



Matheson Memorial Library NEWSLETTER

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**Library Closed:
May 25**

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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



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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR



We are looking forward to some warmer weather and exciting programs for summer, 2015! Our eggs have arrived and we anxiously await the hatching of baby chicks in the children's area. During the month of May we end our spring programs, take a short break and gear up for a busy summer. June, July and August are always our busiest months of the year and during May we transition to allow staff to prepare. This summer the kick-off for the Summer Reading Program is June 6 and all ages can participate. The themes are as follows:
 Babies and Toddlers: Rubber Ducky Readers
 Children: 3-12 - Every Hero Has a Story
 Teens: 6th-12th grade- Unmask
 Adults: Escape the Ordinary
 There will be many programs of interest to all ages so register and join the fun!

We reluctantly say good-bye to Debbie Olguin, our Adult Services Librarian, who did such a great job this past year and is moving on to a new job opportunity in Milwaukee. Debbie selected all our non-fiction books and revamped our upper level with great displays, new technologies and

took on the big project of weeding out the many outdated books we had upstairs. If you usually read fiction, check out movies and never venture off the first floor, please take the time to browse upstairs and see the improvements that have taken place on the upper level. Debbie has also created a YouTube channel for the library and some YouTube videos. Go to our website and follow us on YouTube!

Please consider joining our Friends of the Library group that is such a great support to the library. As a Friends member, you may volunteer as much or as little as you like. Their meetings are on the fourth Wednesday every other month beginning at 6:00. The Friends keep our ongoing book sale running year-round near the magazine section and they show a movie every month on the second Friday at 6:30. They sponsor an author visits and much more. We are looking for people to serve as officers and help with our established fundraisers.

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

-Lisa Selje
Library Director



2014 ANNUAL REPORT

2014 revenues were as follows:

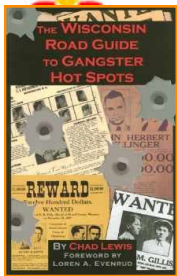
- 247,340 total circulation
- 130,023 In-Person Visits
- \$374,938 from City of Elkhorn
- 21,833 SHARE items loaned
- 16,665 Uses of library computers & 17,311 uses of WiFi
- \$319,084 from Walworth & other County taxes
- 28,547 SHARE items borrowed
- 12,738 Children & Teens attended 388 Programs
- \$68,457 other revenue (fines, Friends and Foundation donations, interest, etc.)
- 9,664 eBook & audio book downloads(up from 6,977 in 2013)
- 2,807 Adults attended 123 Programs



2014 Annual Report

Matheson Memorial Library

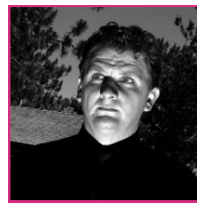
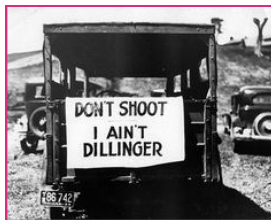
WISCONSIN'S GANGSTER PAST WITH CHAD LEWIS



Join us **June 16th at 6:00pm** for Chad Lewis' presentation on Wisconsin's Gangster Past. Put on your zoot suit and follow in the footsteps of America's most infamous gangsters as they turned Wisconsin into their own criminal vacation land. Filled with deadly bank robberies, explosive shootouts, brutal murders, and

daring kidnappings, this presentation lets the audience discover the grisly locations where gangster history will never die. **See Where:**

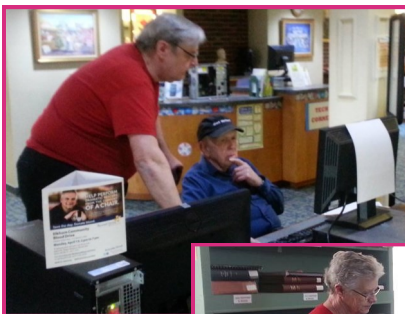
- ~John Dillinger had his bloody shootout with the authorities
- ~Baby Face Nelson hid out and looked to mow down innocent bystanders
- ~Al "Scarface" Capone vacationed while the heat was on him in Chicago
- ~The gangsters' favorite hangouts where they danced the night away
- ~The Barker-Karpis gang ransacked towns, bribed police, and killed anyone in their way.



