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Library Friends

Programs with the "R" symbol require advance registration. Please sign up on the library website or the Circulation Desk to reserve a spot!

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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR



summer is here with warm weather, Storywagon for children, a variety of programs, and increased traffic in the library. We have programs for babies and toddlers, children and teens, adults and senior citizens. Check our website and this newsletter for details on specific programs.

So far this summer we have had a fairy flower party, an Angry Birds party, planted pizza gardens, hosted an Honor Flight program and a teen lock-in. Don't miss our upcoming programs on Fibonacci and the Golden Mean and in August, a presentation by Craig Culver, business owner of the popular Wisconsin restaurant.

The Friends' group had a successful book and bake sale in June earning more than \$1,500 which will support library programs. Their monthly Movie Nights are a success and in July they will show the popular Lego Movie. Movies are all free and open to the public. Have you visited the Friends' ongoing book store? Located near the fireplace, this book store is open whenever the library is open and holds a nice variety of books that can be purchased at reasonable prices. Simply make your selections and pay at the circulation desk.

All the prizes displayed in the display case in the lobby will be awarded to adults participating in the Adult Summer Reading Program. You have until August 9th to read and earn your raffle tickets. In addition, there is a weekly prize raffle for those who participate in the Weekly Challenge.

As you probably have noticed, we moved our audiobook collection upstairs last month and moved the young adult collection downstairs behind the computer lab. In an effort to make the upper level more appealing to adult patrons, this will be a quiet area and we will soon be offering a coffee service in the audiobook room. You may purchase a cup for \$1 and serve yourself. Phone chargers, e-readers and laptops may also be checked out to use in the library. A Tech Corner has been implemented at the upper service desk and patrons can "book-a-librarian" to help answer their technology questions.

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns you have about the library (262)723-2678, ext. 22.

-Lisa Selje
 Library Director

Basic distribution of responsibilities:

Municipality **Library Board Library Director** Set annual Determine detailed Keep board library budget informed library appropriation Audit and approve Advise board Maintain all library Hire and custody of most expenditures supervise other library funds Hire and supervise library staff Disburse library library director Administer dayexpenditures Determine library to-day library operations policies

Do you know the how the city, the Library Board of Trustees and the Library Director work together to provide our patrons with the best possible access to materials and services?

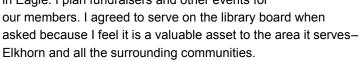
The library is led by a sevenmember Board of Trustees who are appointed by the Mayor of Elkhorn. In addition, a member of the City Council is appointed to serve as liaison between the Library Board and the Council. The board elects new officers every July to serve for the next 12 months.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES: WHO ARE THEY? AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

Job Title: Library Board Trustee **General Description:** Participate as a member of a team (the library board) to protect and advance the interests of the broader community by effectively governing the operations and promoting the development of the local public library.

Amy Kruse, President...Our family enjoys the diversity of the library. We have all been able to discover the magic of a book, being able to do something totally different than what daily life is. The library for us offers books, magazines, movies and programs to enhance our experiences. I joined the library board in hopes of making sure that others could have this opportunity. My family consists of my husband, Dave, and our three children. A special thank you to all the patrons who keep our materials and library environment in great physical condition as well as a family atmosphere.

Gwen Griffin, Vice-President...I live in Elkhorn (Sugar Creek area) with my husband and two children. I am the Development Specialist for Old World Foundation, the non-profit organization that works to support Old World WI in Eagle. I plan fundraisers and other events for





Scott McClory, Council Representative...I have been married to my wife, Michelle, for 25 years and we have two children and four grandchildren. I work as the Patrol Captain at the Sheriff's office. As the Council Representative, I am a non-voting

member of the board. I enjoy being involved very much.

Mary Cline...My husband and I have lived in Elkhorn the past 10 years. I am the principal of Jerstad-Agerholm Elementary School in Racine. I am involved in the library to help maintain a place where my son and I can go to enjoy books, programs and playtime.





Michelle Aquino Schopf, Treasurer...One of the first things I did when I moved to Elkhorn was to visit the library and get a library card. The library has always been one of my favorite places in Elkhorn. It appeals to all ages and has

something for everyone. My husband, Brian, is a counselor at the high school. We have three children– Allison, Olivia and Luke. I teach 2nd grade at Tibbets School.

Donna Pruess...I lived in Elkhorn my entire life. I have been married for 19 years. We do not have any children. I just think the library has so much to offer for the public that I just wanted to get involved. There was an opening. I put my name in and was appointed!



