

Every Saturday morning the Page family, Dad, Mom, Turner, and Rita, has breakfast together in their warm dining room. The curtains are always drawn due to the bright morning light that shines through their dining room window. While eating his bowl of cereal, Dad loves listening to the local news on the radio perched on a small table positioned under the window. Mom would rather listen to music, preferably the greatest hits of the early 2000s. Turner and Rita both keep an eye on the television set as they quickly scarf down eggs and toast. With every passing second, they move closer and closer to the edges of their seats, waiting impatiently for the go ahead nod from Mom.

After discussing in length about the Buffalo Bills' chances of making the Super Bowl, the voices on the radio are now chatting about the weather. One voice says, "We have snow, Jenny, and lots of it! Today would be a great day to bundle up, put on your winter boots and enjoy the outdoors." The other voice concurs, "Joe, my children love to hop on a kicksled and ride down hills." The first voice chimes back in with, "You know, Jenny, I really love snow shoeing. There's something special about walking through the woods on a snowy day..."

Dad, not believing that the snow could be majestic enough for any winter fun, runs to the dining room window and opens the curtain. Barely controlling his excitement, "Will you look at that?! We haven't had this much snow in three years! It would be a shame to waste it by sitting inside all day." Turner and Rita, now mesmerized by the mounds of snow outside, have forgotten about the television. Dad, remembering, says "Oh darn, didn't we give away our snowshoes and kicksleds last year? There's no point in going outside in this cold weather if we can't do anything fun." The two children disappointedly turn their attention back to the black screen of the television.

Mom, finishing off her bagel, says "You know, I saw in the Kirkland Town Library's newsletter that they have snow shoes and kicksleds that can be borrowed for a week. We could visit the library today to see if they still have some available. Plus, I have a book on hold that I need to pick up!"

And that's how Dad, Mom, Turner, and Rita were able to spend an amazingly fun snow day outside sledding and snowshoeing.

If you, like the Page family, gave away your snow equipment thinking you will never see a snowy winter again, don't give up hope! The Kirkland Town Library has snowshoes and kicksleds in various sizes so that the whole family can participate in the snowy fun. Brave the icy temperatures outside to warm up in our cozy library, check out some books, and head back out bundled up with a new winter sport toy to enjoy.