For over two decades Chad Lewis has traveled the back roads of the world in search of the strange and unusual. From tracking vampires in Transylvania and searching for the elusive monster of Loch Ness to trailing the dangerous Tata Duende through remote villages of Belize and searching for ghosts in Ireland's haunted castles, Chad has scoured the earth in search of the weird. Chad has been featured on the *Discovery Channel's A Haunting*, *William Shatner's Weird or What*, *ABC's Scariest Places on Earth*, along with being a frequent contributor on *Ripley's Believe it or Not Radio*.

With a Masters Degree in Psychology, Lewis has authored over 15 books. The more bizarre the legend, the more likely it is that you will find Chad Lewis there.

WALWORTH COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



On March 31, the Walworth County Genealogical Society (WCGS) held a Genealogy Workshop at the library from 10-3 and it was a great success! Volunteers were on hand to assist patrons in a variety of ways— from searching techniques on Ancestry.com to using census records to research your family tree.



The WCGS maintains their library in the Mary Bray Room located upstairs in the Matheson Memorial Library. WCGS volunteers staff the library every Tuesday from 10-3 and every 3rd Saturday of the month from 10-2 and are available to assist patrons with their genealogical research questions.

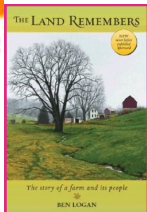
The WCGS meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month, at the Community Centre, 826 E. Geneva St., Delavan at 6:30 pm unless otherwise noted. On May 5th, they are hosting a membership drive.

Visit their website at: <http://www.walworthcgs.com/> for more information about upcoming events, how to become a member, to make an appointment or with your genealogical questions.



SPOTLIGHT

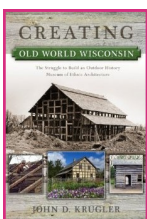
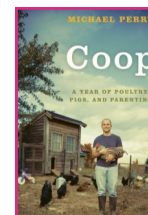
I am fascinated with the history of local places. I call it my “What They Were Before They Became What They Are” list. Many of the books I’ve read on this topic are about Wisconsin. **Look for these items in the 977.5 section.**



The Land Remembers by Ben Logan is one of my all time favorite books. Logan describes growing up on a farm in the Coulee region of Southwest Wisconsin (near the Kickapoo River) in the 1920’s and 1930’s. A collection of stories that really capture the essence of pre-mechanized farming, attending one-room schools, neighborhood threshing bees, and an almost mythical connection to the land itself.

Jerry Apps has become well-known for his books about rural life in Wisconsin. He delves into the history of the farm he grew up on in Waushara County in ***Old Farm: A History***. While describing the previous owners (and his own family’s) attempts to make the farm profitable, he, like Logan, also urges today’s generation to protect these rural spaces and features.

In his essays in ***Coop***, Michael Perry talks more about the animals he tries to raise than the land he’s raising them on. Many humorous pieces here, but many reflective as well. A terrifically gifted writer from New Auburn, WI, you can learn more about him and read his columns at sneezingcow.com.



Finally, a couple that are set closer to home: ***A Farm in Wisconsin*** by Richard Quinney, and ***Creating Old World Wisconsin***, by John Kugler. Like Apps, Quinney describes the farm his family owned west of Elkhorn and north of Delavan. A great description of early 20th century life here in Walworth County. Kugler, meanwhile, has given us an in-depth history of a great outdoor museum that’s practically next door. I’ve been several times in the past 10 years and admit to sort of taking it for granted, but I had no idea of all the issues that were involved in its creation, nor how long that creation took to actually achieve something.

