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## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

**Library Closed:**  
**Apr. 3**  
**Apr. 24**

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Programs with the "R" symbol require advance registration. Please sign up on the library website or in-person.

Sign up for the online newsletter at: [eepurl.com/jzOQ1](http://eepurl.com/jzOQ1)



**Thank You To Our Donors!**  
In our January/February newsletter we thanked the many patrons who donated to the library in response to our year-end appeal letter and those who gave throughout the year. The following donations were received after the December 30<sup>th</sup> printing of that newsletter and we want to sincerely thank all of you for your support.

**Charles & Elaine Statz \$25**  
**Violet Dewind \$25**  
**Carol Sabin \$50**  
**R.D. & Nancy Jacobson \$100**  
**Elizabeth Block \$200**

The 2014 year ended on a positive note and I'd like to report that our circulation for the year increased to 247,340 items, our highest annual check out ever. We will be printing the highlights from our 2014 annual report in March and will make that available to the public. This year is off to a good start and we look forward to some exciting events coming up. Basic state and federal tax forms are available in the

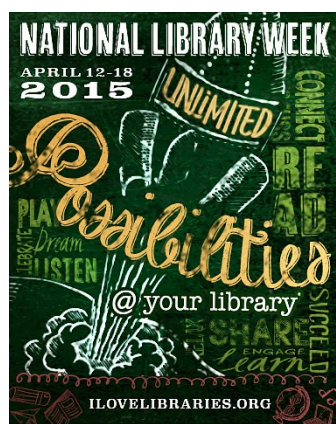
lobby and instruction booklets can be checked out from our circulation desk. The government has severely cut back the number of forms they provide to libraries this year and they no longer send any instructions. Other individual forms can be printed if you ask at the Information desk. We are hosting an **Antique Appraisal** program on **March 7** and a **Genealogy Workshop** on doing your family tree on **March 31**. In **April** there will be an **Organic Gardening** program on the **7<sup>th</sup>** and a **Butterfly Gardening** program on the **22<sup>nd</sup>**. Our children's department will coordinate with EASD Parent Connections, Step Ahead, and Lakeland Little Learners to host **Under the Sea Extravaganza** on **April 15**. The Friends group is going strong and is looking for some new members to help volunteer at their events. They just completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Fridays with Oscar film festival and will be hosting two well-known authors, **Jennifer Chiaverini** on **March 11** and **Mary Kubica** on **April 1**.

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

**-Lisa Selje**  
**Library Director**



## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK ~ April 12-18



**N**ational Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support.

To celebrate, the library will once again offer **Food for Fines** the entire month of April! From April 1-30, the library will forgive overdue fines, \$1.00 for each nonperishable food item donated. Limit 5 items per card holder. The food for fines payments may only be applied to overdue fines and not to other fees, such as lost or damaged items. All food donations will benefit the Elkhorn Food Pantry.

**Visit the library on Monday, April 13th for coffee and donuts!**

For the kids, **Culver's Coloring Contest** will be back in April! Culver's generously sponsors this contest in celebration of National Library Week each year. Pick up a coloring sheet and draw a picture of your favorite story to win a coupon for a free scoop of custard! **Ages 11 and younger are eligible.**

# NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR JENNIFER CHIAVERINI TO VISIT MARCH 11

The Friends of Matheson Memorial library welcomes bestselling author Jennifer Chiaverini on **Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30pm** in the Community Center. The appearance is part of the Middleton, Wisconsin author's national book tour for her latest release, *Mrs. Grant & Madame Jule*.

Chiaverini is the multiple *New York Times*-bestselling author of the beloved *Elm Creek Quilt* series, as well as several historical fiction novels, quilt guides, and designer of her own fabric line offered by Red Rooster Fabrics.

This free event is sponsored by the Friends of Matheson Memorial Library. Please arrive early to ensure a seat! Book signing to follow. Books will also be available for purchase.



