



## 2022 - A Year in Review

We are winding down on another year with the Mobile Services department and as always, we like to look back and see what we have accomplished. This year has been an incredibly productive one! The *Library2GO* van joined our department in February and increased our lobby stops from 10 monthly stops in 2021 to 25 monthly stops by the end of this year. This allowed more time for school and community stops with the Library on Wheels Bookmobile. We are currently serving 19 schools and visiting nine community locations monthly. With the increase, we saw over 16,000 library visitors, with 10,000 attending mobile programs and over 1,000 new library card sign ups in 2022. These numbers doubled from last year, and it is all thanks to our community's continued interest in our library!

We also saw an increase in services and programs provided by the mobile libraries. Terrariums, wildflower pots, and treasure maps were just some of the crafts available on the Bookmobile throughout the year. The *Library2GO* van offered puzzles, e-readers and CD players to those who requested them. The new and exciting *Road2Reading* program was launched this fall to promote early literacy to preschools and daycares throughout Erie County.

Thank you for your ongoing support and passion for your libraries! Our staff have lots of new ideas ready for the upcoming year and we are grateful for you! We look forward to another year of mobile services. Until then, have a wonderful holiday season and a great New Year!

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*A newsletter from the  
Mobile Services  
Department  
December 2022*

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### On the Bookmobile, you can:

- check out books, movies, music, audiobooks.
- use free WiFi.
- use our laptops.
- get a library card or update your account.
- pickup holds and return items – just like at any library!
- have questions answered and be helped with a variety of needs.

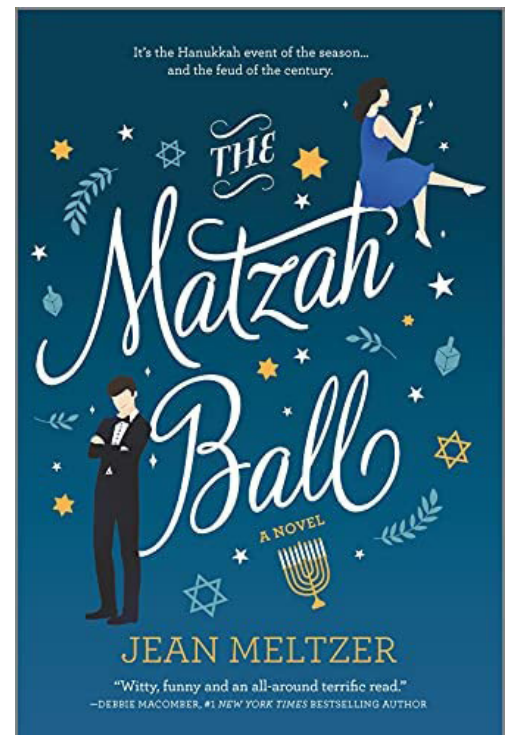
# Library2Go December Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 10:30 - 11:30 am Seneca Pointe Apts. 1:30 - 2:30 pm Humbolt House	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10 - 11 am Fox Run  1 - 2 pm Bethel Estates	<b>7</b> 11 am - 12 pm Jennie B. Richmond Nursing Home 12:45 - 1:45 Concord Senior Center	<b>8</b> 9:30 - 10:30 am Fox Creek Estates 11 am - 12 pm Stonegate Apts. 1:30 - 2:30 p Maryvale East Apts.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9 - 10 am Elderwood Assisted Living of Tonawanda  12:45 - 1:45 pm Villa Life	<b>14</b> 9:30 - 10:30 am Pepper Tree Heights 12:30 - 1:30 pm Stadnitski Gardens 2 - 3 pm Walden Park Apts.	<b>15</b> 9 - 10 am Union Square Apts. 10:30-11:30 am Lord of Life Day Center 2 - 3 pm Westminster Community House	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10:30 - 11:30 am Crestmount Apts  1 - 2 pm Theatre Apts.	<b>21</b> 9:30-10:30 am Asbury Point  11 am- 12 pm Turtle Creek Apts.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> HOLIDAY Libraries closed	<b>27</b> 12:30 - 1:30 pm Trier Woods Apts.	<b>28</b> 9:30 - 10:30 am Elderwood Village at Williamsville	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Note: schedule is subject to change. Check our website at <a href="https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-hours/bookmobile">https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-hours/bookmobile</a> for up-to-date calendar

## A Romance for Hanukkah

### ***The Matzah Ball*** by Jean Meltzer

When her publisher insists that she write a Hanukkah romance, Rachel Rubenstein-Goldblatt, a Jewish woman with a secret career as a Christmas romance novelist, unexpectedly finds inspiration when she encounters a childhood acquaintance at the Matzah Ball, a Jewish music celebration on the last night of Hanukkah.



