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Sign up for the online newsletter at: eepurl.com/jzOQ1



NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR



With the first frost approaching, leaves falling and pumpkins on display, we know it won't be long until the snow is flying. I hope you were able to attend some of the great programs we had in October for local history month.

In November, we will participate in the community Big Read with the book, *My Antonia* by Willa Cather. Activities include a book giveaway, a discussion on November 17 with a UW-Whitewater student group on the immigrant experience, and a book discussion of *My Antonia* on November 18. Some highlights of other programs for adults include "Zen and the Art of Coloring" every Thursday at 3:00pm, a "Technology Petting Zoo" on November 19, and several craft programs in December. We welcome the Elkhorn Area High School Choir for a musical performance on December 15. Join us!

Check out our new "Quick Hold" kiosk across from the circulation desk. On this monitor you can see our new books and movies scroll by and quickly place a hold on anything you see by selecting it and

scanning your library card.

Our Youth Services department will be busy as well. Read further for a description of our Fairy Tale Adventure on November 7, the Tap to Play iPad class on November 5th, and Santa's Kitchen on December 12. We now have two book clubs-Bookaneers for kids in grades 1-3 and Rock 'n Read for kids in grades 3-5. This year our Winter Reading Program begins on November 30. Sign up and win prizes!

Our Friends of the Library group held a successful fundraiser with their annual Trick or Trivia event on October 23rd. The next Book and Bake Sale is scheduled for January 14-16. The Friends host a movie every month on the second Friday at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is December 9 at 6:00pm. Volunteer and join the Friends!

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

Lisa Selje,
Library Director



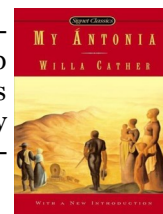
MY ANTONIA – STILL CROSSING BORDERS

By Anne D'Antonio Stinson-Associate Professor, UW-Whitewater

My Antonia by Willa Cather is a story of journeys. Journeys across borders, in a physical sense, of course -- across the ocean, across the country, from farm to town to city -- but also across borders of sensibility. Through the eyes of Jim Burden, we watch a host of characters move through time, sometimes single-mindedly, sometimes serendipitously, sometimes tragically, with a single goal: a better life.

For generations, similar journeys have played themselves out over and over again. For many members of our local communities, the journey to a better life begins in Mexico. And, like Cather's Antonia, many of the sojourners are children. The borders they face are strong and foreboding. For immigrant children, and the children of immigrants, arriving in Southeast Wisconsin is the beginning. Across cultures, across languages, across educational boundaries, the journey continues. At the

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, the student group Dream Scholars and Colleagues helps students navigate their way through the University as first-generation college students.



Since its inception in 2012, DSC has worked to provide tuition aid to students who are classified as "out-of-state residents" for tuition purposes. In actual terms, this amounts to an additional tuition burden of \$8,000 annually. In addition to providing tuition aid, the group offers bilingual on-site high school information sessions for students and parents, campus visits for prospective student groups, and campus, classroom, and community presentations about the Dream Act, DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), and tuition equity. On Tuesday, November, 17, 6:00, members of the group will tell the story of their journeys, from, as Antonia calls it, "the old country," to university life. **Full program details can be found on page 2.**



NOVEMBER 21ST: INTERNATIONAL GAMES DAY!

This is the day libraries across the country set aside to celebrate the excitement, creativity and educational value of video games, board games, and role playing games. Join us from **10:30am to 1:30pm** and play some exciting video games on our massive screen, and then take a break and let pro gamers from **Lake Geneva Games** show you some of today's hottest board games!



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COMMUNITY BIG READ - MY ANTONIA!

This November we're joining with UW - Whitewater to promote reading and discussing *My Antonia*, the classic novel by Willa Cather that follows the lives of pioneer immigrants in Nineteenth Century Nebraska. Here's how to join in:

Crossing Borders with the Dream Scholars

Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 6pm. Immigrants and children of immigrants cross many borders. Members of the UW-Whitewater student group Dream Scholars will discuss their experiences as migrants, English language learners, and first generation college students, and draw parallels between their experiences and those of the characters in Willa Cather's *My Antonia*.



For those who join us for the Dream Scholars presentation, we'll be holding a prize drawing for a \$25 gift certificate for the Young Auditorium! See their website at www.uww.edu/youngauditorium for a list of upcoming productions. Through the generosity of the Young Auditorium, we have a number of copies of *My Antonia* to give away for free! Drop by the library to pick one up while supplies last. Our Afternoon Book Club will be discussing *My Antonia* at their November 18th meeting. See page 4 for more details.