<p><b>DID YOU KNOW?</b></p> <p>The Manor in the Elm Creek Quilt series is fictional, but Chiaverini based the barn on the estate on a real barn she once saw in Boalsburg, Pennsylvania.</p>	<p><b>NOVELS:</b></p> <p><i>Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker</i>  <i>The Spy Mistress</i>  <i>Mrs. Lincoln's Rival</i>                  Plus <u>20</u> novels in the <i>Elm Creek Quilt</i> series</p>
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# MEET GOOD GIRL AUTHOR MARY KUBICA APRIL 1

International bestselling author Mary Kubica will speak at the library on **Wednesday, April 1 at 6:30pm** in the Community Center. The program is sponsored by the Friends of Matheson Memorial Library and is free to attend.

The Lake Zurich, Illinois native will discuss the process of writing her suspenseful novel, *The Good Girl*, and journey to being named one of the Best

Books of 2014 by Publisher's Weekly. Her next novel, *Pretty Baby*, will be out in July.

Following the event, Kubica will sign copies of *The Good Girl* for attendees. Hardcover copies of the book will be available for purchase. So come and spend a scary-fun night with Kubica and the Friends!



Haven't read *The Good Girl* yet? Place it on hold today! While you wait, try a read-a-like. Read-alikes are books written with a similar style or theme.

**READ-A-LIKES:**

- Close My Eyes by Sophie McKenzie
- The Devil's Feather by Minette Walters
- Above by Isla Morley
- My Life as a Fake by Peter Carey
- The Butterfly Sister by Amy Gail Hansen
- The Winters in Bloom by Lisa Tucker
- The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins

**AUTHOR READ-A-LIKES:**

- Lee Martin
- Peter Abrahams
- Lori Rader-Day
- Barbara Vine



Have a favorite author you would like featured in the Read-a-like article? Email Sara at [skrew-al@elkhorn.lib.wi.us](mailto:skrew-al@elkhorn.lib.wi.us)




Sources: <http://web.ebscohost.com/novelist>



# SPOTLIGHT



**D**id you know that our library offers a variety of digital resources? Most of the resources are accessible 24-7 from our website. At the top of the website, click on the **'Digital Resources'** link. All are free for users who have a Lakeshores library card. Take a look at our subscriptions—you may just find the information you are seeking.

 **Ancestry.com:** The world's largest online resource for family history records. Start or continue your genealogy search here. Access is only available in the library, not remotely.  **Auto Repair Reference Center:** In need of information on how to repair or maintain your vehicle? Just enter the year, make, and model and you'll find step-by-step instructions. **BadgerLink:** A database where you can find full-text articles, including *Consumer Reports*. **Encyclopædia Britannica School Edition:** An updated version which includes thousands of articles, images, and websites.

 **Learning Express:** Looking to build career skills, or learn computer basics? This resource offers numerous video tutorials to help prepare you.  **NoveList:** This is a great resource to find read-a-likes for fiction titles and authors. **PowerSpeak:** A language program where you can learn Spanish, French, German, Mandarin Chinese, and English for Spanish Speakers. 

 **ReferenceUSA:** Detailed information about thousands of American businesses. Users must have an Elkhorn library card to access this outside the library. **Wisconsin's Digital Library:** Our comprehensive source where you can download audiobooks, ebooks, video, and music.  **Zinio:** This resource offers magazines you can download to your computer, tablet, or mobile device.

## TAX DAY ~ APRIL 15

**T**ax season can be stressful for tax payers. It may become even more stressful as the IRS will be distributing fewer forms and instruction booklets this year in an effort to cut printing costs and encourage tax payers to file online. The library, as always, strives to serve the community's needs and we have made copies of the federal instruction booklets for patrons to checkout for 3 days. We can also print or copy the forms you need for .10 a page in black & white.



### FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:

<http://www.irs.gov/Forms-&-Pubs>

<http://www.revenue.wi.gov/html/formpub.html>

### FILE ONLINE FREE:

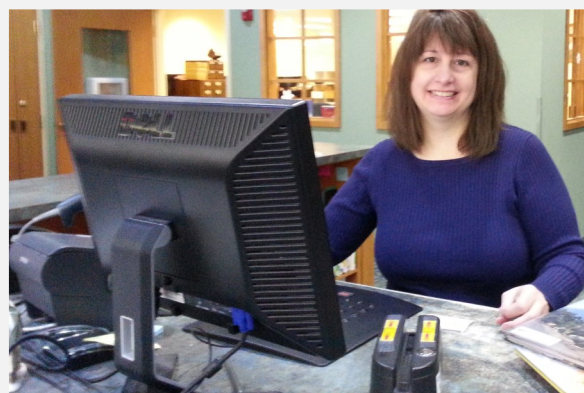
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<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Free-File:-Do-Your-Federal-Taxes-for-Free>

**FREE AARP TAX-AIDE:** Peoples Bank—please call 262-472-9632

## NEW STAFF

**I** just moved here from Lake Mills with my husband and son. My husband is a teacher at Elkhorn HS. I have always loved libraries and one of the most enjoyable aspects of the job is the variety of people I get to interact with on a daily basis.



**Denise ~ Desk Clerk**

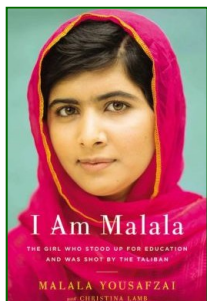
# ADULT SERVICES



## AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

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

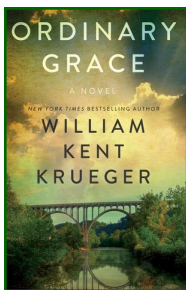
Please join us on **Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** for a discussion on *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai.



When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education.

Malala tells of that life-shattering moment in this riveting memoir.

Please join us on **Apr. 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** for *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger.



New Bremen, Minnesota, 1961. It was a time of innocence, but for thirteen-year-old Frank Drum it was a grim summer in which death visited frequently and assumed many forms. Accident. Nature. Suicide. Murder.

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](mailto:lselje@elkhorn.lib.wi.us)

## NEW ADULT NONFICTION: 635 GARDENING

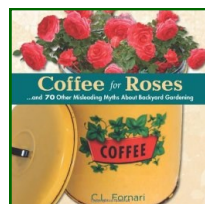
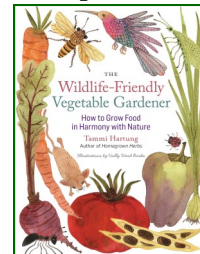


Are you looking forward to the first day of spring? With the arrival of spring, I start thinking about one of my favorite activities: gardening. Our days of slushy snow and overcast skies will eventually change into warm soil and sunshine (sooner than later would be nice!). But before I head out to the garden, I like to research new gardening techniques and plants.

Whether you're a seasoned pro, eager novice, or somewhere in-between like me, the library has many resources for you to consider. One of the best ways to learn about current gardening trends is to read magazines. We subscribe to at least 8 different gardening-related print titles, such as *Organic Gardening*, *Horticulture*, and *Fine Gardening*. The newest issues are available to read in-person at the library, while back issues can be checked out for 7 days. Or, if you prefer to read magazines electronically, you may want to try *Backyard & Garden Design Ideas* via Zinio.

We also offer books on myriad gardening topics. You will find them under the 635 call number in our adult non-fiction collection. Don't forget to stop at the

**NEW** non-fiction section for the latest books. If you are concerned about garden pests, you may be interested in *The Wildlife-Friendly Vegetable Gardener* by Tammi Hartung. She offers unique solutions on how to garden in conjunction with wildlife. Perhaps you're wondering if watering



tomatoes with sugar water will make them sweeter, or, if red flowers will attract hummingbirds. *Coffee for Roses* by C.L. Fornari will answer these questions and many more, debunking common gardening tricks. Or, maybe you want a Wisconsin point of view. I highly recommend *Garden Wisdom* by Jerry Apps. Apps provides a wealth of practical advice and anecdotes from his 60 years of gardening experience.

If you would like to listen to gardening books, or read an electronic book, you could download an audiobook or e-book from Wisconsin's Digital Library. Some interesting titles include *Scented Plants*, *Invasive Plants of the Upper Midwest*, and *Garden Rescue*.