~Jeff R., Technical Services Assistant

READ-A-LIKE: Sara Gruen

Sara Gruen has returned with her latest novel, *At the Water’s Edge*. Her 2006 novel, *Water for Elephants*, was a New York Times Bestseller and was made into the 2011 movie starring Reese Witherspoon and Robert Pattinson. Haven’t read *At the Water’s Edge*? Place it on hold today!



TITLE READ-A-LIKES

A Spear of Summer Grass by Deanna Raybourn
The Fever Tree by Jennifer McVeigh
Letters from Skye by Jessica Brockmole
Skeletons at the Feast by Chris Bohjalian
World Gone By by Dennis Lehane

AUTHOR READ-A-LIKES

Chris Bohjalian
Fannie Flagg
Barbara Kingsolver
Ann Patchett

Have a favorite author? Email Sara at skrewal@elkhorn.lib.wi.us

AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT: Liane Moriarty



Australian author Liane Moriarty has made waves in the U.S. with the release of six novels. Liane began her career in advertising and marketing. She became a freelance advertising copywriter. While earning her master’s degree, she wrote what became her

first novel, *Three Wishes*. Her fifth novel, *The Husband’s Secret*, was released in the U.S. and became a New York Times Bestseller within two weeks.

Novels:

Three Wishes
The Last Anniversary
What Alice Forgot
The Hypnotist’s Love Story
The Husband’s Secret
Big Little Lies

Did you know...

- Her novel, *Big Little Lies*, debuted at number one on the New York Times Bestseller list making her the first Australian author to have a novel debut in that spot.
- Nicole Kidman and Reese Witherspoon have bought the film and television rights to *Big Little Lies*.
- Her two younger sisters are also authors.



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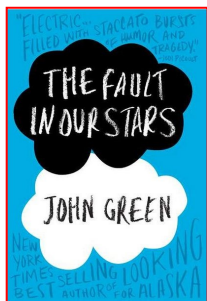
THE ORDINARY

2015 ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

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

Please join us on **May 20th at 2:00 p.m.** for a discussion on *The Fault In Our Stars* by John Green.

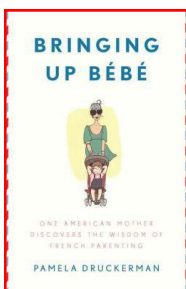


Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter

inscribed upon diagnosis.

Please join us on **June 17th at 2:00 p.m.** for *Bringing Up Bebe* by Pamela Druckerman.

When American journalist Pamela



Druckerman had a baby in Paris, she didn't aspire to become a "French parent." With a notebook stashed in her diaper bag, Druckerman set out to investigate—and

wound up sparking a national debate on parenting.

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**

The 2015 Adult Summer Reading Program kicks off on Saturday, June 6th. Adults over age 18 can participate by picking up a Reading Log at the Information Desk.

How the program works:

- **Beginning June 6th**, read one book of your choice and write the title and author on your **Reading Log**.
- Bring in your Reading Log (between June 8th and July 31st) and receive a prize bag for the first book you read.
- For each additional book that you read, bring in your Reading Log and you will receive an entry for a **Grand Prize Drawing**. (Maximum of 30 entries.)

Please note: Travel guides, cookbooks or other "browsing" books will not earn entry slips so please do not list them. No children's books allowed. (YA are acceptable)

You can earn an **EXTRA** entry for the Grand Prize Drawing by attending any **2015 Summer Reading Adult Program** that is listed on the next page.

The Grand Prize Drawing winners will be notified on August 3rd. (One prize per winner.)

In addition to the Grand Prize Drawing, we are offering a fun weekly raffle. There will be a "**Weekly Challenge**" prize drawing. Stop by the Information Desk each week to find out what the challenge(s) is for that week. You can earn an entry for each challenge completed. Prizes for the weekly challenge will be drawn each Monday.