HOLIDAY CONCERT WITH THE ELKHORN HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

Tis the season! Please join us at **6:00pm** on **Tuesday, December 15th** for an unforgettable evening of holiday favorites and standards performed by members of the Elkhorn Area High School choir!

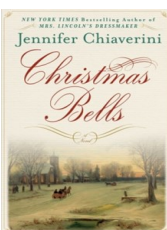


HOLIDAY NOVELS

The 2015 holiday season is in full swing in the literary world with the release of many titles in fiction. Listed below are several of the latest new novels. Find time in your busy holiday schedule to curl up with a good book!

2015 Releases

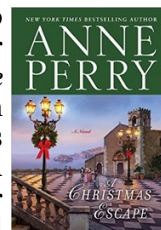
Christmas Bells by Jennifer Chiaverini
Dashing through the Snow by Debbie Macomber
The Immortal Nicholas by Glenn Beck
The Mistletoe Inn by Richard Paul Evans
Winter Stroll by Elin Hilderbrand (Sequel to *Winter Street*)
Wishes for Christmas by Fern Michaels
A Quilt for Christmas by Sandra Dallas
Silver Bells by Luanne Rice



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

AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT: Anne Perry

Anne Perry was born in London, England in 1938. Always wanting to be a writer, her father encouraged her to write down her ideas. Her first novel, *The Cater Street Hangman*, was published in 1979. Anne is known for her mystery books that take place during Victorian London. *A Christmas Escape* is the latest release in her Christmas mystery series with a scheduled release date of November 2015.



Novels:

A Christmas Grace
A Christmas Promise
A Christmas Odyssey

Did you know...

- Before her first book was published Anne held various jobs such as retail, clerical, fashion, flight attendant, and limousine dispatcher.

-Anne uses her stepfather's last name.



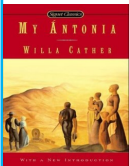
ADULT SERVICES

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

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

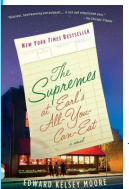
Please join us on **November 18th at 2:00pm** to discuss *My Antonia* by Willa Cather.

After the death of her immigrant father, Antonia works as a servant for neighbors in the farmlands of Nebraska. She leaves for an unfortunate affair with an Irish railway conductor, but returns home, eventually marries and raises a large family in true pioneer style.



Please join us on **December 16th at 2:00 p.m.** for *The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat* by Edward Kelsey.

Forging a friendship at the height of the Civil Rights Movement, Odette, Clarice and Barbara Jean meet regularly at the first diner owned by black proprietors in their Indiana city and are watched throughout the years by a big-hearted man who observes their struggles.



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

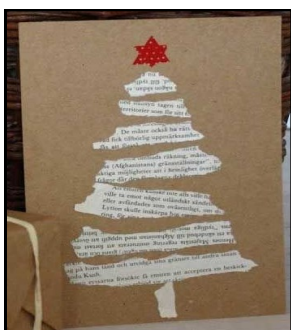
For more information, contact book club guide **Lisa Selje** by phone at (262) 723-2678 or email at lselje@elkhorn.lib.wi.us

THIS DECEMBER—HOLIDAY HELP HQ!

LET US SIMPLIFY YOUR HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE WITH PROGRAMS THAT FEATURE EASY DECORATING AND COOKING IDEAS AND GREAT GIFTS FROM LOCAL CRAFTERS.

DECEMBER 3RD AT 6:00PM - HOLIDAY CRAFTS BY THE BOOK

Join us for a presentation and workshop on creating beautiful paper holiday decorations out of *gasp* repurposed and recycled books!



DECEMBER 10th AT 6:00PM - EASY & EDIBLE

HOLIDAY GIFTS

Nothing says you care like a gift you make yourself, especially when its edible! Join us as we make three easy and tasty recipes that are perfect for giving away this holiday season!





ADULT SERVICES

DECEMBER 17th AT 6:00PM - FIND THE PERFECT GIFT LOCALLY!

Are you looking for a unique and beautiful gift for someone special? Well, look no further than right here in the community. Come and hear from our panel of local artists and crafters as they describe their unique creations and products, and offer them for sale. Panel members include:

- Daniel Gezzi- Paper Bead Jewelry
- Kate Kuether- DoTerra Essential Oils
- MoonShine Acres - Homemade Soaps
- Clover Street Bags - Handmade Purses and Handbags
- Glass Blooms- Garden Art and Totem Sculptures



PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

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

Please join us on **November 4th at 6:30pm** for an insightful discussion about *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler.