Bill Rogers...I am married, have 2 children and live in



Elkhorn. I am the General Manager of Evergreen Golf Club and have held management positions there for 25 years. I am founder of "Scramble for a Cure" golf outing that raises funds for cancer research at UW Carbone

Cancer Center . I am a past-president and current board member of the Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce. I am willing to serve in an attempt to improve the community I live in.

Jason Tadlock...I am the proud father of five children and am married to Elizabeth. I am starting his second year as Superintendent of the Elkhorn Area School District. I chose to serve on the library board because I believes that just as the

libraries serve as the heart of our schools, a community library should serve as the heart of a community. Providing life long learning opportunities and access to resources that the community would not have without the library.



FAST FACTS ABOUT WISCONSIN PUBLIC LIBRARIES

WI ranks 10th in per capita circulation, but 21st for both total operating revenue and total operating expenditures per capita. In the past 5 years, staff has decreased 2.2%, yet circulation has increased 6.3%.

More than 6 in 10 state residents are registered library users. WI ranks 13th nationally in registered library users. 33.6 million visits were made to public libraries in 2012.

Each week, an average number of 647, 000 visits are made to WI public libraries.

Season total attendance at Packer home games was about 564,000.

Each year over 9.4 million items are shared between libraries to fill requests for materials not available locally.

WI ranks 1st nationally in per capita interlibrary loans.

Wi's collection of downloadable books ranks 3rd nationally in volume of use, and use more than doubled in 2012.

The average per capita municipal and county property taxes paid by WI residents for public library operations in 2012 was

\$36.55

MEET OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

who worked here as a Desk Clerk from 2004-2012. She is now working behind the scenes in Technical Services processing materials. Lisa lives in Lake Geneva with her



husband. She enjoys walking outdoors. She enjoys the staff and the patrons of the library and knowing what new authors and titles are available.

Sue Loth is a new Desk Clerk. She retired in 2013 from 35 years of teaching 2nd grade in the East Troy School

District. She lives in Elkhorn, loves books and is a library user. She enjoys seeing the little ones come through with all their books. Last year when she retired, she was able to enjoy watching her 18 month-old grandson, Landon. Sue enjoys quilting and auctions.



Lori Johnson started in late April as a Desk Clerk. She retired after 27 years as a commercial vendor. She likes the variety of things she does on the job here, the people and seeing all the new reading materials. She loves all the books! Lori enjoys gardening, reading, living on the lake and lots of boating.





Natalie Rinaldi is a sophomore at UW-Madison majoring in Kinesiology. She is an 2013 Elkhorn HS graduate who enjoys spending time with friends and watching movies. She really likes the organization of the library. The last book she read was "Anna and the French Kiss" by Stephanie Perkins.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK WIN \$50 VISA CARD

e are interested in sharing more information through our website and social media. This allows us to save on the cost of printing flyers and posters and it is also the most efficient way to communicate event updates, changes and photos.

To encourage more participation on Facebook, we are having a contest! We want to increase the number of LIKES for our page to 600 by August 31st. If we reach this goal, we will choose one winner from ALL the people who LIKE our page and they will receive a \$50 Visa Gift Card. So, if you LIKE our page already, spread the word to friends and family because you can still be the winner!

www.facebook.com/ ElkhornLibrary





WALWORTH COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY



embers staff the Mary Bray Room every Tuesday from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm and on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. They welcome the opportunity to help visitors research their ancestors free of charge. The public is invited to browse through the collection of genealogical resources from all over

the world. The society holds meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the Community Center in Delavan, WI starting at 6:30 pm where speakers present on a variety of genealogical subjects.

On **July 1st at 6:30pm** Judy Rockwell will present "LifeWriting". Bring a picture or memento that triggers fond memories.

On **July 19**th **from 1:00-3:00pm** the annual **"Cemetery Walk"** is being held at St. Peter's Cemetery in East Troy, WI. The East Troy Historical Society will be joining us in this year's presentation.

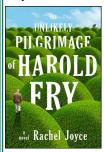
On **August 5that 6:30pm** the annual **"Ice Cream Social"** is being held at the Community Center in Delavan, WI. The public is welcome to attend. *Everyone is asked to bring their favorite toppings to share.*

ADULT SERVICES

AFTERNOON **BOOK CLUB**

he Afternoon Book Club is a relaxed group of patrons who just enjoy sharing a great book!

Please join us on July 16th at 2:00 p.m. for a discussion on The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce.



Harold Fry--retired sales rep, beleaguered husband, passive observer of his own life--decides one morning to walk 600 miles across England to save an old

friend. It might not work, mind you, but that's hardly the point. Harold finally has time to reflect on his failings as a husband, father, and friend, and this helps him become someone we can respect.