# Bookmobile December Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 9 - 11 am Tapestry Charter School 12 - 1 pm Global Concepts Charter School	<b>2</b> 8:30 am - 1:30 pm Notre Dame Academy - Abbott	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9 - 11:30 am Northtowns Academy	<b>6</b> 10 am - 12 pm The Summit Cener	<b>7</b> 9 am - 1:30 pm BuffSci II	<b>8</b> 10 am - 12:30 pm BPS 74 2-4 pm Boys & Girls Club of Holland *	<b>9</b> 11:30 am - 3:30 pm Primary Hall Charter School 4 - 5 pm * Community Health Center of Buffalo	<b>10</b> 10 am - 1 pm Saturday Academy 11 am - 2 pm * Bidwell Parkway
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9 - 10:30 am BPS 19	<b>13</b> 9 am - 12 pm Stanley G. Falk School 2 - 4 pm * Jewish Community Center - Benderson	<b>14</b> 8:30 - 9:30 am City Honors School 10 am - 12 pm St. Hyacinth CAO 1 - 3 pm Bidwell Parkway	<b>15</b> 9:30 am - 1:30 pm Charter School of Inquiry	<b>16</b> 8:30 am - 1:30 pm Notre Dame Academy - Okell	<b>17</b> 10 am - 12 pm Hamburgh Holiday * Parade
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9 - 9:45 am UB Child Care Center - South 10 am - 12 pm Buffalo Hearing & Speech	<b>20</b> 9:30 - 11:30 am Infant of Prague CAO 1 - 1:45 pm * Brant Town Hall 2 - 4 pm * Farnham Village Hall	<b>21</b> 9 am - 2:30 pm West Buffalo Charter School	<b>22</b> 9 - 11:30 am Winchester Academy 12 - 1 pm Global Concepts Charter School	<b>23</b> * 12 - 3 pm Bidwell Parkway 3:30 - 5:30 pm Vive Shelter	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> HOLIDAY Libraries closed	<b>27</b> 10 am - 12 pm Orchard Park Recreation Camp 3:30 - 4:30 pm * Homespace	<b>28</b> 11 am - 12:30 pm Cheektowaga Senior Center * 4:15 - 5:30 pm BPS 45	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> * 11 am - 2 pm Bidwell Parkway	<b>31</b>

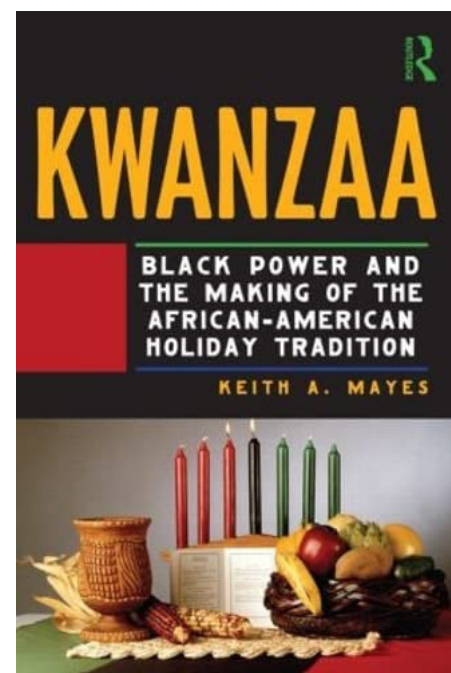
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## Nonfiction Highlight

***Kwanzaa: Black Power and the Making of the African-American Holiday Tradition*** by Keith A. Mayes

Since 1966, Kwanzaa has been celebrated as a Black holiday tradition – an annual recognition of cultural pride in the African American community. But how did this holiday originate, and what is its broader cultural significance? *Kwanzaa: Black Power and the Making of the African-American Holiday Tradition* explores the political beginning and later expansion of Kwanzaa, from its start as a Black Power holiday, to its current place as one of the most mainstream of the black holiday traditions. Keith A. Mayes gives an accessible and definitive account of the movements and individuals who pushed to make this annual celebration a reality, and shows how African-Americans brought the black freedom struggle to the American calendar.

