Saddle Up, Friends!

Like my son who had “big box” on his Christmas list, I hope you got everything you ever wanted this holiday season. My favorite Christmas story is when my neighborhood friend, Paul Harrington, didn’t get anything at all when he woke up Christmas morning because he told his mom, Betty, he didn’t believe in Santa Claus no more. He ran to his room crying, “I believe, I believe!”* and voila! Presents. My dad also once threw Paul in the deep end of our pool for swimming lessons. Come to think, I hope Paul turned out all right. Surely. And the moral of this story—I hate morals at the end of stories but work with me here—is that you should believe that the 2012 Spring Semester is yours. Own it. And the library is here to help you get on the 2012 Spring Semester Pony and ride it into the sunset. Yep. Giddy-up. We’ve got laptops and carrels and Kindles that glisten / mind-blowing novels and book-ended writtens. Okay. So putting library services to the tune of “My Favorite Things” doesn’t work so well. Did you see that Bjork movie, btw? She sings that and it’s lovely. But the movie is depressing, so I recommend watching it only after you get off the 2012 Spring Semester Pony. Pony tears is not the way to start a brand-spanking new New Year, for goodness and redundancy’s sake.

*Have you seen that new Weight Watchers commercial where the person (I think) learned her name is Jennifer Hudson who is also someone I know from elementary school. (I think she, J.H. from school, was one of the girls who did a Dirty Diana dance thing-y at a 5th grade talent show. Our dance group lost to that. I’m sure it was my fault. My dancing has a particular audience. A lenient one, e.g.) Ahem—Anyway she, the famous J.H., sings the Lenny Kravitz song “Believe.” I’m not sure where I was going with that. Hard to regroup after the Dirty Diana Loss of 1998TM.

Cookie Night, Now! With! Romance!

It’s like date night with a cookie where the cookie says, “Good evening, studious student. You look lovely tonight.” And you say, “Thanks. I am going to eat you.” It’s on Tuesday, January 17th. Come for the cookie, stay for the knowledge, yo.

New York Times Top 10 Books of the Year

Looking for a book to place on one of the library’s Kindles? These 10 books were picked by the folks at the NYTimes as the cream-of-the-crop:

Fiction
1. The Art of Fielding - Chad Harbach
2. 11/22/63 - Stephen King
3. Swamplandia!* - Karen Russell
4. Ten Thousand Saints - Ellen Henderson
5. The Tiger’s Wife - Téa Obreht

Nonfiction
1. Arguably: Essays - Christopher Hitchens
2. The Boy in the Moon: A Father’s Journey to Understand His Extraordinary Son - Ian Brown
3. Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention - Manning Marable
4. Thinking, Fast and Slow - Daniel Kahneman
5. A World on Fire: Britain’s Crucial Role in the American Civil War - Amanda Foreman

*Not to be confused with an OutKast album.