Please join us on August 20th at 2:00 p.m. for *This Glittering* World by T. Greenwood. When Ben Bailey, an adjunct history professor finds the badly beaten body

of a young Native American on his lawn, he's driven to find out what happened. Ben soon meets the victim's sister, Shadi, and falls for her and is torn between the life that's being planned for him and the more adventurous one that he thinks he wants.

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

For more information, contact book club guide Lisa Selje by phone at (262) 723-2678 or email at lselje@elkhorn.lib.wi.us



Adult Summer Reading Classic Movie Series

njoy the classic movies with your favorite actors and actresses from the Golden Era of Hollywood free at the library this summer! The movies will be on Fridays at 10:00am.

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof will be shown on July 18th. Starring Elizabeth

Taylor, Paul Newman and Burl Ives, this 1958 classic tells the story of Brick, an alcoholic exfootball player who resists the affections of his wife, Maggie. His father,



Big Daddy, who is dying of cancer, jogs a host of memories and revelations for both father and son.

On August 8th, 1940's The Philadelphia Story starring Cary Grant, James Stewart and Katherine Hepburn will be shown. When a rich

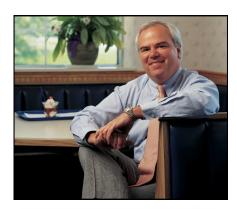


Woman's ex-husband and a tabloid-type reporter turn up just before her planned remarriage, she begins to learn the truth about herself.

CULVER'S RESTAURANT FOUNDER & CEO TO SPEAK AUGUST 5

here is no greater story than a true one! Join us to hear special guest Craig Culver, co-founder & CEO of Culver's restaurants, share his life story on Tuesday, August 5th at 6:30pm. Hear how 30 years ago Culver turned an old A&W drive-in in Sauk City, Wisconsin into one of the largest restaurant franchises in the country!

The businessman and avid philanthropist will share his work philosophy and the amazing experience of opening his 500th restaurant earlier this year.





ADULT SERVICES

TECH CORNER

ablets, smart phones, e-readers, oh my! More and more patrons are seeking assistance at the library for technology training. So, we have created a "Tech Corner" desk upstairs where we house technology resources for patrons and hold "Book-a-Librarian" appointments.

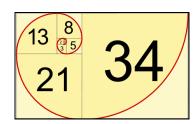
Book-a-Librarian is a private 30 minute session with a librarian to help address a variety of technology topics. You may call the library to book your 30-minute appointment or email Debbie Olguin, Adult Services, at dolguin@elkhorn.lib.wi.us.

Currently, appointments are available Tues. from 11-12 and Thurs. from 3-4.



SUMMER IS ALL ABOUT SCIENCE

he Elkhorn library is offering a variety of programs for adults this summer. On Tuesday, July 8th at 6:00pm, Teri Alder, UW-Whitewater Department of Mathematics and Elkhorn resident, will share a presentation on the interesting topic of Fibonacci and the Golden Mean. Fibonnaci was an Italian mathematician from the 1200's who discovered a pattern in nature that is now known as the Fibonacci Sequence. The Fibonacci numbers can be found in flowers, fruits, vegetables and even the human body.



On Monday, July 21st at 6:30pm, Kayla Furton and Amy Kazda, authors of A Busy Mom's Guide to a Green, Clean, and Balanced Life will address harmful and specific chemicals and toxins in traditional cleaning products,

talk about how to decipher labels, and explain how to make your own easy,

inexpensive, safe, and effective cleaning products. They'll also discuss health risks and benefits of conventional vs. safe cleaning



and give tips on how to use plants and essential oils to purify your home and life.

Nancy Bracken, Director of Mercy Home Health Care and Mercy Hospice Care will be presenting a talk on Caregiver Support on August 19th at 2pm.

Mercy Home Health and Hospice has been serving the area for over 50 years; and currently provides care in Rock, Walworth, and portions of Dane, Green and Jefferson Counties.



PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

he Page Turners choose moving and poignant stories to highlight the human condition.

Please join us on July 2th at 6:30 p.m. for an insightful discussion about A Tale for the Time Being by Ruth Ozeki.

Ruth is a writer who is currently thwarted by writer's block . One day she finds a collection of materials that has washed up on the beach. The life she has stumbled into RUTH OZEKI



is that of a Japanese teenager, who, believing suicide is the only relief for her teenage angst, nevertheless is determined, before she commits that final act, to write down the story of her great-grandmother, a Buddhist nun.