In this book, we come to know three generations of Whitshanks—a family with secrets and memories that are sometimes different than what others observe. The book’s timeline moves back and forth with overlapping stories, just like thread on a spool.



TECH CORNER

Every month we feature a different piece of technology and teach you the basics.

THURSDAY, November 19th, 1pm to 5pm –Technology Petting Zoo

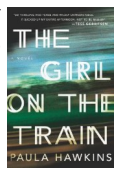
Thinking about asking for a tablet or eReader for Christmas this year? Visit us at the Reference desk all afternoon and try out an iPad, Kindle Fire, Nook Color, Nexus Tab, and Kindle Paperwhite. We'll be on hand to answer any questions you have about them. Best of all, if you don't get your own tablet over the holidays, all of the devices we show off will be available for checkout!



THURSDAY, December 10th, 3pm - Intro to Library Databases-Join us for a presentation on some of the amazing databases the library provides. We'll introduce databases that help you look up people and businesses, help you find new books to read, and even learn a new language...and we'll show you how to get the most out of them!

Please join us on **December 2nd at 6:30 pm** to discuss *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins.

Rachel is a washed-up thirty-something who creates a fantasy about the seemingly perfect couple she sees during her daily train ride into London. When the woman goes missing, Rachel manages to insert herself into the investigation of the woman’s disappearance.



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For more information, contact book club guide **Kelly Stech** by phone at **(262) 723-2678** or email at **kstech@elkhorn.lib.wi.us**



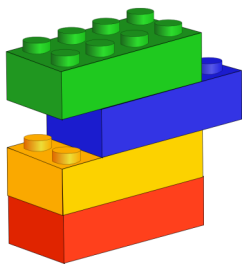
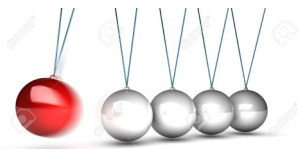
YOUTH SERVICES

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Every Thursday Afternoon!

After School Clubs are back with a great selection of activities. Remember, all ages are welcome to attend and you can drop in any time between 3:30 and 5:30.

- **November 5, Mad Scientists Club: Force and Motion**
- **November 12, Lego Club**
- **November 19, Messy Art Club: Embossing**
- **December 3, Lego Club**
- **December 10, Messy Art Club: Holiday ornaments**



MS. JENNIFER'S CORNER

The days are growing shorter, but there's no shortage of fun at the library! We're starting a new tradition this year with an exciting Fairy Tale Adventure the first Saturday in November. Save your Halloween costumes and be ready to explore, create, and maybe even be a little spooked! On November 13, we'll be welcoming back Kohls Wild Theater. The public is welcome to attend, but come early to get a seat as this program will fill up fast with four year olds and kindergarten students.

If you missed the start of book clubs, Bookaneers and Rock 'n' Read, in October, it's not too late to join in! You can check out a book at the circulation desk or just come to the November meetings and start from there. We have lots of fun crafts, chatting about our favorite books, or just try out some snacks and listen.

We'll round out the year with a lot of festive programs in December from our traditional Santa's Kitchen (yes, the Toe to Toe ballet dancers will be back!) to ornament crafting and Pattie Woods' Toddler cookie party, celebrating a great year of toddler storytimes. Don't forget to look under the tree for some special books, wrapped just for you to open and enjoy.

Starting November 30, it's time to Paws to Read! Yes, the winter reading program is back! If you haven't participated before, this is a simple, fun program for all ages. Just pick reading challenges from the bulletin board, turn them in, and check every week to see if you won a prize! Everyone is welcome to participate from babies to teens.

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 ongoing activities. We have an art station, activity table, opportunities to recommend your favorite books, and year-round reading programs for both pre-kindergarteners and elementary students.

Jennifer Wharton, Youth Services Librarian
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PAWS TO READ

November 30th to February 14th

All ages from toddlers to teens! Complete as many reading challenges as you can. Names will be drawn each week to pick a prize from the treasure box. Weekly winners will be posted in the library and on Facebook. Don't forget to come to the final party in February!



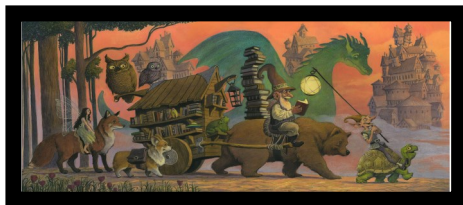


YOUTH SERVICES

PROGRAMS

FAIRY TALE ADVENTURE

Saturday, November 7th at 10:30am. Come dressed as your favorite clever princess, brave prince, hideous monster, or magical animal friend and be prepared for a fairy tale adventure! Follow the trail to find the tasty candy treats - but watch out for the witch! Create your own Thumbelina fairy wings or become a magical animal friend with a mask. Make a sword to battle the balloon monsters or create a ball gown and dance the day away. All ages welcome.



