# Winter and Holiday Card Kit

## **DECORATING TIPS**

Don't worry about making it perfect! Any decoration is great, and you'll be sure to brighten someone's day when they open your card!

- Glue whole or cut sequins on the card as decorations (they can be representative of snow or stars or just something pretty) (a drop of school glue works well for this)
- Collage images, text or texture from magazines to decorate (glue stick works well for collage)
- Use colored pencils, crayons, or markers to draw a scene or abstract design
- Use stickers or glue on some cut paper snowflakes
- Washi tape!

## WHO TO WRITE TO?

The list is endless! You can even write to someone in your own home. Here are some ideas:

- Friends
- Relatives (grandparents, grandkids, aunts, uncles, cousins, siblings, and parents)
- A business you like send a letter to the workers at a place you love going to. For example, write to an ice cream shop or café you like and tell them you appreciate them.

## WHAT TO WRITE ABOUT?

It doesn't matter. The person who gets your letter or postcard will be so thrilled to get mail that you can say anything (as long as it's nice). Here are some ideas:

- Tell them what you see out your window
- What you did over the weekend
- What you're looking forward to
- How you're feeling (physically and emotionally)
- Ask them questions, e.g. what did you do over the weekend? Or what's the best meal you've eaten lately?

# **IMPORTANT DETAILS**

- Don't forget a stamp Forever stamps work great. (postcard stamps are 40¢ and 1st class letter stamps are 58¢)
- Make sure you have a person's full address: Name, house or apartment number, street, City, State & Zip
- Include a return address if you want them to write back to you.
- Seal your envelope with a damp sponge, stickers or tape (no germs that way)
- Flip this page over for postcard & envelope measurements!

Need more inspiration? Check the library's blog: spokanelibrary.org/blog

# 40¢ **Postcard Layout** postcard) Postcard stamps pay for postcards that are: stamp no bigger than 6" x 4.25" (outer, solid line) goes here no smaller than 5" x 3.5" (dashed line) Write your message on this side Decorate the reverse of the postcard with collage, drawings, Name and Address go here or stickers. Return address goes here 58¢ (your address) (1st class) **Envelope\* Layout** stamp goes here Name and Address of person you're sending mail to go here

<sup>\*</sup>To be eligible for mailing with a 1st class (forever) stamp, the envelope must be rectangular. Also, it needs to be least 3.5" high x 5" long. No more than 6" high x 11.5" inches long x .25" thick.