

# Holiday Happenings

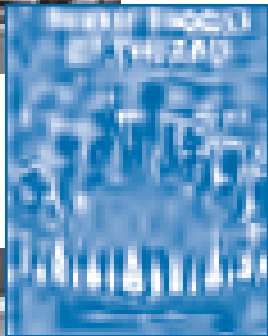
## LIBRARY

### A Pop-Up Christmas

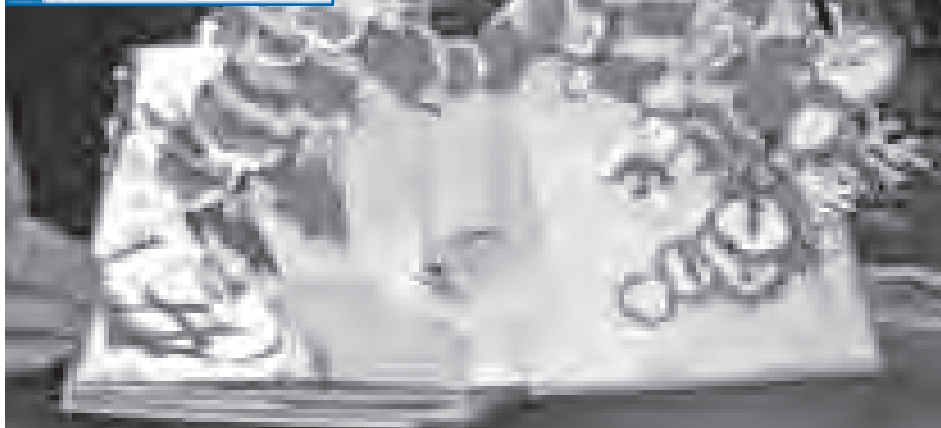
Here are some great ideas for holiday reading to children, including books that are both colorful ... and that pop up.



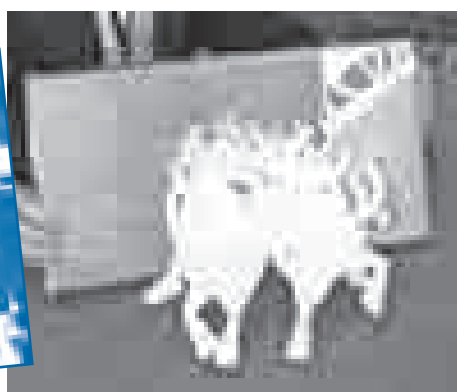
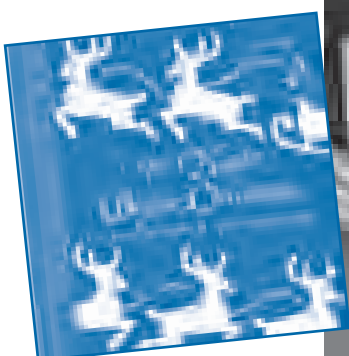
*Seven Spools of Thread: A Kwanzaa Story*  
Angela Shelf Medearis/Daniel Minter, 2000



*Pedro, El Angel de la Calle Olvera*  
Leo Politi  
Available in English and Spanish,  
features *Las Posadas*, 1978



*Winter's Tale*  
Robert Sabuda, 2005



*The Night Before Christmas*  
Clement Clark Moore/Robert Sabuda, 2002

Everyone loves telling stories during the holiday season, and Madeline Bryant, Senior Librarian in the Children's Literature Dept. of the Central Library downtown, has some great suggestions to make those stories really "pop."

"There are so many great holiday books that children can read, or that you can read to them," she said. "And some of my favorites are what we call 'toy movable' books – pop up books."

Madeline, who has worked for the City for 11 years, says she loves working in the Children's section because of its creativity, and the "story times," in which she gets to read to the Library's youngest patrons.

In cheerful response to *Alive!*'s request for suggestions, she brought out a stack of holiday books – some were "toy movable," and others were merely colorful and/or considered a classic. Some circulate, but others are reference copies and must remain in the library, although they can be viewed there anytime, subject to availability.

You can check on availability at your local branch, or at the Central Library downtown, by using the Library's Website – [www.lapl.org](http://www.lapl.org) -- and using "toy movable" as the search criteria.

Here are some she recommends.



Madeline Bryant, Senior Librarian, holds *Hanukkah: A Counting Book*, Emily Sper; in English, Hebrew and Yiddish; 2001.



*Letters From Father Christmas*  
J.R.R. Tolkien  
Featuring pull-out copies of real letters written by Santa to Tolkien's children, 1920-43, 1999

## ZOO

### It's Raining Reindeer

Zoo trots out the 'reindeer' for holiday family fun.



From Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, reindeer fly into the LA Zoo for a visit of sunny Los Angeles during its annual Reindeer Romp.

Children will delight in this holiday event, especially when they see how close they're allowed near the tamed animals. Their keepers

will answer questions about these peculiar little deer, and even assist families in making their own pair of reindeer antlers to take home with them.

The rest of the zoo will be open during these nights, too, so visitors can watch as animals get their holiday treats during the weekends.

This yearly tradition delights young and old. Guests can visit live reindeer, as well as enjoy hands-on arts and craft activities for children of all ages. Visitors can also enjoy entertainment, shopping and more.

Reindeer Romp runs through Jan. 1 during daily zoo hours. Closed on Christmas Day. Guests can be one of the first to view the new Zoo's new Campo Gorilla Reserve, where they can discover a group of lowland gorillas in a lush tropical habitat.

#### L.A. Zoo Reindeer Romp

**When:** Through Jan. 1

**Admission:** Free with regular zoo admission

**Information:** [www.lazoo.org](http://www.lazoo.org)