

Books that make great holiday gifts

(StatePoint) Books are a great gift, no matter who is on your holiday shopping list. But matching the right book with the right person isn't always easy.

With thousands of new books issued each year, this handy gift guide can help you make everyone happy this holiday season:

Music Lovers

Produced in association with the Smithsonian and including images from The National Music Museum in South Dakota, "Music: The Definitive Visual History," guides readers through the progression of music since

its prehistoric beginnings, discussing not just Western classical music, but music from around the world.

Telling the story of musical developments era by era, linking musical theory, technology, and human genius into the narrative, this book profiles the lives of groundbreaking musicians from Mozart to Elvis, takes an in-depth look at the history and function of various instruments, and includes listening suggestions for each music style.

History Buffs

A wide-ranging tale spanning 5,000 years of the

oceans' history, "The Conquest of the Ocean" tells the stories of those who sailed seas for trade, to conquer new lands and to explore the unknown.

From the early Polynesians to the first circumnavigations by the Portuguese and the British, these tales of epic sea voyages involve great feats of seamanship, navigation, endurance and ingenuity. Readers can explore the lives and maritime adventures, many with first-person narratives, of such land seekers and globe charters as Christopher Columbus, Captain James Cook, and Vitus Bering.

Sports Fans

Fully updated with the latest statistics and world records, "The Sports Book" is packed with comprehensive full-color illustrations and details about more than 200 different sports, including baseball, hockey, jujitsu, cross-country skiing, water polo and gymnastics.

Travelers

Experience the best of France's greatest city with "DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Paris." This newly

updated travel guide will lead readers straight to the best attractions this city has to offer, whether they are planning visits to the Louvre and other city museums, a climb up the Eiffel Tower or just want to go shopping.

Kids

The "LEGO Play Book" has all-new ways to encourage kids to think, build and play creatively. Featuring more than 200 different

LEGO builds, this fun guide encourages readers to use their imagination and play in new ways, creating amazing LEGO models of their very own. Featuring a mixture of simple, medium and complex models, the book teaches builders tips and tricks to get the most out of their blocks.

Gamers

Readers can learn all they ever wanted to know about their favorite Angry Birds "Star Wars" characters with "DK's Ultimate Sticker Collection: Angry

Birds Star Wars!" Meet Red Skywalker, Lard Vader, C-3PYolk, Ham Solo, and many more angry birds and hungry pigs in their fun and sticky form. With over 1,000 reusable Angry Birds "Star Wars" stickers, hours of fun await in a galaxy far, far away....

More gift ideas can be found at DK.com.

Giving the invaluable gift of reading this holiday is a terrific way to open the minds of those we love the most.

Woodcarving demonstration is December 21st in Berea

On Saturday, Dec. 21, three members of the Berea Welcome Center Carvers will demonstrate a variety of woodcarving styles from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea. Carving that day will be David Buzzard, of Lexington, who specializes in bark carvings, portraits and caricature carvings. Also carving will be Jack Johnson, of Somerset, who enjoys carving animals and John Lister, of Berea, who carves both animals and hand-hewn bowls.

Members of the Berea Welcome Center Carvers live in many communities in central Kentucky, and their activities include carving classes, carving demonstrations at schools, monthly Kentucky Artisan Center demonstrations and special events.

Members specialize in a wide variety of techniques and styles of carving. Carvers in the group often mentor each other, and all enjoy sharing their love of woodcarving, making their demonstrations at the Kentucky Artisan Center a mix of humor, technique and storytelling.

Woodcarving is an ancient art found in every cul-

ture and part of the world, reflecting many carving styles such as whittling, line carving, chip carving, pierced carving, relief carving, in-the-round carving (sculpture), architectural carving and chainsaw carvin

Celebrating 10 years in 2013, the center currently features works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth.

A special exhibit, "Capturing the Art of Sport: Works by Kentucky Artisans," is on display through Feb. 22, 2014. The center lobby features an 18-foot Christmas tree decorated with sports-themed ornaments and gifts. For more information about events call 859-985-5448, go to the center's website at www.kentuckyartisancenterky.gov or follow events on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the cafe is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Great holiday gifts for gardening enthusiasts

(StatePoint) Shopping for gardeners this holiday season? You can make their season a bit brighter by shopping with their favorite hobby in mind.

Here are a few ideas that will put a smile on the face of those green-thumbed family members and friends:

Make a Statement

Upgrade a hobby wardrobe with gear that's not only stylish, but functional too.

If your gardener is still watering, hedging, weeding and working in the yard in an old pair of beat-up sneakers, consider a pair of garden clogs designed for the specific chores associated with working in the yard or garden. Easy-to-clean and waterproof, they make a great present.

Or consider a utility apron in your gift recipient's favorite colors or pattern.

Go Bird-Friendly

No garden is complete without visits from local wildlife, such as songbirds. Help your gardener transform his or her garden into a wildlife refuge. A birdbath and bird feeder will help attract birds and encourage them to linger in the garden longer.

Unfortunately billions of songbirds are killed worldwide each year due to accidental collisions with window glass, according to the Wilson Ornithological Society. Consider a unique gift that makes the area safer for flying friends. A new high-tech liquid called WindowAlert UV Liquid can be applied to windows, containing a component that brilliantly reflects ultraviolet sunlight. This ultraviolet light, that's invisible to humans, takes advantage of the keen eyesight of birds, creating a visual barrier on windows to help prevent fatal collisions.

"Wildlife can beautify a

garden. But birds and other wildlife don't appear by chance. They seek habitats that provide them with food, shelter, and safety," says Spencer Schock, founder of WindowAlert. "

For bird-friendly gift ideas, visit www.WindowAlert.com.

Personalize

Make watering the plants a pleasure with a vintage watering can. You can add a personal touch by painting the side of the can with a unique design or your gift recipient's name. Or buy a set of planters and give them the same painting treatment.

When shopping this holiday season, don't ignore your gift recipient's hobbies and passions. There are plenty of gifts that complement the gardening lifestyle.

Bourbon-themed gifts

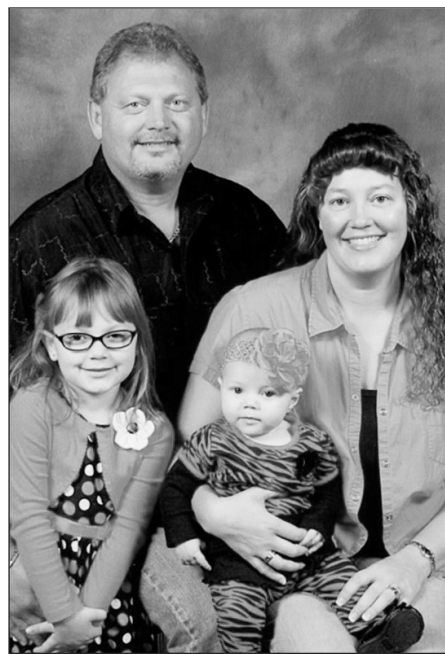
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Center at Berea is a great place to make your holiday shopping a true Kentucky bourbon-themed experience!

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***We'd like to give you our well wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.
We feel deeply honored to have your friendship and trust!***



From left: Kayla Stamper, Allie Alexander, Kevin Craig, Danette Craig and Megan Taylor. Not pictured: April Miller.

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