ADULT PROGRAMS IN MAY

Beekeeping : How to Get Started on

Saturday, May 16th at 1:00pm. Join members

of the Walworth County Bee Club, April and Rick, who will talk about what it takes to get starting with beekeeping, including equipment, costs, where to get bees, and other basic skills needed.



Organic Gardening: What You Need to Know on **Thursday, May**

28th at 5:30pm. Join Chrissy Wen, Horticulture Educator from the UW-Extension of Walworth County, to learn about growing vegetables in a chemical-free garden and how to control some common garden pests. Further discussion of general organic practices for turf, flowers and trees will be included. Bring your gardening questions!





ADULT SERVICES

2015 SUMMER READING ADULT PROGRAMMING



Recipe Exchange—Escape Your Ordinary Meals Saturday, June 6th from 12-1:30

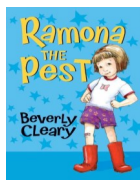
Registration is required. Register on our website or by visiting the library. Drop-off your recipe by June 3rd. Bring your “OUT-OF-THE-ORDINARY” prepared recipe to share on June 6th.



Walworth County Tourism— Escape Your Ordinary Day Trips -Thursday, June 11th from 6:00-7:00pm
Come learn about some great local hot spots to visit that you may never have known about.



Wisconsin's Gangster Past— Escape Your Ordinary History -Tuesday, June 16th from 6:00-7:00pm
Put on your zoot suit and follow in the footsteps of America's most infamous gangsters as they turned Wisconsin into their own criminal vacation land.



Grandparent/Grandchild Book Club— Escape The Television “Ramona the Pest” - Wednesday, June 17th at 1:00pm

Pick up a copy of the book and read it before the meeting. We will have fun activities for you to do together when we meet!



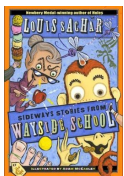
Declutter Today for a Carefree Tomorrow— Escape The Stuffocation—Thursday, June 25th at 6:30pm

Clutter can affect you at home and in the workplace. It drags down your energy and makes it difficult to concentrate. Discover how de-cluttering can improve your life.



Paper Bead Making-Escape Your Ordinary Jewelry Wednesday, July 8th from 6:00pm-8:00pm

Come learn the art of making beads with strips of paper. Daniel (The Bead Man) Gezzi will get you started on creating unique beads and teach you how to make creative jewelry.



Grandparent/Grandchild Book Club— Escape The Television “Sideways Stories from Wayside School” Wednesday, July 15th at 1:00pm



Kristin's Holistic Kitchen— Escape Your Ordinary Meals—Tuesday, July 21st at 6:00 Registration is required. Space is limited.

Learn new nutritional, easy recipes and get a taste of each one!



Financial Stability— Escape Your Debt Monday, July 27th at 3:00pm Learn financial stability techniques!



PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

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

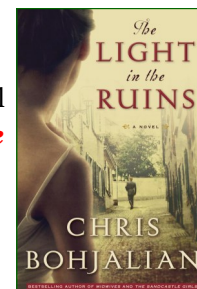
Please join us on **May 6th at 6:30 p.m.** for an insightful discussion about *The Expats* by Chris Pavone.

In the cobblestoned streets of Luxembourg, Kate Moore's days are filled with playdates and coffee mornings, her weekends spent in Paris and skiing in the Alps. But Kate is also guarding a tremendous, life-defining secret - one that's become so unbearable that it begins to unravel her newly established expat life.



Please join us on **June 3rd at 6:30 p.m.** for an insightful discussion about *The Light in the Ruins* by Chris Bohjalian.

Tucked away in the idyllic hills of Tuscany, the Rosatis, an Italian family of noble lineage, believe that the walls of their ancient villa will keep them safe from the war raging across Europe.



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

We're finishing up a great winter/spring season of programs here in the youth services department and are looking forward to another fun summer!