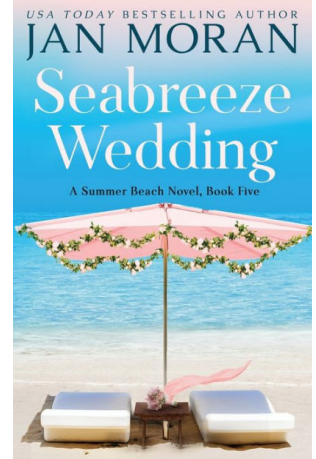


# New in Large Print



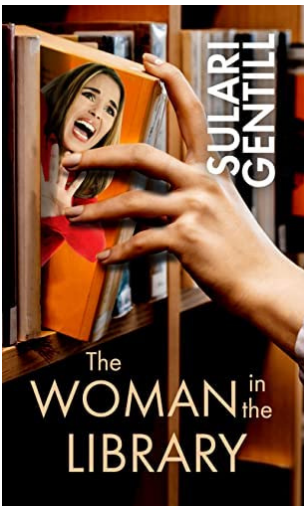
## ***The Twelve Topsy-Turvy, Very Messy Days of Christmas*** by James Patterson and Tad Safran

During the holiday season, a family of three, missing someone very dear to them, find their house filling up with unexpected guests, making Christmas memories to last a lifetime. Everyone's favorite – James Patterson with a delightful holiday story guaranteed to make your days feel festive! Also available in audiobook



## ***Seabreeze Wedding*** by Jan Moran

At the historic Seabreeze Inn, sisters Ivy and Shelly Bay are busier than ever with wedding plans of their own, although challenges threaten to derail their special events. With a Buffalo winter breathing down our necks, who wouldn't want to spend some book time at the beach?



## ***The Woman in the Library*** by Sulari Gentill

The beautifully ornate reading room at the Boston Public Library is completely silent one weekday morning, until a woman's terrified scream echoes through the room. Murder in a library? You betcha! Also available in audiobook



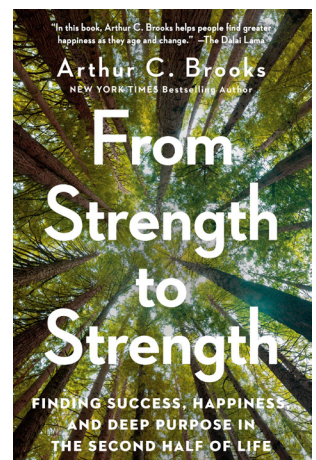
## ***Midnight Dunes*** by Laura Griffin

After a scandal derails her television reporting career, Macey Burns comes looking for a change of pace in Lost Beach, Texas. She's ready to focus on her first passion - documentary filmmaking - and has a new job working for the island's tourism board, shooting footage of the idyllic beachside community. And then of course, there's a murder to be solved and a law officer to romance. This is the third book in the Texas murder files series and the library has all in Large Print. Anyone interested in losing themselves in a new series?



## ***The High Notes*** by Danielle Steel

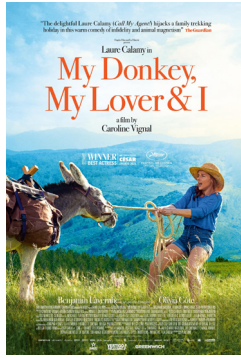
This heartfelt novel by bestselling author Danielle Steel is about a young woman with an unforgettable voice who fights for the freedom to pursue her dreams. Also available in audiobook



## ***From Strength to Strength: Finding Success, Happiness and Deep Purpose in the Second Half of Life*** by Arthur C. Brooks

Arthur Brooks tackles the questions that all of us eventually face. What can we do, starting now, to make our older years a time of happiness, purpose, and yes, success? Drawing on social science, philosophy, biography, theology, and eastern wisdom, as well as dozens of interviews with everyday men and women, Brooks shows us that true life success is well within our reach.

