

Local letters to Santa

Carroll County post offices have received many letters to Santa and have forwarded them to the North Pole.

Copies of some of them are printed below, leaving original spellings intact.

Several children drew pictures for Santa, and one child enclosed a dollar with his letter.

Hi Santa,
I want to let you know what I want for Christmas. I want a ballet outfit, and shoes, a Bella dancercella set, a Bratz baby, and lots more toys. I'll leave a list of the rest with your milk and cookies. I'm leaving carrots for the reindeer too. Thank you and merry Christmas Santa. I love you.
Love, Sabra

P.S.: Give my Kitty something too, please.

Dear Santa,
My name is Alyssa. I am a girl and I am already 8 years old! I live in the great city of Flora. Of course, that's in Indiana, United States, but I'll bet you knew that! This year I've been so good that I should be the angel on top of the tree!
Santa Claus, some things I might like for Christmas this year are: Cane bear, baby cat, and puppy.
Love, Alyssa

Dear Santa,
I really want a furby and a star station for Christmas but what I really want the most is a drum and an electric guitar.
P.S.: Oh and I really would like a bell off your sleigh.
Love, Brooke

Dear Santa,
I want a lot of money
Joey

Dear Santa,
I would really like a Dora talking kitchen. I made you cookies but ate them, but will make more.
Alic

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! How is Mrs. Claus, your Elves and reindeer? Do you know how much I like Christmas? I like it so much I wish it was Christmas every day! But I don't like Christmas for the toys. I like it for giving! It's true!
I wish I could have a reindeer, because I think they would be useful and their cute!
I cannot wait until Christmas, because it will be great!
From Kate

Dear Santa,
I will give your reindeer some carrots and you some cookies. Can you please give my baby some presents and me too? I just want 3 presents. Santa I love you and my mom and my daddy, I love everyone, it is tue. I am a good girl. You are special.
Your friend, Havannah

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good all year. And have been helpful to my parents, very helpful. All I want for Christmas is a talking vacuum, street sweeper, and two pogo sticks, one for me and one for my brother, so we won't fight. I would like a big bear to cuddle too. Please drive the sleigh carefully on Dec. 24.
Love, Aaron

Dear Santa,
I don't want to lie and say I've been good this year, when I haven't! I tried, but I wasn't perfect! I don't really want much, just things I need! Things as in clothes, dressy shirts, socks, and anything else you think I might need. If possible, I would like a digital camera...just for fun! I have been trying to get a cell phone, but no one seems to want to get me one...so maybe you and your elfs could put one together for me! He ha. I need things that I can groom myself with (new hair brush, etc.). OK. Well I need to help my little sister write hers, so C-y-a soon!
Love, Amanda

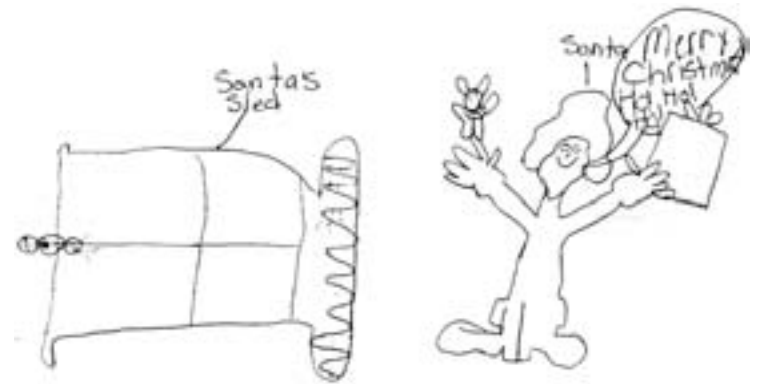
Dear Santa,
I am having fun putting up the Christmas stuff today. How have you been? Have your reindeer been good this Christmas? Is there really a reindeer with a red nose? Because that is just weird.

I have been very good this Christmas month...the rest of the year I have been pretty good. I want the American Girl Doll Marisol, just like my friend Emily. My cousin Devota has a Build-A-Bear costume that looks just like you. It is so cute! I can't believe you have to go all around the world in one night. That is not very much time to deliver presents to all of the boys and girls. Your reindeer must go FAST! Have your elves made really cool toys?
I want another Lava lamp. All three of mine have broke. I want a fun Christmas!
We will leave out five cookies for you and a whole glass of milk so you won't get hungry. I will also leave some sunflower seeds on the porch for the reindeer.
I hope you have a fun New Year!
Love, Hilary

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Play Station Two, or a PSP. But if you don't get me it, I don't mind.
P.S. My other thing I want is that you give every body what they want.
Love, Omar

Dear Santa,
I hope your reindeers are being good for you. Do you have a reindeer that has a red nose? yes or no? Circle and send back.
Macy

Dear Santa,
I love you. Last Christmas it was great and I bet this Christmas it's gonna be greater!
Caleb



Drawing by Faith



Drawing by Kate

Unexpected letters to Santa

The post offices in Carroll County announced a few weeks ago that they would have special boxes for letters to Santa.

What they didn't expect was that some of the letters received would be from children at heart. One of them is printed below.

Dear Santa,
I really don't need anything for me. But it would be great if every child could have a happy home and plenty of food to eat. It would be wonderful if all the people in Burlington and community area serve a free meal at the community park, and hand out rebuilt toys or new ones.
We could set cans around over town all year for people to donate whatever towards helping defray the cost.
These are just some old guy's thoughts. Thank you.

Library

Flora-Monroe Twp.

