

# Quisenberry Tree Gala follows the city's Christmas parade

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The first Saturday of December has long been associated with the annual Clinton Christmas parade and Breakfast with Santa. A few years ago, the Quisenberry Library added another holiday event to Clintonians' traditions – the Christmas Tree Gala.

To help close out a full day of Christmas cheer, the Quisenberry Library will unveil its array of decorated Christmas trees scattered throughout the building on Saturday, December 2. From 1 p.m. until 3 p.m., the library will sparkle with close to fifty decorated trees, big and small, with Santa Claus joining the festivities following his entrance into town in the parade. Children can have their pictures made with Santa, and parents are encouraged to bring their cameras to snap photos.

The children's librarian, Alston Curtis, will be providing a reading of the Christmas story, and library patrons can enjoy treats and an appearance by ventriloquist, Johnny Lowe, with his friend, Homer.

All the activities are free of charge. Branch Librarian Susan Delmas said, "Since this is my first year in Clinton, I am looking forward to seeing the trees, too. I think it is a wonderful event for local businesses to provide for the viewing pleasure of young and old alike."

The trees are all decorated to showcase the unique personalities and interests of the groups they represent. Previous years have seen trees decorated by local restaurants, hotels, clubs and community organizations, small businesses and medical clinics. Most trees are creatively decorated rather than with traditional ornaments, creating an



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entertaining forest to explore for both young and old visitors alike.

"Families will be out for the parade, and we invite everyone to stop by to admire the trees and enjoy refreshments and stories at the library," said Delmas. "If you can't come after the parade, the trees will be up for the entire Christmas season for everyone to enjoy."

Because the trees remain in place during the entire month of December, families are encouraged to visit during regular library hours for photos or just to view the winter wonderland. Current library hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.

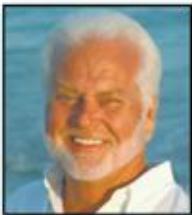
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