# New on DVD



## ***My Donkey, My Lover & I***

Not rated.

For fans of world cinema and stories of self discovery.



## ***Easter Sunday***

Rated PG-13 for some strong language, and suggestive references.

For fans of offbeat comedies.



## ***Bring It On: Cheer or Die***

Rated TPG-13 for violence, language, sexual material and some drug content.

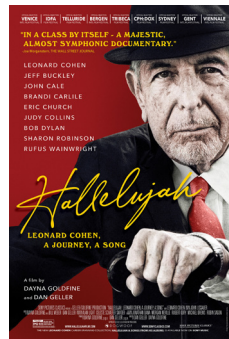
For fans of horror comedies.



## ***The Time Traveler's Wife: The Complete Series.***

Not rated.

For fans of dramas and historical fiction.



## ***Hallelujah: Leonard Cohen, a Journey, a Song***

Rated PG-13 for brief strong language and some sexual material.

For fans of music documentaries.



## ***The Power of the Dog***

Rated R for brief sexual content/full nudity.

For fans of westerns and dramas.



## ***DC League of Super-Pets***

Rated PG for action, mild violence, language and rude humor.

For fans of animal movies and animation.



## ***Riotsville, U.S.A.***

Not rated.

For fans of documentaries and American history.

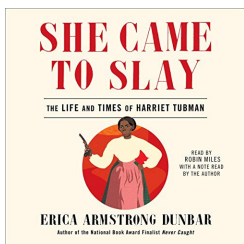


## ***Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile***

Rated PG for mild peril and thematic elements.

For fans of animation and musicals.

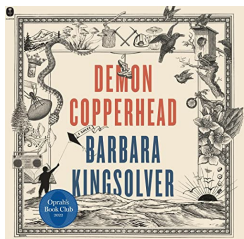
# New in Audiobook



## ***She Came to Slay: The Life and Times of Harriet Tubman***

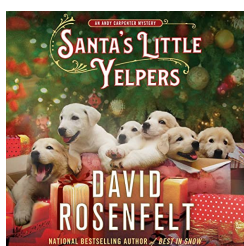
by Erica Armstrong Dunbar

Harriet Tubman is best known as one of the most famous conductors on the Underground Railroad. As a leading abolitionist, her bravery and selflessness has inspired generations in the continuing struggle for civil rights.



## ***Demon Copperhead*** by Barbara Kingsolver

An Appalachian boy braves the modern perils of life in a beautiful, poverty-ridden place he can't imagine leaving. Steered by a teacher and a best friend, he comes to learn how to cope with outside forces. Also available in Large Print

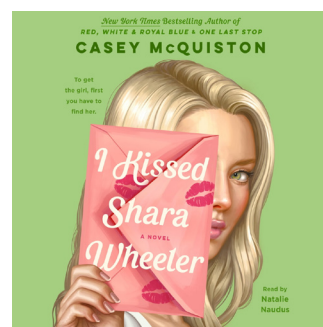


## ***Santa's Little Yelpers*** by David Rosenfelt

Lawyer Andy Carpenter and his humorous investigating team return in Santa's Little Yelpers, the next Yuletide mystery in David Rosenfelt's bestselling series.

## ***I Kissed Shara Wheeler*** by Casey McQuiston

Thrown into an unlikely alliance, chasing a ghost through parties, break-ins, puzzles, and secrets revealed on monogrammed stationery, Chloe starts to suspect there might be more to her small town than she thought. Fierce, funny, and frank, Casey McQuiston's *I Kissed Shara Wheeler* is about breaking the rules, getting messy, and finding love in unexpected places.



## ***Just the Nicest Couple*** by Mary Kubica

Queen of suspense Mary Kubica delivers a high-octane, edge-of-your-seat thriller filled with shocking lies and betrayals and shows how even the deepest secrets will always find a way to the surface.



