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March 29

April 26

Newsletter

FROM THE DIRECTOR

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Annual Spring Break T-Shirt Party April 1**
- **Third Annual Library Blood Drive April 30**
- **National Library Week April 14-21**
- **Earth Day Concert Celebration April 19**

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We have recently had some staff changes so don't be surprised to see some new faces at the library. In January we said goodbye to Barb Esch who worked at our Circulation Desk for the past 19 years. We wish Barb a very happy retirement. Angela Meyers, Adult Services Librarian, left on February 15 to start a new job with the Waukesha County Federated Library System. Angela started here in 2008 and brought many improvements to programming and adult services. We will miss her greatly, but wish her the best in her new position.

Our total circulation for 2012 ended up being 230,635 which is up from 208,606 in 2011 or an increase of over 10%. Because our staff size has not increased, we are able to keep

up by providing more self-service models like our open holds shelf and self-checkout station. We are pleased that the library remains a popular place and vital resource for the community. We had 141,414 visits to the library from the public last year which is up from 122,871 visits in 2011. We anticipate that 2013 will be even busier!

I am pleased to announce that our Friends of the Library group is growing and having much success. They hosted a very popular "Fridays with Oscar" series in February showing four Oscar-nominated films. Starting in March they will resume with their once a month movie night,

showing "Wreck-it Ralph" on March 8 at 6:30 p.m. For the Friends Annual Meeting in April, they are hosting a very special event, "An Evening with Michael Perry." Michael Perry is an author, humorist, singer/songwriter and self described "country chronicler." Perry was born on a small farm in northern Wisconsin and is the host of the nationally-syndicated Tent Show Radio. He has written three bestselling memoirs and spent many years as a volunteer firefighter. Don't miss this free event at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17.

-Lisa Selje
Library Director

AUTHOR MICHAEL PERRY VISIT APRIL 17

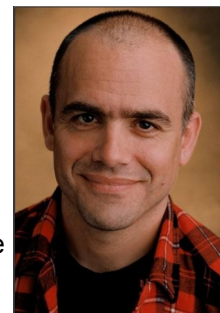
Join the Friends of Matheson Memorial Library for a book reading and discussion with author Michael Perry on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30pm. Mr. Perry's *New York Times*-bestselling memoirs include *Population 485*, *Truck: A Love Story*, *Coop*, and *Visiting Tom*.

Raised on a small Midwestern dairy farm, Mr. Perry put himself through nursing school while working on a ranch in Wyoming, then wound up writing by happy accident. He lives with his wife and two

daughters in New Auburn, Wisconsin, as an amateur pig farmer and volunteer firefighter. He hosts the nationally-syndicated "Tent Show Radio," and is a contributing editor for *Men's Health* magazine. He has recorded three live humor albums including *Never Stand Behind A Sneezing Cow* and *The Clodhopper Monologues*, and is currently finishing his first young adult novel.

The event will be free and open to the public.

Mr. Perry's books will also be available for purchase and signing.



Join the Friends today and help sponsor the event as well as get early shopping privileges at the Book & Bake sales! Applications are available at the Circulation Desk.

Please note that registration is required with some programs. Registration can be done in person, over the phone or in most cases, online.



Sign up for our e-newsletter online, visit eepurl.com/jzOQ1

Join us on:



Special Services

Computers for public use. There are 15 computers available for general use at the library. All of the computers have high-speed internet access as well as Microsoft Office 2007 Suite. We also have 5 computers that can be used to browse for materials housed within our library or throughout our 42 library system. With your card, you have access to more than 2.8 million items!

Wi-fi. With your laptop or other internet-ready device, you can have access to the built-in wi-fi at the library. Simply connect to the lower level or upper level access points.

Adult Book Clubs. Page Turners Book Club meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The Afternoon Book Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Check out a copy of the books at the library!

Children's programs. See pages 4-5.

Audio/visual services. Includes the circulation of books on CD, Playaway and MP3, music CDs, DVDs and blu-rays of both feature films and how-to's.

Local history collection. Provides information of historical value on the city of Elkhorn, Walworth County and the state of Wisconsin. We also have obituary clippings that were published in the Elkhorn Independent dating back to 1974.

Study rooms. There are three study rooms available on a first come, first serve basis.

Interlibrary loan. We can obtain materials from around the state and across the country when they are not available through our library consortium.

BookMyne. The app that makes it quick and easy to access the library on the go! Search the library's catalog, download items, manage your account, and find suggested reading instantly with your Android or iOS mobile device.



AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT



Maeve Binchy was born May 28, 1940 in Dublin. She attended school at Holy Child Convent and later at the University College Dublin

where she earned a bachelor's degree in history. Her first novel *Light a Penny Candle* was published in 1982. Binchy published a total of 17 novels that have been translated into 37 languages.

Her novels mostly take place in Ireland dealing with relationships between family and friends. Some of her novels feature recurring characters. Binchy passed away on July 30, 2012 after a short illness. Her last novel, *A Week in Winter*, was published February, 2013.

Maeve published several short story collections such as *This Year it will be Different*, *The Lilac Bus*, and *The Return Journey*.

Did you know.....

Her first book was rejected five times.

Binchy's first paying journalism job was with the *Irish Independent*.

Circle of Friends and *Tara Road* have been made into movies. Binchy's short story *How About You* from the collection *This Year it will be Different* was also made into a movie.

Maeve Binchy Novels

Light a Penny Candle

Echoes

Firefly Summer

Silver Wedding

The Copper Beech

The Glass Lake

Evening Class

Tara Road

Scarlet Feather

Quentins

Sources: www.wikipedia.org and fantasticfiction.co.uk

AUTHOR READ-A-LIKES

Have you read everything by your favorite author? It can be frustrating to realize that you might have to wait months before another title is released. What is a reader to do?

We can help! Try a recommended read-a-like. Read-a-likes are books that are written in a similar style as an author or title.



Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn is a very popular title right now. Try a read-a-like if you enjoyed this title or while you wait for it to arrive on hold.

Author Read-a-likes for this title are:

Tana French

Peter Abrahams

Stewart O'Nan

Minette Walters

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: STACY PAPROCKI

Welcome our newest staff member, Stacy Paprocki. Stacy recently moved to Elkhorn from Hales Corners, but she grew up in Walworth County and attended high school in East Troy. Stacy will be working in our circulation department, checking out materials, registering new patrons, and much more. She has four children; a thirteen-year old girl and three boys, ages 11, 9, and 6.

They also have a new puppy named Mozzie. Stacy worked for ten years in property management and now enjoys meeting new people at the library. She likes to read and drink mochas!



APRIL 14-21: NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Celebrate National Library Week with the Matheson Memorial Library April 14-21! Been thinking about getting a library card for yourself or your children?



Stop in anytime during the week to sign up and receive a free bag of goodies! Free registration bags for adults and children will be available, as well as cookies on Monday, April 15 to kick-off the event! Join us in the celebration!

APRIL IS ALSO FOOD FOR FINES MONTH! The library will forgive fines up to \$5.00 when you bring a nonperishable food item to benefit the Elkhorn Food Pantry! (\$1.00 per item).

TEENS ON SCREEN

Teens ages 13 and up are welcome to join us the last Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. for screenings of popular young adult books that have been translated into film. Snacks will be provided, and copies of the featured book will be available for checkout.

There will be no movie screening in March, but be sure to mark your calendars for a showing of *Pitch Perfect* (PG-13) Thursday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m.



Beca, a freshman at Barden University, is coaxed into joining the Bellas, the school's all-girl singing group. Bringing some energy and change into their repertoire, Beca helps the Bellas take on their male rivals in a

"NO FOOLIN' A FREE BOOK"

2013 marks the 4th Annual Big Read! Come into the library on Monday, April 1 to pick up a free copy of Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. We will have original and youth versions available as well as Spanish translated copies.

And don't forget: when you stop in to pick up your free book you can enter to win a raffle for 2 tickets to the

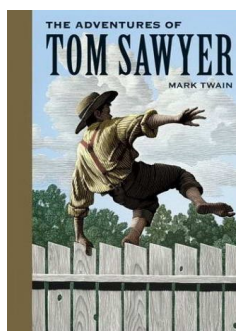
University of Wisconsin -

Whitewater's performance of

"Our Town" on Monday, April 22!

Two winners will be drawn.

There is a limited number of books available.



ONGOING PROGRAMS

The library has many drop-in programs. No registration required!

Join **Slipped Stitches** every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Bring your knitting or crochet project and work with others who share your interests.

Walworth County Genealogical Society welcomes you on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and by appointment.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Matheson Memorial Library is looking for hardworking and enthusiastic volunteers to assist with numerous tasks around the library. Duties include: shelving materials, assisting with craft prep, carrying boxes to the basement, and much more! Contact Gail at the library if you're interested!

