

# Bethlehem Public Library's Inaugural GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST



## 'TIS THE SEASON FOR GINGERBREAD HOUSES!

Get creative, start building and bring your creation to the  
Bethlehem Public Library

### Contest Age Categories

- Children 7 and under
- Youth 8 to 12
- Teens 13 to 18
- Adults 19+

### Prizes

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes will be awarded in each age category.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$50
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$25
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$15
- People's Choice Winner: Gingerbread How-To book

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## **Contest Rules 2018:**

1. There is no cost to enter. One entry per person. Open to Bethlehem residents and/or Bethlehem Library card holders.
2. Design, bake, construct and decorate a gingerbread house, structure or scene. Gingerbread “houses” can also be town buildings, barns, birdhouses, lighthouses, airplanes or any other imaginative dwellings.
3. Store bought houses or kits are not eligible.
4. All entries must be on a wooden or sturdy cardboard base and be secure enough to survive transport within the library, as necessary. Styrofoam and other support materials are not permitted.
5. Entries must be constructed of gingerbread and icing, unwrapped candy (i.e. foil must be removed), cookies, pretzels, crackers, cereals, pasta and any other food item. Entire display except for base must be made of edible materials. \* Children 7 and under may use graham crackers instead of gingerbread. \*
6. Use Royal Icing only. Buttercream frosting will turn rancid. Recipes for Gingerbread Dough and Royal Icing may be obtained at the library.
7. Please give your entry a special “Holiday Name” such as Winter Wonderland, A Star Wars Christmas or Santa’s workshop, etc. Please do not attach your name to your gingerbread house. Participants will receive an entry form at the time of drop off.
- 8.\*\* Participants must pick up their Gingerbread House by Saturday, Dec 22 at 1pm. Entries not picked up by this time will be discarded. \*\*

## **Judging**

1. Bring your gingerbread creation to the Bethlehem Public Library on Dec 5, anytime between 1pm and 7pm.
2. Entries will be judged on originality, creativity, overall appearance, and adherence to contest rules.
3. The People’s Choice Winner will be selected by library visitors who vote for their favorite entry between Thursday Dec 6 and Wednesday Dec 12. Each person may vote only once per day during the voting period.
4. Judging and voting will end on Dec 12 and winners will be announced on Dec 13. Winners do not need to be present to win.
5. The judges’ decisions are final.

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