Please join us on August 6th at 6:30 p.m. for The Kitchen House by

Kathleen Grissom. In this gripping New York Times bestseller, Kathleen Grissom brings to life a thriving plantation in Virginia in the decades before the Civil



War, where a dark secret threatens to expose the best and worst in everyone tied to the estate.

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

For more information, contact book club guide Debbie Olguin by phone at (262) 723-2678 or email at dolguin@elkhorn.lib.wi.us

ADULT SERVICES

SLIPPED STITCHES



Melinda Allen, one of the original founding members of the social knitting group, Slipped Stitches, participated in World Wide Knit in Public Day on June 14th at

library. She along with founding members, Laurie, Joan, Linda and Susan, explained that this was the 4th year of "bringing knitting awareness to the world"



for the stitching group. Melinda pointed out the variety in ages the group had in attendance from college students to seniors. She also stressed that Slipped Stitches is an inclusive group and they welcome anyone who does any type of stitching or needlework— knitting, crocheting, embroidery, cross-stitching, etc.

Although the group does not teach new members, they are always willing to help one another with patterns and overcoming obstacles in their projects.

Melinda suggested visiting Studio S in Delavan to take classes if someone



is interested in learning to knit.

Slipped Stitches members and Studio S generously donate items for the Adult Summer Reading Program each year!

Slipped Stitches meets every

Wednesday evening from 6-8pm in
the Storytime Room.
Everyone is welcome!

Some Upcoming Events:
August Knit-In: Aug. 1st from 5-10pm
at the library. Potluck social event!

at the library. Potluck social event! Open to the public! Anyone who does needlework of any kind is encouraged to participate!

NEW! January: Knit a Sweater Month Knit a sweater for a person, dog, wine bottle, etc. and display it in the library!

AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT: Elin Hilderbrand



Elin Hilderbrand was born and raised in Collegeville, PA. Growing up her family would spend their summers on Cape Cod.

When she was 16 her father died in a plane crash. After his death

her family stopped their summer visits. Craving those days, she realized she took them for granted.

A graduate of John Hopkins University, Hilderbrand worked at a local newspaper and as a paralegal. Always wanting to be a writer, she started writing novels.

She is known for her summer beach romance novels. Her first novel, *A Summer Affair*, was published in

2008. Her latest novel, *The Matchmaker*, was published June 2014.

Novels

A Summer Affair The Castaways

The Beach Club Nantucket Nights

The Island Silver Girl

Summer People The Blue Bistro The Love Season

Summerland

Barefoot

Beautiful Day
The Matchmaker

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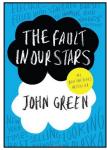
- Hilderbrand is on the board of directors at the Nantucket Boy and Girls Club.
- She is a Philadelphia Eagles Fan.
- She has traveled through 6 continents.

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

READ-A-LIKE: The Fault in Our Stars

Elin

Hilderbrand



Once again a young adult novel has the literary and movie worlds buzzing.

June's theatrical release of John Green's *The Fault in our Stars* has made the book one

of the most in demand titles of the summer.

Already read it? Are you waiting for it to come in? Try reading a read-a-like. Read-a-likes are books written with a similar style or theme.

READ-A-LIKES

Me and Earl and the Dying Girl by Jess Andrews

If I Stay by Gayle Forman
Just One Day by Gayle Forman
13 Reasons Why by Jay Asher
The Spectacular Now by Tim Tharp
Deadline by Chris Crutcher
Just Listen by Sarah Dessen

Before I Die by Jenny Downham
The Beginning of Everything by Robyn
Schneider

It's Kind of a Funny Story by Ned Vizzini
The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen
Chbosky

Have a favorite author you would like featured in the Read-a-like article? Email Sara at skrewal@elkhorn.lib.wi.us

YOUTH SERVICES

SUMMER IS A BLAST!

We're having a great summer in the youth services department! If you've been in to visit us, you may have picked up some fun prizes for summer reading, attended a great program with Pattie Woods or Ms. Jennifer, and met some of our friendly staff! Our department has welcomed two summer staff this year; our summer aide Katrina Weber and youth services associate Emily Laidley. We are very

happy to have Kat back for the third year helping out with programs and keeping the chil-

dren's area looking great! We are also excited to be joined this summer by our new youth services associate, Emily



Laidley. Emily is working on her Masters in Library Science and comes to

us from Williams Bay. She's already a familiar face to many of our families at the youth services desk and from school visits and storytimes.

This year we added many fun, interactive spaces. Check out the science activities on the bulletin board, watch for birds at the new bird watching station, take a look at our cool Lego creations, check out some fun materials in our new Maker Space display or visit our I Spy aquarium!

