The Carmel Community Tree Lighting, sponsored by the Simpson Memorial Library, was held on Sunday, December 1, and was a great success. Our lovely tree was donated by Piper Mountain, Kennebec Rd. Newburgh. We would like to thank Tim Caverly and his entertaining “Christmas in Cornville”, Steve Nute, Sarah Holt, Julia Pike and the Historical Society, the library trustees, the many cooks & bakers who supplied the food and their time, and everyone who graciously showed up for the program.

Bake Sale: Tired of baking? Come and browse our delicious home baked goods for the holidays. Ye Ole Country Store in Carmel is the place where you’ll find these yummy treats. Bake sale dates are on Saturdays, December 14th, January 11th, and February 8th 9:am to 2:pm.

Winter Reads: Make sure you have a book to cozy up to during the next snowstorm-our newest additions are: “Blue Moon” by Jack Reacher, The Guardians by John Grisham, Angel Eyes by Robert Parker, The Dutch House by Ann Patchett, The Institute by Stephen King, This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger, and The Shaper by Tess Gerritsen. We have many new books for young readers, also.

Crafters Group: Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, or doing crafts? Looking to fill up some time with new projects? Then this group is just for you. Come and join the group or just relax with a good book and meet some new friends. Every Thursday at 1:00.

Storytime: All children are welcome for our weekly story time on Saturdays at 11:00. Listen to a special book and help Ms. Lee do a craft. Maybe we’ll even sing a few songs, too! We are also offering another storytime just for babies and toddlers on Thursdays at 1:00. Hope to see you here! For more information call the library at 848-7145

Home Bound: If you are homebound in the Carmel area and need books, audiobooks or DVD’s, please let the library know. Materials will be delivered to your home. If interested, please call Ms. Lee at the library (848-7145) and sign up for this service. We will be happy to help you.

Bottle Donations & Ink Cartridges: The library would like to thank everyone who has dropped off returnable bottles and ink cartridges. The proceeds continue to help the library move ahead to help with the costs of maintaining the services of the library. The library earns points towards supplies at Staples for the recycled ink cartridges.

Snow Dates Reminders: When the Carmel & Levant schools are closed for inclement weather, the library is closed. Please check WABI-TV channel 5, WLBZ-TV channel 2, channel 7, our Facebook page and our website www.simpsonmemorial.org.