## ***Spare*** by Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex

With its raw, unflinching honesty, *Spare* is a landmark publication full of insight, revelation, self-examination, and hard-won wisdom about the eternal power of love over grief.



# Hallmark for the Holidays



***A Timeless Christmas (2020)***  
Rated TV-G.



***A Christmas Melody (2015)***  
Rated TV-G.



***A Veteran's Christmas (2019)***  
Rated TV-G.



***Love, Lights, Hanukkah! (2021)***  
Rated TV-G.



***Switched for Christmas (2017)***  
Rated TV-G.



***A Christmas Miracle (2019)***  
Rated TV-G.



***Christmas Waltz (2020)***  
Rated TV-G.



***Picture a Perfect Christmas (2019)***  
Rated TV-G.



***Deliver by Christmas (2020)***  
Rated TV-G.

# Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

## HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

## HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



## Before Heading Out or to Bed

**Blow out** lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

## FACTS

- ! More than **one-third** of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ! More than **two of every five** decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



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# Word Search

## The Twelve Days of Christmas - Word Search

S L P V J G N I M M I W S A T T L  
E R S C X S D I A M L E Z Z G S M  
G G E D R G G R C O M A F L E S E  
D F O P R J N D U O P R D V E M E  
I D G L I I I I T M E J O I S U P  
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**CHRISTMAS**

**TRUE**

**LOVE**

**GAVE TO ME**

**PARTRIDGE**

**PEAR TREE**

**TURTLE DOVES**

**FRENCH HENS**

**CALLING BIRDS**

**GOLD RINGS**

**GEESE**

**A-LAYING**

**SWANS**

**A-SWIMMING**

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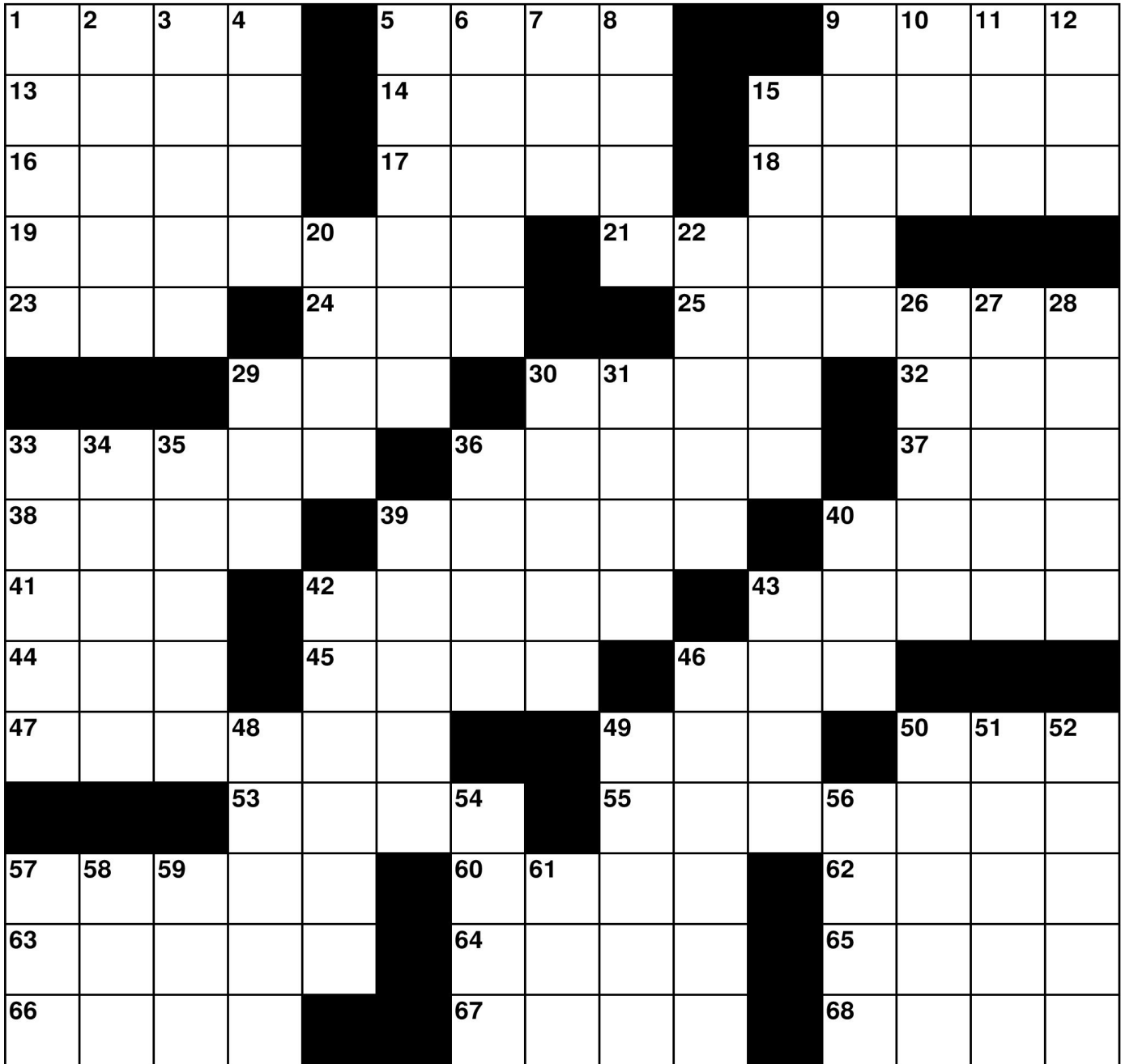
**PIPING**