Walworth County Homeschoolers is open to all ages and homeschooling styles. Meets first and third Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in the Storyroom. For more information, contact Sara Tanner at sarajtanner@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Please check the library's online calendar for registration information.



YOUTH SERVICES

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May 8: Middle School Madness

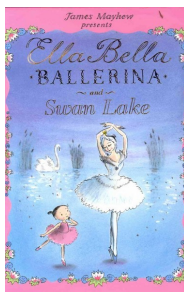
May 11: Muffins with Mom



May 20-25: Scholastic Book Fair

June 8: Summer Reading Kick-off with the Welty Environmental Center: Wonderful Worms

June 8: Summer reading programs begin for babies through teens.



June 11: Ella Bella Ballerina party

June 18: Angry Birds party



ANNUAL SPRING BREAK T-SHIRT PARTY

On April 1, 3:30 p.m. Kids and teens are invited to celebrate spring by creating their own awesome t-shirts. The library will supply shirts, you supply the creativity. Fabric crayons, paint, markers, and more will be available. Space is limited and you must register to attend. Registration opens March 1.



FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN

We have a wonderful spring ahead of us in the children's department. More sessions of our favorite programs such as Toddlers 'n' Books, Preschool Interactive, Messy Art Club, and Family Game Night will be joined by some new programs and some annual events.

If you've never attended our Annual Spring Break t-shirt party, now is the time to start! Register early to secure a spot (and a t-shirt!) and come prepared to show off your artistic skills. We have materials even the littlest ones can enjoy using, like fabric crayons as well as sewing materials and fabric paint for the more skilled kids and teens.

The library will once again be partnering with Pattie Woods and the Elkhorn Area School District Parent Connections to bring you an exciting spring program, celebrating National Library Week and the Week of the Young Child. This year we will be showing off how much we love that big red dog Clifford! On April 10, beginning at 10am, follow the paw prints through the library to find fun activities and treats!

We have some new features in the children's area as well.

The audiobooks have been moved over by the chapter books to give us more room on our hanging shelves for bags with puppets, toys, and hopefully some new items coming soon.

Special thanks to our donors who help us offer great children's programs and services. The VIP Aktion Club sponsored We Explore Stories that sing with Smitty and Mary G. and is also sponsoring purchase of materials for further We Explore programs. Donations from United Way and Kohls Cares for Kids are making a new summer program, Rubber Ducky Readers, possible this summer.

Want to know what we are doing at Messy Art Club? Need a reminder for the week's programs? Like us on Facebook! We post a reminder of exciting programs coming up every Monday. Find us at facebook.com/ElkhornLibrary.

For more information about children's programming or services, please contact Jennifer Wharton, Youth Services Librarian, (262) 723-2678 ext. 14 or jwharton@elkhorn.lib.wi.us.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

Middle Schoolers are invited to drop by between 3:00 and 4:30 on March 6 for our monthly Middle School Madness.



Complete a creative challenge, craft a DIY project, eat some tasty treats, play Wii games, and check out new books!



There will be no MSM in April.

YOUTH SERVICES

MISS PATTIE'S CORNER

The following programs are sponsored by the Matheson Memorial Library and Elkhorn Area School District Parent Connections. Please check the calendar for specific dates.

Tiny Tots

2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
Stories, songs, and discoveries for ages five and under.

Toddlers 'n' Books

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sessions are limited to 40 attendees. Stories, songs and discoveries following by a craft for 18 to 36 months.

Books 'n' Babies

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
Stories, songs and discoveries followed by an open playtime for 0 to 18 months.

Family Game Night

Families are invited to come and enjoy board games, Wii gaming, and more. Selected Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Coffee, Kids, and Conversation

Come to the storyroom to play, receive child development and resource information and discuss child and parent topics from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on selected Mondays.



About Pattie Woods

Pattie Woods is the Elkhorn Area School District's Parent Connection's Parent Educator. She offers programs at the Matheson Memorial Library and throughout the Elkhorn community for

ages 0-5 and their families.

Contact Pattie Woods, Parent Connections and 4K: 262-723-3160 ext. 1416
woodpa@elkhorn.lib.wi.us

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Please check the online calendar for specific dates.

Preschool Interactive

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

This is a weekly early literacy and art program suggested for ages three and up. It includes an interactive storytime with early literacy elements, songs, stories, and rhymes. After storytime, there is a process art project, focusing on using different materials, creativity, and motor development. Don't forget to grab your take home bag with a craft for home and more resources to practice what we learned in storytime. Younger and older children are welcome to attend, no registration is required.