Drop by for our traditional last **Messy Art Club on May 7th** and make a paper garden. Join us on **Saturday, May 9th for Dance into Summer**. Toe to Toe Ballet will be here with dancers from their upcoming production of Cinderella. Also, everyone is invited to drop by on our **Gardening Day, May 20, between 9 and 1pm** to help dig and plant the children's gardens. Bring a picnic lunch to eat under the tree!

There's plenty to do in the children's area! Check out **Chick Central** and the progress of the eggs, spend some time watching birds and coloring at the bird watching station, complete the **I Spy aquarium** challenge and more.

This summer, we are excited to offer **5 Storywagons!** Join us on **Tuesday at 1:30** for fun for the whole family with music, science, magic, comedy and more from a series of awesome performers. We'll also be offering storytimes, playgroups, after school clubs for all ages, and special programs throughout June and July. So, make sure to check your calendars!

Don't forget to read this summer! We have reading programs for all ages from babies to teens. We invite ages 0-3 to sign up to be Rubber Ducky Readers with an activity sheet to complete at their own pace and developmental level. Ages 3-12 are encourage to join this year's summer reading program, Every Hero Has a Story. They will receive a prize when they sign up, donated by local artist Cherie Gerhardt, earn stickers throughout the summer, and receive a free book to keep in August. Age 3-12 will also receive a free treat each week when they visit the library. Teens (entering sixth grade through high school) will be able to enter their checkout receipts as drawing slips for weekly prize drawings, so make sure your library cards are updated and free of fines!

See you at the library!

Jennifer Wharton
Youth Services Librarian
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2015 YOUTH SUMMER READING PROGRAM

EVERY HERO HAS A STORY AGES 3-12

Sign up for summer reading beginning May 26th and receive a cool prize, donated by local artist Cherie Gerhardt. Follow the instructions on your reading sheet to get stickers, treats when you visit the library, and a free book in August! Ages 6 to 12 will also receive a packet of passes to Wisconsin attractions while supplies last.

RUBBER DUCKY READERS AGES 0-3

Sign up for summer reading beginning May 26th and receive your first activity sheet. Complete the activities as many times as you want to, then return your sheet at the end of June for a bath squirt and a sheet for July. Return your July sheet in August to receive a free board book.

UNMASK 6TH GRADE AND UP

Sign up for summer reading beginning May 26th and receive a cool prize, donated by local artist Cherie Gerhardt. Turn in your checkout receipts to be entered in the weekly drawing. Winners will be posted on Facebook and the bulletin board in the teen area on Fridays.

STORYWAGON: TUESDAYS AT 1:30

June 23, 1:30pm

Hillbilly Silly Science Spectacular

July 7, 1:30pm

Comedy Magic with Lou Lepore

July 14, 1:30pm

Jump Up! Family Music

July 21, 1:30pm

Nature's Biggest, Fastest, Strongest & Smelliest

July 28, 1:30pm

Jim Hyatt from Schlitz Audubon Nature Center: Reptiles & Amphibians





YOUTH SERVICES

Summer Youth Programs

June 5, 6:30pm Library Camp Out



Registration required and space is limited. Grab your tent or blanket, a flashlight, and join us at the library for an after hours camp out!

June 6, 10:30am Safety Shower

Be prepared for a safe, fun summer by visiting the Safety Shower. Browse information from community organizations, learn about fun summer programs and opportunities, and try out crafts and treats. Suggested for ages 0-5. Sponsored by the MML and EASD Parent Connections.

June 9, 1:30pm Science Alliance: Reptomania

Kids are introduced to huge toads, frogs, colorful snakes, exotic skinks, and a humongous monitor lizard!

June 11, July 9, 30, 3:30-5:30pm Lego Club

Children of all ages, from toddlers to teens, are invited to drop in to build with Legos. Stay for ten minutes or the full two hours, then display your creations in the library until the next club meeting. The library supplies the Legos, you supply the imagination.