I hope you find inspiration in our resources and that this is your best gardening season yet! ~Sara S., Reference Associate





# ADULT SERVICES

## ADULT PROGRAMS

We will once again be offering an **Antique Appraisal** program on **Sat. March 7th from 11-1.**



This program requires **IN-PERSON** registration AND a \$5 refundable deposit. The deadline to register is March 4th.

Space is limited to 50 people. Each individual must register and each registered participant may bring 2 items to be appraised. All the details are available on our website and in the library.



The **Retirement Classroom** will be back on **Tues. Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00pm:** Planning for Nursing Care and Final Expenses

**6:00pm:** Strategies for Social Security and Retirement Income

**AND Mon. Apr. 27th**

**4:00pm:** Strategies for Social Security and Retirement Income.

**6:00pm:** Getting to Know Medicare



The **Walworth County Genealogical Society** will host a **"Build Your Family Tree"** Workshop on **Tues. Mar. 31st**

**from 10:00am-3:00pm**

Volunteers will be available to assist you with...

- beginning genealogy
- census records
- researching women
- military records
- various ethnic groups
- genealogy websites and software

**Tues., April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**from 6:00-**

**7:00pm** The UW-

Extension will be presenting on

**Organic Gardening.** Discover ways to grow vegetables in a chemical-free garden and explore some common garden pests and how to control them without the use of chemicals. We will also discuss general organic practices for turf, flowers and trees! Bring your gardening questions!



**April 17<sup>th</sup>** kicks off the **"MML Countdown to June 6th - 50 Days Before Summer Reading"**

**Photo contest.** Show us how you are counting down to the Summer Reading Kick-off by submitting a creative picture displaying the number of days until June 6th. Photos will be posted on our Facebook page and prizes will be awarded! Watch for more details !

**Butterfly Gardening**  
**Wed., Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup> from**

**6:00pm-7:00pm**

George Mroch, Walworth County Fair Barnyard

Adventures, will be here to share tips on how to plant a garden that butterflies will love!

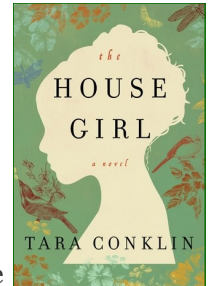


## PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

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

Please join us on **Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** for an insightful discussion about ***The House Girl*** by Tara Conklin.

This is an unforgettable story of love, history, and a search for justice, set in modern-day New York and 1852 Virginia.



Weaving together the story of an escaped slave in the pre-Civil War South and a determined junior lawyer, *The House Girl* follows Lina Sparrow as she looks for an appropriate lead plaintiff in a lawsuit seeking compensation for families of slaves.

## ATTENTION BOOK CLUB

Instead of meeting to discuss the book, the Page Turners Book Club will be attending the Friends' Author Visit of Mary Kubica on April 1st at 6:30pm.



We will read ***The Good Girl*** by Mary Kubica before the April 1st event.

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 **Kelly Stech** by phone at **(262) 723-2678** or email at **kstech@elkhorn.lib.wi.us**

# YOUTH SERVICES



## Ms. Jennifer's Corner

**S**pring is on its way and so are fun new programs in the Youth Services Department! We will be bringing back some of our favorite spring programs, including the **Annual Spring Break T-Shirt Party**, **Egg-painting at Messy Art Club**, and another super exciting collaboration with Pattie Woods and the local four year old kindergartens in April!

It's not too late to join **Bookaneers**, our new book club for 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. You can pick out a book at the circulation desk or just come to the next meeting on **March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30pm** to get started.

Our last **Winter Wigglers** will be a dance party! Get ready to groove, sing, and get your wiggles out on **March 11 at 10am**.

Our **Annual Egg-painting for Messy Art Club** will be held **March 26 from 3:30 to 5:30pm**. The **Annual Spring Break T-shirt Party** is **March 27<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**. Bring your own shirt. The library supplies fabric paint, crayons, and markers!

