



Christmas on a shelf

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Can you find a shelf somewhere in your library that is highly visible, which can be decorated with a Christmas display? The effect created would resemble a mantelpiece beneath which the 'treasures' of books, videos and CDs relating to the festive season, are displayed.

We have made this example for you to follow or adapt as you wish. Most of the items are inexpensive and require minimal effort. Ask some (willing) borrowers to help.

You will need:

☆ silver or gold card (or a colour of your

choice). A cardboard box can be cut to the required size with pointed shapes and covered in silver foil or spray paint

- ☆ paper doilies - which you can buy or make yourself by folding and cutting shapes from white paper
- ☆ sprigs of rosemary bush can be found all over and have a lovely herb smell. Use them with ivy leaves which are a vibrant bright green. These can be tied to a ring of wire with approximate 30cm diameter
- ☆ ping pong balls covered with chocolate, sweets or cigarette box papers and placed in a glass jar with a ribbon or tinsel around the top
- ☆ candles cut from black paper in a rectangle and a flame shape leaving a black outline, behind which you glue tissue or

cellophane paper. Glue them to a glass which contains a tea light or small candle

- ☆ select a few small boxes to gift wrap
- ☆ stars can be cut out of cardboard and painted or covered with glitter, silver paper or foil
- ☆ crackers can be made from toilet rolls covered with giftwrap and ribbons
- ☆ the use of tinsel in various places adds the sparkle which completes the picture.

Start with the planning of your library's special Christmas shelf today. Involve all the staff and creative library users and see this display develop into a special feature in your library this festive season.