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Off the Shelf:

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IT'S PIE TIME

'Tis the season.....no, not that one with the jolly man and the elves. 'Tis the season of pie, as in pumpkin, deep-dish apple, pecan and more. No other time of the year is so focused on the many kinds of delicious pies we can make for our Thanksgiving feast. To figure out what to make, you could just google a term like "pecan pie". However, you may find yourself a bit overwhelmed by the choices, as well as put off by exotica such as "Chile Bourbon Espresso Chocolate Pie" (that really IS a recipe by the way). A better way to find the best pies for your celebration would be to check out some of the fabulous cookbooks on the shelf at your local library. Try one of these:

- Mrs. Rowe's Little Book of Southern Pies by Mollie Cox Bryan: a sweet collection of 60 recipes for pie from Mrs. Rowe's Restaurant and Bakery in the Shenandoah Valley.
- Pie by Angela Boggiano: the British perspective on pie, including Cornish pastries and other savories, as well as how to master the art of the pie crust.
- Perfect Pies: the Best Sweet and Savory Recipes from America's Pie-Baking Champion by Michele Stuart: 80 pie recipes from a baker with her own pie shop, along with many National Championship Recipes.
- Martha Stewart's New Pies and Tarts: 150 Recipes for Old-Fashioned and Modern Favorites by Martha Stewart: the Queen of the Kitchen updates her 1985 classic with both savory and sweet recipes, and adds beautiful photos to illustrate each pie. Apple Butter Hand Pies and Frozen Chocolate-Peanut Butter Pie are just two standouts among the many delicious desserts.
- Joy of Cooking: All About Pies and Tarts by Irma Rombauer: a spin-off of the classic "Joy of Cooking", this very traditional collection of recipes features an illustration for each pie, as well as careful and clear directions to encourage even the beginner.
- American Pie: My Search for the Perfect Pizza by Peter Reinhart: why think of pies only one way? After all the turkey leftovers have been re-purposed and you are sick of the taste of turkey, pizza might just be the way to go. This book combines culinary history with easy to replicate recipes and clear directions.

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