On **April 15 at 10am** we will go **Under the Sea** with Pattie Woods of EASD Parent Connections and the support of Lakeland Little Learners, Step Ahead, and The Learning Curve. There will be fun activities, crafts, treats, and food for the whole family!

**Culver's Coloring Contest** will be back in April; pick up a coloring sheet and draw a picture of your favorite story to win a coupon for a free scoop of custard. (Ages 11 and younger)

**Chick Central** will be returning in April. Eggs are expected to arrive sometime after the 15<sup>th</sup>. Watch for the incubator and chick posters!

Check out the calendar to find out more information about our many programs for all ages. If you can't make it to a program, drop by the library for our many fun in-house activities; create a flower at the activity table, check out our circulating toys and maker kits, or just hang out in the play area and read a story or two together.

Please join me in welcoming the newest staff member of the Youth Services Department- Jessica Rebella! Look for Jess in programs and at the Youth Services Desk.

See you at the library!

**Jennifer Wharton**  
Youth Services Librarian  
jwharton@elkhorn.lib.wi.us



*My name is Ms. Jess and I am so excited to be a part of the Matheson Memorial Library! My husband, son, and I recently moved to the Elkhorn area after living in Denver, CO for the last few years. I have a background in education and look forward to expanding my knowledge on everything the library has to offer. In addition to my love for reading, books, and helping others foster their own love of literature, I love gardening, spending time outdoors, and visiting with friends and family.*

*I look forward to getting to know all the wonderful children and families that visit the library!*



# YOUTH SERVICES

## Spotlight on Youth Programs

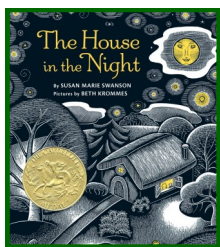
**We Explore Favorite Artists:**  
Suggested for ages 2 to 6 on selected Fridays at 10am.

This program is designed for busy families and wiggly little ones! Each program features a different children's artist. Past features have included Eric Carle, Melissa Sweet, and Michael Hall. We start with an art project, then join Ms. Jennifer for a storytime and snack, spending lots of time talking about the artist and how they make their art. After storytime, it's back for more art fun with a messy art project!

Families can drop in at several points, during the initial art project, storytime, or the final art project and easily catch up on what's going on. If the littlest ones get wiggly, it's easy to take a break in the play area until they're ready to come back for another part of the storytime.

### Coming soon:

**March 13, 10am We Explore Favorite Artist Beth Krommes**



Beth Krommes, an award-winning artist, creates distinctive art using scratchboard techniques. We'll be checking out some of her lovely stories and creating our own scratch-art masterpieces!

**April 10, 10am We Explore Favorite Artist Mo Willems**

One of our favorite artists is back! With popular characters like Elephant and Piggie, the Pigeon, and Leonardo the Terrible Monster, this storytime is a family favorite!

### Chick Central returns!

In late April, look for the return of Chick Central! Sponsored by the library, EASD

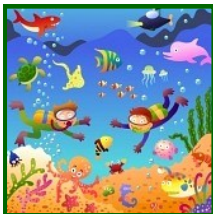
Parent Connections, and with the careful guidance of our 'eggs-pert', Mr. Wuttke, the library

will once again be incubating chicks. We'll keep you posted on news of when the eggs will be arriving and expected hatch dates! We are excited to have a new incubator this year, that will make watching this spring miracle much easier.



### Under the Sea, April 15, 10am

Families with children ages 0-5 are invited to join us for an Under the Sea extravaganza! Celebrating National



Library Week and Week of the Young Child, there will be food, fun, games, and activities for all! Sponsored by the library, EASD Parent Connections, Lakelands Little Learners, Step Ahead Preschool, and The Learning Curve.

### Tiny Tots expands!

Tiny Tots fans will be excited to learn that, in March, Tiny Tots will become a weekly program! This family storytime was started several years ago by the wonderful Pattie Woods. With our new staff, we will now be able to offer it at 6:30 every Monday until programs end May 7. Come for stories, rhymes, and a fun craft with Ms. Pattie OR Ms. Jess!



