

### *Dates to Remember*

December 15, Chanukah (Begins at Sundown\*)

December 21, First day of Winter

December 25, Christmas Day

- ***Christmas Mini-kit and Actiphile***
- ***Favorite Things, video (38 min.)***
- ***“Christmas” Combination Stamp Set. Contains 11 different holiday-themed stamps, most in multiples of 3 each, 31 in all.***
- ***Description Videos: “How the Grinch Stole Christmas”, “White Christmas”, “The Santa Clause”***

December 26, Boxing Day.

December 26, Kwanzaa.

***“Remembering African Americans” Actiphile and Photo Set.***

December 31, New Year’s Eve & January 1, New Year’s Day. ***New Years Actiphile***

January 15, Martin Luther King Birthday  
***“Remembering African Americans” Actiphile and Photo Set.***

January 29, Kansas Statehood Day.  
***Activity File: Kansas***



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## ***Holiday Activity Programming Ideas from Talking Books and Southeast Kansas Library System***



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## Christmas Cheer from Talking Books

**RC 60043 Christmas in Harmony** by Philip Gulley. As Quaker minister Sam Gardner and other Harmony citizens prepare to celebrate Christmas, eccentric church elder Dale Hinshaw devises an unusual nativity scene involving the whole town. Despite his unconventional congregation and an argument with his wife, Sam reflects on family and the meaning of the holidays. 2002.

**RC 59655 An Orange for Frankie** by Patricia Polacco. Frankie and his eight brothers and sisters learn lessons about giving, family, and tradition during a snowy Michigan Christmas long ago. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 2004.

**RC 59309 Island: The Complete Stories** by Alistair MacLeod. A collection of the Canadian author's sixteen short stories written before 1999. Many are set on Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia, Canada, and

convey a sense of isolation or loss. In "To Every Thing There Is a Season" an eleven-year-old boy describes nostalgically the family Christmas when he was counted an adult. 1999.

**RC 60587 Manhattans and Murder: A Murder, She Wrote Mystery** by Jessica Fletcher and Donald Bain. Jessica Fletcher is in New York City during the Christmas season to promote her latest mystery. When she observes a street corner Santa Claus being murdered--a man she recognizes as a former Cabot Cove resident-- Jessica begins to investigate. 1994.

**RC 59753 A Christmas Visitor** by Anne Perry. Henry Rathbone from the William Monk series is summoned to the Lake District during the Christmas holidays to support his goddaughter Antonia when her husband, Judah Dreghorn, dies accidentally. Rathbone discovers that the incident may have been intentional. 2004.

**RC 43556 The Christmas Box** by Richard Paul Evans. Richard and Keri Evans and their four-year-old daughter, Jenna, are living in a cramped one-room apartment

when a unique opportunity arises. Mary-Anne Parkin, an elderly woman with a large home, is looking for a live-in couple who can cook and do light housekeeping. And children are welcome. As the four become a family, Richard, who is starting his own business, learns a valuable lesson from MaryAnne and her Christmas box. 1997

**RC 42591 Great Holiday Baking Book** by Beatrice Ojakangas. Offers 250 recipes for savory and sweet baked treats to make holidays more memorable. While many of the recipes are for Thanksgiving and Christmas, there are also some for Labor Day, April Fools' Day, and other celebrations, some obscure. Includes historical backgrounds for the various observances. 1997.

### *Please note...*

You may always return non-working or unused Talking Book equipment to any public library, or at the SEK Activity Directors Meeting, **Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at 10 AM**, SRS Bldg., 1500 W. 7th, Chanute. Please RSVP to Jaime at 1-800-279-3219 or 365-5136.