Holiday hours are Christmas Eve - closed; Monday, Dec. 26 - closed.

The Sights of the Season art exhibit will be available for viewing during library hours. Come see the beautiful art created by students of Brenda Daly Reid in a succession of art classes that began this summer. The works will be displayed through the holiday season.

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Storytime will be on holiday break for the next two weeks. Storytime returns in early January with lots of great stories and learning opportunities in a fun safe environment.

Children can listen to stories 24 hours a day on the library's Dial-A-Story phone line. The current story is *The Visit to Santa Claus Land*. Friday the story will be *Snowball's Christmas Eve*. Call Dial-A-Story at 967-3971.

Delphi Public

The library is participating in the American Library Association's Adopt a Library program. The library has adopted a sister library, the Harrison County Library System, in Gulfport and Biloxi, Miss. This system has lost five of its eight buildings and has had funding cut drastically in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

The list of needs is long, but the librarians have asked for help to fill

an immediate need for processing supplies such as book jackets and spine labels, to help them get donated books on the shelves. DPL is taking up a collection. Please stop by the library to donate.

A special Kid Flick for children will be shown on Dec. 22 at 2 p.m. Come and get out of the cold and watch the story of Eloise, the most famous resident of the Plaza Hotel in New York City. It's tinsel and holly and "fa la la lolly" when Eloise spreads her special brand of holiday cheer around the city.

During the week between Christmas and New Year's Day, DPL will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Evening hours will be reinstated beginning Jan. 3. DPL will be closed Dec. 24, 26 and 31, and Jan. 2. There will be no Story Time Programs during the weeks of Dec. 19 and 26.

A Pastel Drawing class for ages 12 and up will be Jan. 7 from 9 to 11 a.m. All materials are supplied but class size is limited so sign up soon. Instructor is Sara Daly Brosman.

Drawing Studio will meet on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. beginning Jan. 3. Instructor is Sara Daly Brosman. Ask for supply list when registering.

The library is planning iFilm Series 2006 with the first showing on Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. A monthly film selection will be shown from a list of award-winning, first-run independent and foreign films from the top festivals - Sundance, Cannes, Toronto and more. The first film is an Israeli-made film titled *Campfire*.

Hot Club of Colfax will be featured at The Coffee Beat on Jan. 21. The coffee starts brewing around 6:30 and the music begins at 7 p.m.

Walton & Tipton Twp.

Penny Titus of Congressman Chris Chocola's office will give a presentation and help senior citizens with Medicare Part D at the Walton & Tipton Township Public Library on Dec 22 at 10 a.m. The public is invited. There is no charge.

Burlington

Burlington Community Library closes down every year for two weeks during the holidays. This year the library will be closed the last week of December and the first week of January. Patrons having books due while the library is closed are asked to drop them off in the drop box.

Come in and fix yourself something warm to drink, read a book, magazine, newspaper or just enjoy the Christmas decorations.

In the New Year the library will be working to get a children's reading program going and possibly a free tutor program for Burlington Township students. Anyone interest-

ed in volunteering or participating in either or both of these programs is asked to contact the library director, Gina Tull-Nunn at 566-3166. If she is not in, leave a message and she will return your call.

There are many new additions to the library. Come in and look at the new acquisitions shelf.

Camden

Camden-Jackson Township Public Library has a lot of good Christmas stories on the shelves available for checkout. They include: "The Christmas Box" by Richard Paul Evans, "Happy Holidays" by Janet Dailey, "A Midnight Clear" by Karen L. King, "A Victorian Christmas Quilt" by Palmer, Stoks, Smith and Aiken, "Those Christmas Angels" by Debbie Mcomber, "A Christmas Kiss" by Elizabeth Mansfield, "Tidings of Peace" by Tracie Peterson, "Shepherds Abiding" by Jan Karon, and "Skipping Christmas" by John Grisham.

New DVDs include: "An Avanelea Christmas," "Mrs. Santa Claus," "Felicity, An American Girl Adventure," "Felicity's World," and "The Chronicles of Namia."

DNR sport licenses are now available

The 2006 annual hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses are now available at most sporting goods stores and bait and tackle shops. Licenses can also be purchased at www.indianaoutdoor.in.gov.

Other licenses available include the hunting/fishing combination license, youth combination hunting and fishing license, resident 1-day fishing license, spring turkey hunting license and gamebird habitat stamp, waterfowl stamp, and trout-salmon stamp privileges.

Fall turkey and deer licenses will be available later in 2006.

The '06 annual hunting, fishing and trapping licenses will have a starting date of April 1, 2006, and expiration date of March 31, 2007.

In order to ease the transition to a uniform Indiana annual sport license start date of April 1, the 2005 annual hunting and fishing license expiration dates and stamp privileges have been extended to March 31, 2006.

Winter Sports Summaries

Carroll 8th whips Tri-County

After trailing 7-6 after the first quarter, the Carroll 8th grade boys basketball team outscored Tri-County by 29 points during the final three quarters for a 52-24 victory.

Kyle Geheb and Drew Yoder with 12 points each led the Cougars in scoring. Drake Harper pulled down seven rebounds and Jordan Brumbaugh, 6. Dallas Butcher handed out three assists.

The team has improved its record to 8-2.

Tourney date changes

Carroll athletic director Scott Ayres has announced schedule changes for boys' varsity and junior varsity holiday tournaments to be played next week.

The junior varsity tourney at Clinton Prairie will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 27. Carroll will play at 10:15 a.m.

The Clinton Central Holiday Tourney will be played Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 28-29. Carroll's first game will be Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

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