## Ms. Pattie's Corner



### Toddlers 'n' Books

Tuesdays at 10am and 11am  
Suggested age: 18 to 36 months



### Books 'n' Babies

Thursdays at 10am  
Suggested age: 0 to 18 months



### Tiny Tots

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 6:30pm  
Suggested age: Infants to 5



### Family Game Night

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 6:30pm  
Suggested age: 5 and under



### Ms. Pattie's C.A.F.E.

1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 10am  
Suggested age: 0 to 5



### Moms with Multiples

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 10am



### Playgroup with Ms. Pattie

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 10am  
Suggested age: 0 to 5

\*Please check the library website for specific dates and changes in the schedule\*

For more information contact Pattie Woods, 262-723-3160 ext. 1416 or

[woodpa@elkhorn.k12.wi.us](mailto:woodpa@elkhorn.k12.wi.us)



These programs are sponsored by the EASD Parent Connections and the Matheson Memorial Library

# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Mar 11:** Jennifer Chiaverini 6:30pm

**Mar 13:** Movie Night - *Big Hero 6*  
6:30pm

**Apr 1:** Mary Kubica 6:30pm

**Apr 10:** Movie Night - *Unbroken* 6:30pm

**Apr 22:** Friends General Meeting 6:00pm

**May 2:** Drive-Up Donation Drive  
10:00-1:00

## FRIENDS MEETINGS ARE ON THE MOVE!

The Friends general meetings will be held on the following dates:

**Apr. 29, Jun. 24, Aug. 26, Oct. 28  
and Dec. 9 at 6:00pm.**

At the next meeting, we will vote for the 2015 officers and discuss upcoming events for the group. Join us!

## RECORD CROWD HITS RED CARPET FOR OSCAR FEST

The 3rd Annual "Fridays With Oscar" film festival attracted a record number of patrons from Elkhorn to see this year's Academy Award-nominated films. 396 people attended and donated \$712 in support of the special Movie Night program. The crowds voted *Boyhood* as their favorite film of the festival!

Friends members Katie James and Teresa Douglas emceed the weekly events with fabulous gowns and fun facts about each film. Fest attendees also enjoyed soda and popcorn from the new popcorn machine, which was purchased by the Friends for library programming! Special VIP seating was added at this year's event for winners of the weekly Oscar Trivia too. A special thank you to the



Volunteers and patrons chat on the red carpet before viewing *The Theory of Everything*.

volunteers who made this amazing event possible: the Douglas Family, Jennifer Arizola, Maribeth Cousin, Sally Delany, Jean Henderson, Katie James, Pat Sharp, Alyssa Starkey, and Judy Tucker. Hope to see you all again next year!

## IT'S MOVIE NIGHT!

Join the Friends for the monthly Movie Night! Enjoy a free movie night out with the family. Admission, popcorn and soda are all provided by the Friends. Films begin at 6:30pm. Children under 13 need to be accompanied by an adult.

### March 13: *Big Hero 6*

Disney's newest animated feature tells the tale of a young prodigy who builds then develops a special bond with his plus-size inflatable robot named Baymax. They form a band of high-tech superheroes. Rated PG.



### April 10: *Unbroken*

You've read the book - now see it on the library big screen! Experience the amazing true story of US Olympian Louis Zamperini who spent 47 days at sea after a near-fatal plane crash in WWII, only to be captured and sent to a Japanese POW camp. Directed by Angelina Jolie and starring Jack O'Connell as Zamperini. Rated PG-13.



## FRIENDS FUND 2015 LIBRARY PROGRAMS

At the Friends of the Matheson Memorial Library's February 18 general meeting, members approved the donation of \$4,000 needed to fund this year's library Adult & Children's programming. This will mark the third year that the group has raised enough money to provide for the library's special programs. Services paid for will include all-new Adult Programming and special performers for the Children's Summer Reading Program.



Friends members Jean Henderson and Bev Kitzmiller raise money throughout the year with events such as January's Book & Bake Sale, which earned over \$1,300 for the library.

Members volunteer weekly in the ongoing Friends Book Store located in the library near the fireplace.