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**DRUMMING**

# Crossword Puzzle

## NEW YEAR'S EVE



By Evelyn Johnson - [www.qets.com](http://www.qets.com)

# Crossword Puzzle

## NEW YEAR'S EVE

### ACROSS

- 1 Fewer
- 5 Wields
- 9 Talk back
- 13 Wager
- 14 Church part
- 15 Cavalry sword
- 16 Trolley car
- 17 Stair
- 18 What an orchestra makes
- 19 No work day
- 21 Sound
- 23 Wing
- 24 Sky
- 25 Doesn't taste too bad
- 29 Not young
- 30 Lag
- 32 Affirmative
- 33 Open grassy area
- 36 Not the clergy
- 37 Tail movement
- 38 Winter outerwear
- 39 Large pink shell
- 40 Own
- 41 Rowing device
- 42 Group of birds
- 43 Pain reliever brand

- 44 Pacific Standard Time
- 45 Run easily
- 46 Feline
- 47 Cultural
- 49 Poke
- 50 American Federation of Teachers (abbr.)
- 53 Murky
- 55 Homer classic
- 57 Charred
- 60 Off-Broadway award
- 62 Slope
- 63 Inches, for example
- 64 Essence
- 65 Doing nothing
- 66 Artist Van \_\_\_
- 67 Scene division
- 68 Not far

### DOWN

- 1 Woodworker's tool
- 2 Register
- 3 Sales booth
- 4 Very large truck
- 5 Unvoiced
- 6 Mythical deity
- 7 Evening before a holiday
- 8 September (abbr.)
- 9 Saudi Arabian citizen
- 10 Abdominal muscles (abbr.)
- 11 \_\_\_ Lanka
- 12 Part of a min.
- 15 Smear
- 20 Valley
- 22 Woody plants
- 26 Road
- 27 Go away
- 28 Enthusiastic
- 29 Choose
- 30 Movement of the body in a rhythmic sequence
- 31 Fredrick's nickname
- 33 Scientific instrument
- 34 Drink to
- 35 World
- 36 Intertwine
- 39 Device for measuring time
- 40 Covering for the head
- 42 Fire making stones
- 43 Infant
- 46 Plebes
- 48 Final inning
- 49 Beam
- 50 Side note
- 51 Slang term for man
- 52 Mary \_\_\_ Moore
- 54 Meditation
- 56 Lower leg
- 57 Bother
- 58 Spanish "one"
- 59 Big truck
- 61 Pen brand

## NEW YEAR'S EVE

Solution:

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