SANTA'S KITCHEN

Saturday, December 12th at 10:30am. All ages are invited to decorate cookies, create holiday ornaments, and watch some seasonal dancing by the Toe to Toe ballerinas. Please register so that we have enough cookies for everyone!



GINGERBREAD STORYTIME

Wednesday, December 16h at 10:00am. Run, run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch the gingerbread man! Or can you? Join us for a fun and silly storytime reading and telling some of the many different versions of this classic story, then go on a hunt to find some extra-fancy gingerbread people hiding in the library.



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 18months.

Tiny Tots



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

Special Programs

November 5 - Tap to Play

November 10 - Pattie's Café

November 16 - Pattie's Playgroup

November 20 - We Explore Science

December 10 - Pattie's Playgroup

December 15 - Toddler Cookie Party

For more information contact
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1416 or email

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 2-7: Book Store Sale!!!

November 13: Movie Night - *Inside Out*

December 9: Friends Meeting

December 11: Movie Night - *Christmas Vacation* Holiday Party!

January 14-16: Book & Bake Sale

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



The Friends Matheson Memorial Library would like to thank all of our volunteers, bakers, Book Store sorters, and the library staff for your support this year. Together we made the Elkhorn library a better place for our community. Thank you!

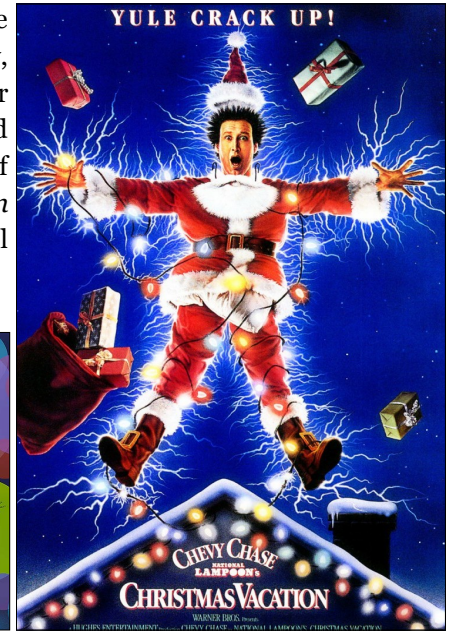
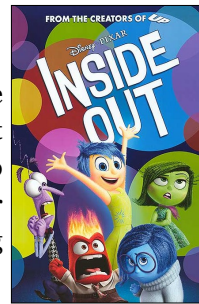
CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH MOVIE NIGHT!

Get into the Christmas spirit with the Friends Movie Night on Friday, **December 11** at 6:30pm. Wear your ugliest sweater, grab cousin Eddie, and head to the library for a special screening of the holiday classic, *Christmas Vacation* (PG-13). Popcorn, soda, cookies and special eggnog will be provided.

November 13:

Inside Out

Bring the kids to see Disney/Pixar's summer hit about a young girl who must navigate her emotions after a big family move. Rated PG.



SMARTINIS RECLAIM TRIVIA NIGHT TITLE

The 3rd Annual Trick-or-Trivia night fundraiser held on October 23rd was another big success, with 11 teams competing for the most scary-smart group in Elkhorn! Patrons raised over \$3,200 for next year's library programming. Janelle & Tony Chandek of Lake Geneva took home the title for Best Costume of the night.

A huge thanks to the event's Corporate Sponsors for their support: Frank's Piggly Wiggly, Elkhorn Wine & Spirits, Leece & Phillips, Pearce's Farm Stand, America's Pub Quiz, and Seymour, Kremer, Koch, Lochowicz & Duquette.



Two-time Trick-or-Trivia champions, the Smartinis (Leece & Phillips), took home the top prize at the Third Annual event held on October 23, 2015.

2ND ANNUAL BOOK STORE SALE NOV 2-7

The second year of the Friends Book Store was another big success, raising over **\$8,000** for the library since its opening in November 2014.

The store was initially created as an experiment to help the Friends manage the large volume of donations with a smaller group of volunteers. Our success allows you to purchase gently-used books year round! Back by popular demand, we will be offering **all Book Store items for half price from November 2-7** as a special thank-you to our customers. Get the same great materials for 50% off!