Celebrate summer reading with our ending party, **Book Experience**, **on August 9**th **at 10:30**. August 9 is the last day to bring in Fizz Boom Read bookmarks and teen reading forms.
However, you can return your Rubber Ducky Reader logs and Super Reader Club sheets any time in August.

We're looking forward to a great fall. **Programs will resume Sept. 6**th!

TEENS ON SCREEN and SUMMER PARTY



Calling all teens! We have a Teens
On Screen Movie Event on **Friday**, **July 11**th **at 6:00pm**. We are showing *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug*.
Middle and high school students are
welcome! Pizza, friends and a movie!
What a great way to spend a Friday!

All teen summer reading participants are invited to our After Hours Summer Reading Party on August 22nd.

Both events require registration! Register on the website's calendar or by calling the library!



EVERYTHING'S NEW!

We have lots of new, exciting changes in the children's area. The teen area has moved downstairs and middle schoolers will want to check out both the teen area and children's area to find lots of great books to read! We are in the middle of a big project in the picture books – changing to Neighborhoods! You will see lots of interesting categories on the shelves from Dance to Dinosaurs – look for more books to be added to these categories as we relabel old materials and add new ones!

Highlight on New Middle Grade Books

If you like nonfiction, Ms. Jennifer recommends Nathan Hale's latest historical graphic novel, *Treaties*, *Trenches, Mud and Blood*, a funny but informative look at World War I, and *Bugged* by Sarah Albee, a gross and funny investigation of how bugs have changed history.

If you like realistic fiction about girls, friendship, and growing up, try these great summer reads; *The Battle of Darcy Lane* by Tara Altebrando and *The Summer I Saved the World in 65 Days* by Michele Hurwitz.

Readers looking for mystery and adventure will want to check out *Eddie* Red Undercover by Marcia Wells or *Ice*

Dogs by Terry Lynn Johnson.

If you're a fantasy fan, try Tui Sutherland's latest series, *The Menagerie* and Chris D'Lacey's new series, *Unicorne Files*, starting with *Dark Inheritance*.

These and much more can be found on our Pinterest Site on the New Juvenile Books board!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 11: Movie Night - The Lego Movie

August 8: Movie Night - Heaven Is For

Real

August 20: Friends Meeting



SAVE THE DATE!

We're hosting this year's Trick-or-Trivia night on **Friday**, **October 17**th **at 7:00pm** to raise programming funds for the Matheson Memorial Library. We hope you will join us for a fun evening of laughs and trivia with the Friends for a great cause.

STRONG BOOK & BAKE SALES RAISE LIBRARY \$\$\$

he Friends June Book & Bake sale was another big success, bringing in over \$1,500 in sales and donations for the library. Patrons were able to purchase thousands of books and tasty delicious treats from 40 bakers. Many out-of-towners got a first look at the ongoing Friends Book Store too!

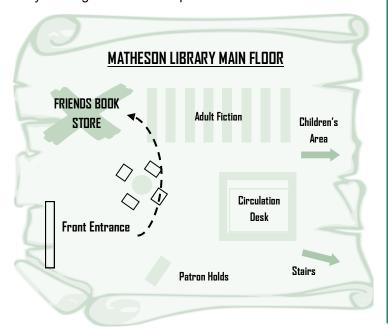
A huge thank-you to Book & Bake Sale Committee chairs Melissa Frost and Bev Kitzmiller for organizing the event, the volunteers who worked the sale, and to all the patrons and Friends members who donated their books, time and baked goodies to make the sale successful. We couldn't do it without you!



Friend Mark McGowen helps sell baked goods to patrons at the Friends Preview Sale June 12.

FIND SUMMER BOOK STORE TREASURE!

ave you found the Friends Book Store in the library yet? Here's your chance to get the latest vacation reads and other literary treasures for only 50¢ or \$1! Over 1,000 books and movies are available for sale each week all year long! Follow the map to find the store...



MOVIE NIGHTS

oin the Friends on the second Friday of every month for Movie Night! Enjoy a free movie night out with the family and great movies all summer long. Admission, popcorn and soda are all provided by the Friends. All films begin at 6:30p.m. and children under 13 need to be accompanied by an adult.

July 11: The Lego Movie

An ordinary Lego construction worker, thought to be the prophesied 'Special', is recruited to join a quest to stop an evil tyrant from gluing the Lego universe into eternal stasis. Features the voices of Will Arnett, Elizabeth Banks and Morgan Freeman. Rated PG.

August 8: Heaven Is For Real

Greg Kinnear stars as a small-town father who must find the courage and conviction to share his son's extraordinary, life-changing experience in the afterlife with the world. Based on the true story and international bestselling memoir by Todd Burpo. Rated PG.