Lego Club and Messy Art Club

Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Families and kids of all ages are invited to drop by any time between 3:30 and 5:00 p.m. on Thursday afternoons for Lego Club or Messy Art Club. Make something with the library's Legos or expand your imagination with art. Check out new books, make new friends, and create! Like us on Facebook to get reminders of which week is Lego Club and which week is Messy Art Club.

If you have questions, suggestions or need more information please contact Jennifer Wharton at (262) 723-2678 ext. 14

Celebrate Clifford's 50th Birthday



April 10, 10am

All ages are invited for treats, crafts, and activities throughout the library to celebrate Clifford's 50th year. Get your picture taken with Clifford, write your own Clifford story, and much more!



We Explore

We Explore is a special program series for families on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. Each week will offer a different experience but all will include stories and activities for kids and parents to enjoy. Registration is required and space is limited.

March 8: We Explore Healthy Snacking. Another program in Pattie Woods' popular multicultural, healthy eating series. After snacking, we will walk over to the UW Extension for a Block Party at 10:45.

March 15: We Explore Fire Safety. Enjoy a fire-themed storytime and then explore a real emergency vehicle!

March 22: We Explore ballet with Angelina Ballerina sponsored by the Dance Factory. Get ready to dance and dream with a sample Angelina Ballerina dance class.

April 5: We Explore Seeds

April 12: We Explore Giant Boxes

April 19: We Explore Mo Willems' Elephant and Piggie

ADULT SERVICES

THIRD ANNUAL LIBRARY BLOOD DRIVE

Matheson Memorial Library is again partnering up with the Blood Center of Wisconsin to host its third annual blood donation drive.

Last year, the BloodCenter had 75 attempting donors and collected 64 units, which can save up to 189 lives!

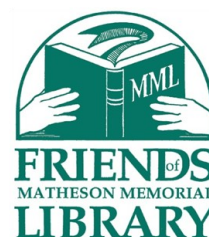


Join us this year on Tuesday, April 30 from 2 - 7:00 p.m. The blood drive will be open to the public and appointments will be taken in advance. The blood donated to the Blood Center of Wisconsin stays local and goes to hospitals like Aurora Lakeland, Children's Hospital and others in Wisconsin.

The Friends of the Library will again this year be offering a dinner of sloppy joes, chips and refreshments to all donors.

Other incentives will be offered by the BloodCenter of Wisconsin including a raffle and door prizes!

Register today! Make your appointments at www.bcw.edu/ or call the library (262) 723-2678.



We look forward to another successful Blood Drive!

ESTATE PLANNING INFO SESSION

Are you curious to know how your estate measures up? Matheson Memorial Library is in partnership with Sweet & Maier, S.C. in inviting you to a free Estate Planning Seminar on March 13 from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Topics covered will include: effect of the American Taxpayer Relief Act on current Estate plans; use of Durable Powers of Attorney for Finances, Property and Health Care; Living Wills; use of Revocable Trusts and Transfer of Death Deeds to avoid probate.



Registration is required for this seminar, so please register online or by calling the library.

COMPUTER BASICS OFFERED

Never used a computer before or confused on how to use it? Come learn how!



Join us on March 19 at 1:30-2:30 p.m. to learn basic computer skills including using a mouse and keyboard, working with Windows and computer terminology. Space is limited. Register by stopping into the library with a \$5.00 refundable deposit.

APPLE iPhone 101 DROP-IN

Got an iPhone for Valentine's Day but are unsure how to navigate around it? Come into the library on March 27 from 6 - 7p.m. to ask any questions you might have regarding downloading apps, adding contacts, security and other basic navigation skills! No registration required, however patrons will be assisted on a first-come, first serve basis with a limit to 10 minutes per question.



NEW OVERDRIVE INTERFACE

OverDrive leading digital media services Confused by OverDrive's new interface? See the link below to take a video tour of the new look.

And if you're still confused, feel free to stop into the library and ask the Reference Desk for assistance. The new OverDrive interface is meant to make it easier to stream audio with any devices. Take a look today!

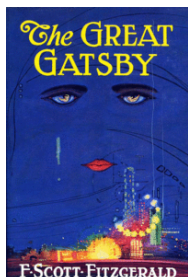
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ADULT SERVICES

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB TRAVELS TO THE ROARING 20'S

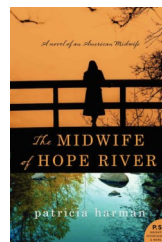
The Page Turners book club is continuing their discussions of books based throughout the decades!

