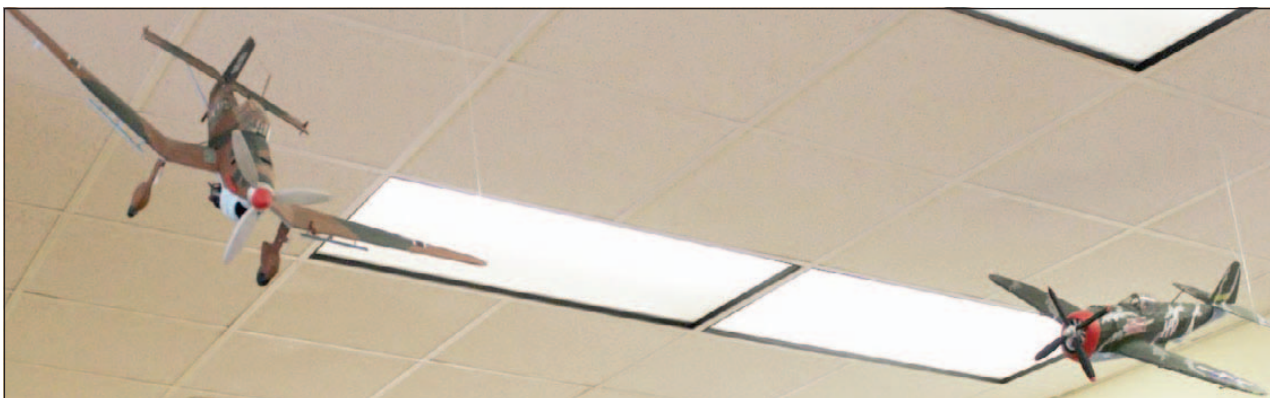
WWII



Donald Dull's hand crafted German Fighter Plane is on display at the library.

## Wings for freedom

Experience the thrill and suspense of a WW II fighter pilot as the Coldwater branch of the Branch District library Kids' Place presents Wings for Freedom. WWII plane restorer and expert, Mike Kelly, will share his vast knowledge of the machines and those who took to the air. The presentation will take place on Saturday at 1 p.m. and is open to anyone 8 or older. Long time Coldwater resident Donald Dull handcrafted replicas of United States, German and Japanese fighter planes that are currently on display at the library. Dull served in the Korean War and worked at the Coldwater Armory for several years. For more information contact the Kids' Place at 278-2341. CHRISTY HART-HARRIS PHOTOS



A United States and German WW II Fighter Plane, hand crafted by Donald Dull, are hanging from the ceiling in the Kids' Place.