June 12, July 10, 31, 10:00am Go Go Garden

We'll have a garden-themed storytime, crafts and activities, and all ages are encouraged to help out in the gardens, planting, weeding, and watering. Bring a lunch and a blanket to picnic outside by the gardens (picnic in the storyroom if the weather is bad). Sponsored by the MML and EASD Parent Connections.

June 16, 1:30 Welty

Environmental Center: Take part in an interactive reading of *The Lorax* by Dr. Suess, check out cool displays about how nature works, feel some real nature artifacts, and even make a craft to take home as a reminder that ... *We All Speak For The Trees!*

June 18, July 16, 3:30-5:30pm Messy Art Club

Do you like to mess around with art? Kids of all ages, from toddlers to teens, are invited to Messy Art Club! We supply the materials, you supply the imagination!

June 19, July 17, 24, 10am We Explore Favorite Artist

This special storytime series introduces great children's illustrators and authors to young children. Try fun and interesting art techniques, styles, and materials, as well as enjoy storytime and snacks. All ages welcome.

June 25, July 23, 3:30-5:30pm Mad Scientists Club

Do you love experimenting? All ages, from toddlers to teens, are invited to join us for projects and exploration of fun science topics. Drop in any time between 3:30 and 5:30pm to make a science-themed project and try out an experiment.

June 30, 1:30pm Toddler Drive-In

If you love cars and movies, and can fit in a 20 inch long box, come on down to the library! We'll decorate our cars and then settle in for some short cartoons. Don't forget to take your car home with you!

July 2 Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Drop your stuffed friend off any time on JULY 2nd. They will receive a special name tag. After you go home, your stuffed friends will have lots of adventures! Pick your animals up starting on Monday, July 6 along with a special souvenir of their overnight stay at the library.

August 1, 10:30am The Big Splash

Finish summer at the library with a splash! Wear your bathing suit and bring a towel; we'll have sprinklers, water balloons, bubbles, and popsicles. When you're ready for a break, join us in the community room for giant painting.

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



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

Playgroup with Ms. Pattie



Mondays at 10am
Suggested age: 0 to 5

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

For more information contact
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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

May 8: Friends Movie Night– Guardians of the Galaxy 6:30pm

June 6: Frank's Brat Hut

June 12: Friends Movie Night– American Sniper 6:30pm

June 24: Friends General Meeting
6:00pm

Drive-Up Book & Media Drive

The Spring Drive-Up Donation Drive will be held at the library on **Saturday, May 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Simply fill your car with gently-used books, audiobooks, movies, and music for donation, and volunteers will unload your car while you wait!

All donations are tax-deductible. Items will be added to the library's collection or sold in the Friends Book Store.



FRIENDS MEETINGS ARE ON THE MOVE!

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

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

Join us!

BRAT HUT

Come have lunch and support the Matheson Friends at **Frank's Piggly Wiggly Brat Hut on June 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Enjoy good food for a good cause! Open (light) rain or shine.



BOOKSTORE

Have 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! Make your donations of gently-used or new items year-round!

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.

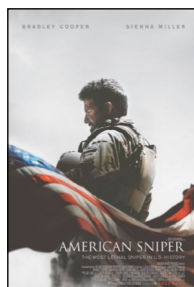
May 8: *Guardians of the Galaxy*

A group of intergalactic criminals are forced to work together to stop a fanatical warrior from taking control of the universe. Rated PG-13.



June 12: *American Sniper*

You've read the book - now see it on the library big screen! Navy SEAL sniper Chris Kyle's pinpoint accuracy saves countless lives on the battlefield and turns him into a legend. Back home to his wife and kids after four tours of duty, however, Chris finds that it is the war he can't leave behind. Rated PG R.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MAKE A DIFFERENCE

All the members of the Friends of the Matheson Memorial Library support the mission of the library by contributing through their membership fees. But, the Friends do so, so much more! Volunteers spend countless hours helping with projects, running fundraisers, organizing the bookstore, implementing fun programs for the community and a whole lot more!

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much"

~Helen Keller