Join us on March 6 at 6:30 p.m. for a discussion of *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. *The Great Gatsby* takes place in 1922 and follows the tale of Nick Carraway as he leaves the



Midwest for New York City, in an era of glittering jazz, bootleg kings, and sky-rocketing stocks. He lands next door to party-giving millionaire, Jay Gatsby, and through him he is drawn to the rich, their illusions, loves and deceits.

The Midwife of Hope River by Patricia Harman is our April 3



selection. Harman takes us to the 1930's, during the Great Depression, to Appalachia when we are introduced to a very courageous midwife struggling with disease, poverty and prejudice.

Copies of the book club selection can be picked up at the circulation desk 3 to 4 weeks prior to the book club meeting.

CLASSIC MOVIES COME TO A CLOSE

Thanks to all the seniors who have come out for Classic Movies for Seniors! We will be showing our last movie for the season on March 22 at 10:00 a.m. We will be showing "Roman Holiday" featuring Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck.

Donuts and coffee are provided at no charge.

Hepburn won a Academy Award for her performance in this 1953 romantic comedy, where she plays a



princess out to see Rome on her own. Enjoying her freedom, Hepburn meets and falls in love with an American reporter (Peck) who pretends to not know she is a princess!

AN EARTH DAY CONCERT CELEBRATION!



We are proud to present local songwriter, Tim Southwick Johnson, for a free concert performance of his recently released "Sand County Songs" on Friday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. Johnson performs songs based on Aldo Leopold's famous environmental book "A Sand County Almanac." He has performed in local libraries and other venues throughout Wisconsin and uses a variety of acoustic instruments such as the mandolin, steel guitar and harmonica along with his folk style singing.

Celebrating Aldo Leopold, Johnson's recent CD "Sand County Songs" is being sold with portions of its proceeds being donated to the Aldo Leopold Foundation in Baraboo, WI.

We are happy to have Johnson kick off Earth Day at our library and hope to see you there!



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY UPDATE

BOOK AND BAKE SALE RAISES BIG MONEY FOR LIBRARY

Cold weather doesn't stop hungry Wisconsin readers!

The January Book & Bake Sale was another success thanks to the help of the 35 hard-working volunteers and 49 wonderful bakers who raised \$3,617.75 for library programs and equipment.

A special "thank you" goes to the Elkhorn High School Diversity Club for breaking down the sale and to all our shoppers who came out in brutally cold weather to support the library.



MOVIE NIGHT: SPECIAL OSCAR PROGRAM A SUCCESS!

The first "Fridays With Oscar" Movie Night series was an overwhelming success, with 185 attendees and \$230 in donations to the Friends of the Library. Patrons walked the red carpet and enjoyed weekly Academy Award-nominated films, popcorn and soda. Thank you to all the Friends volunteers for making the evenings so much fun!



Congratulations to Joshua, Yasmin, Sally and Becky who won the weekly Oscar trivia and movie tickets!



Join us for these upcoming Movie Nights with the Friends:

Wreck-It Ralph (PG) will be shown on March 8 at 6:30 p.m. The animated film from Walt Disney Studios follows a video game villain who wants to be a hero, but a quest to fulfill his dream brings havoc to the whole arcade where he lives. Bring the whole family for a fun evening with the Friends!

Les Miserables (PG-13) will be shown on April 12 at 6:30 p.m. Based on the novel by Victor Hugo and set in 19th-century France, this epic film follows an escaped convict seeking redemption while being hunted for decades by the police. His fateful decision to care for the young daughter of a factory worker will change both their lives forever. Free popcorn and soda are provided. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

FRIENDS TO FINANCE LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

DRIVE-UP DONATION DRIVE

The Spring Donation Drive will be held at Matheson Memorial Library on Saturday, May 4 from 10-1:00 p.m. Simply fill your car with gently used books, audiobooks, movies, and music to donate, and the Friends of the Library will unload your car for you while you wait! All donations are tax-deductible and will be sold at the summer Book Sale to raise funds for the library. Ask a librarian for more information about acceptable donated materials.!

The strength of fundraising efforts and community generosity has allowed the Friends of Matheson Memorial Library to pledge a greater long-term contribution to the library. At the Friends Meeting held on February 20, members unanimously voted to take over the financing of all library programs with a commitment to fundraise \$4,000 annually. This will include Children and Adult programming beginning this year. The Friends will also continue sponsorship of the Movie Night program as well as use any additional funds raised for library equipment and materials. Can you help? Join the Friends today!