

BOOKS

Author will sign Christmas book

Borders Books and Music in Novi Town Center will welcome author Donna VanLiere for a discussion and signing of The Christmas Shoes and the band NewSong for an in-store performance of their hit single The Christmas Shoes. The program will begin at 2 p.m. Dec. 1.

When the song The Christmas Shoes was released last Thanksgiving by NewSong, the store instantly brought a flood of listener responses to radio stations that played it across the country, and it quickly shot to number one on the Billboard charts.

The Christmas Shoes is a novella based on the story of a man who rediscovers the true meaning of Christmas, and his family, with the help of a child. Author Donna VanLiere, whose previous books include Sheltering Trees: The Power Promise and Refuge of Friendship, says she wrote the book as a tale of our shared humanity, of the deeper meaning of generosity, and how a power greater than ourselves can shape, and even save, our lives. She is also, coincidentally, married to the manager of NewSong, Troy VanLiere.

Donna and NewSong will share with the audience the story of the song, how it came to be included at the last minute on NewSong's 2000 release Sheltering Trees, and how Donna came to write the novella based on it. In the same vein as It's a Wonderful Life, and Miracle on 34th Street, The Christmas Shoes is truly an example of the power of human connection, as Donna will explain.

This event is free and open to the public. Borders Novi is located in the Novi Town Center, 43075 Crescent Boulevard, Novi.

Scheduled to open Friday, Nov. 30

TEXAS RANGERS In the frontiers of Texas following the Civil War, a group of young wild men form a new justice agency, the Texas Rangers. To clean up the dangerous territories, Stars James Van Der Beek, Rachael Leigh Cook, Oded Fehr, Derek Flores, Eric Johnson, Matt Keastar, Ashton Kutcher, Marco Leonardi and Dyan McDermott.

BEHIND ENEMY LINES Gabriel Macht and Owen Wilson team up for an action drama about a pilot and a naval flight officer who are shot down while flying their F/A-18 Super Hornet on a combat mission over Bosnia. In the movie, Macht and Wilson are attached to the aircraft squadron VFA-163 deployed on board USS Carl Vinson. With time running out, Reigart (Gene Hackman), commander of the Carl Vin-

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son Battle Group, goes against orders to carry out a desperate rescue mission. Featured among the ensemble is David Keith as Reigart's right-hand man.

THE AFFAIR OF THE NECKLACE Billed as a romantic drama, the story is based on the controversial true story of Jeanne De La Motte Valois, an courtesan whose name was stripped from her by the royal family during the late 18th century. The story of her fight to restore her name and proper place in society is filled with mystery, intrigue and desire, with an infamous diamond necklace at the center of it all. Featured players include Hilary Swank, Arien Brody, Jonathan Pryce and Christopher Walken. Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 7

OCEANS 11 A gangster by the name of Danny Ocean rounds up a gang of associates to stage

heists of three major Las Vegas casinos (Bellagio, The Mirage, and Treasure Island) simultaneously during a popular boxing event. Stars George Clooney, Matt Damon, Andy Garcia, Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts, Casey Affleck, Scott Caan, Don Cheadie, Elliott Gould and Eddi Jemison.

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 14

NOT ANOTHER TEEN MOVIE This irreverent comedy shows no mercy as it shatters the conventions and clichés of the genre you hate to love. Join Janey Biggs, an aspiring artist who is outcast by her classmates for wearing glasses, a ponytail, and paint covered overalls; and Jake Wylor, the all-American football star who makes a foolish bet to turn Janey into a prom queen, in a risqué romp with an assortment of twisted takes on classic teen characters and teen movies. Featured players include Joy Bischo and Lucy Chabert.

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