IN THE LIBRARY

**Winter Recess:** The library will have the following hours for winter break:

Jan. 5-6: 8:30am - 8:00pm  
Jan. 7: Regular hours resume

**MLK Day:** In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the library will be closed on Monday, Jan. 19th.

**Ongoing:** Did you know that the library has a growing movie collection? We have everything from *12 Angry Men* to *Zoolander*, and all movies circulate for 3 days. We also welcome donations of your old DVDs—just drop them off at the circulation desk!

AROUND TOWN

**January 9-12:** The inaugural College Football Playoff National Championship comes to Dallas! Whether your team is in the game or not, check out the multi-day fan festival featuring country superstars Toby Keith, Lady Antebellum, Big & Rich and Brett Eldredge. Tickets are $17 per day.

Got a New Year’s resolution to get fit? Register for the **Extra Yard 5k** at fair park where the fastest male & female, and one other lucky runner, will win a pair of tickets to the championship game! For more information, visit www.collegefootballplayoff.com/events.

DID YOU KNOW...

that 3,000 pounds of confetti gets dropped on New York’s Time Square every year? I bet you think some kind machine is responsible for scattering all of that paper around, but you’d be wrong. Stationed in nine area buildings, a team of 80 engineers hand tosses every inch of confetti 20 seconds before midnight. They do this so that when viewers tune in seconds before the new year, confetti is already dancing across their TV screens. It takes about 20 minutes for all of the confetti to settle, a celebration that has been orchestrated since New Year’s Eve 1993.

IN HISTORY

On **January 2, 2014**, the very first edition of the Loo News was printed. Happy first birthday, Loo News! OK, just kidding, onto real history...

On **January 14, 1952**, the NBC TODAY show’s first host, Dave Garroway, greeted the viewers with the first of many “good mornings” to come—the show turns 63 years old this year! Headlines that day covered everything from music and art to “explosive sweaters made from synthetic rayon which had been exploding in 50 seconds!” Matt Lauer did not join the TODAY show until 1994 and was not officially a co-anchor until January 6th, 1997, but what a lovely addition he’s made.

Quote of the Month...

“Always bear in mind that your resolution to succeed is more important than any other.” Abe Lincoln