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



NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR



Summer is in full swing and I hope you are enjoying the nice weather and all that summer brings- enjoying the outdoors, playing ball, swimming at the pool, and of course, visiting the library! We have over 300 children and over 300 adults in our

Summer Reading Program so far. There are many programs and activities for all ages this summer- just read this newsletter for details. Recent developments at the library include the arrival of new chairs in the children's play area, new furniture in our upper meeting room, and a butterfly garden that has been planted outside the story room.

Our upcoming programs for adults are relevant to the theme, Exercise Your Mind- Read! Join us for a great lineup of weekly programs throughout July and August. Adults who join our summer reading program will be eligible to win some great prizes. Don't forget to do our weekly challenge and be entered into a weekly drawing for additional prizes.

Our Youth Services department is busy with the summer reading program, *On your Mark, Get Set,*

Read! The annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover will be on Friday, July 8th. Also on July 8th, the Friends' are hosting a Pajama Party movie night! Kids can drop off their stuffed animal and watch Zootopia. (See back page for details). Take advantage of Open Garden time with Ms. Jess this summer where you will learn about nature and play outdoors.

NEW- Every month there will be a Memory Café held in Elkhorn, alternating each month between the library and People's Bank. The Alzheimer's Association sponsors these programs to give dementia patients and families an opportunity to get out and socialize with others. The Memory Cafes will be held June 23 at the library, July 28 at the bank, and August 25 at the library with a different theme each month. All meetings are from 10-11:30 a.m.

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

Lisa Selje,
Library Director



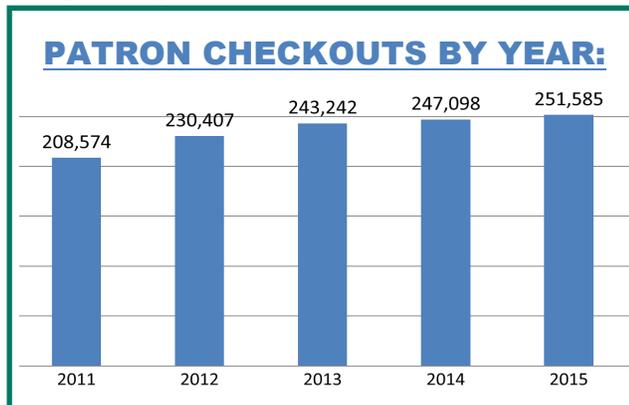
LIBRARY RECORDS HIGHEST CIRCULATION TO DATE IN 2015

As patrons hurried to complete and file their taxes this Spring, Circulation Supervisor Gail Grice worked through her own audit process - for the library. But this year's annual recap came as no surprise to Grice, who has worked for the Matheson Memorial Library since 1996, because she knew it would be another record year.

"You can just tell when every month is higher than the year before that it's going to be a good year," Grice says.

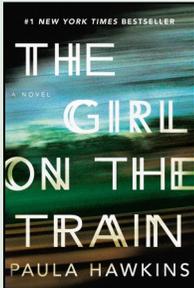
It turned out to be a *very* good year. The Elkhorn library topped itself in 2015 and continued its steady increase over the past five years, with **145,614 visits** and **251,585 checkouts** processed. This maintains it as one of the most frequented libraries in the Lakeshores System, second only to the Racine Main Library in circulation.

But Grice knows we can't just thank Elkhorn for the help. The annual report revealed that nearly half of the 12,727 library card holders are from the surrounding communities outside of Elkhorn, such as the Sugar Creek and LaFayette townships. She says the report does not even include people from neighboring towns, such as [\[continued on page 2\]](#)

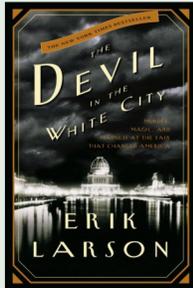




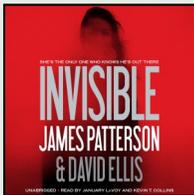
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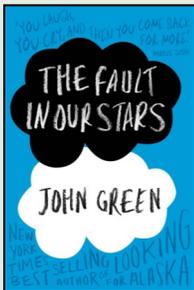
Adult Non-Fiction



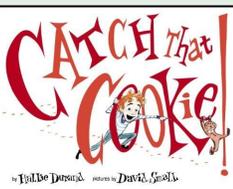
Audiobook



Music CD



Young Adult (Titles Tied)



Children's Book



Most Sought-After Item With 165 Checkouts: BIG HERO 6 (DVD)

[continued from page 1] Lake Geneva, who utilize the library over the summer to bypass tourist congestion.

It takes a small army these days to guide patrons, run programs, and oversee the library collection. The 17 staff members added 9,389 new items to the collection in 2015 alone! Staff also sent out 20,013 items to neighboring libraries, and brought in 27,593 materials that were requested by Matheson patrons. The Lakeshores System recently welcomed the Kenosha Public Library into the SHARE library catalog, which means even more materials are now available to patrons for checkout.

Use of the library's free OverDrive service also increased in 2015, with 11,104 eBook and audiobook downloads last year. But don't worry about losing paper books anytime soon, because the staff understands how many people still cherish what's on the shelves. "Many patrons have told me they just enjoy having the book in their hands and turning pages. They like to come to the library shelves and just browse for something interesting," Grice said.

The report logged the biggest five-year increases could be found within the successes of the Children's Department. Children and teen materials have seen a staggering 40% increase in circulation over the past five years, and a 107% increase in the attendance of programs. In 2015 alone, 12,717 patrons attended 398 programs geared toward children.

The only decrease noted for 2015 was a decline in computer logins at the library. But Grice doesn't necessarily think that reflects a decrease in computer usage, just how people are using library technology. "Patrons are using our Wi-Fi to log onto their own laptops, smartphones, and iPads, instead of logging into our computers," she says. A new tracking system will log Wi-Fi usage for a more accurate outlook in coming years.

As for 2016, Grice says the staff works with a smile on their face and a "patron comes first" attitude to manage the workload influx she hopes will continue. And, she adds, it helps having two self-checkout machines.



Popular Children's activities like "The Hillbilly Scientists" during the annual Summer Reading Program brought record crowds and helped increase 2015 library attendance to 145,614 visits, up 12% from 2014.



AMELIA EARHART: SOARING HIGH ON WINGS OF SUCCESS

August 19th is National Aviation Day, and we've decided to celebrate a little early with a fascinating program! Please join us on **Tuesday, August 16th** as we take a look at the life of one of this nation's most courageous aviation pioneers, Amelia Earhart:

Amelia Earhart set many flying records. She was the first woman to fly across the Atlantic. She was the first person to fly from Hawaii to California, from California to Mexico, and from Mexico to New Jersey. Amelia was also the first woman to receive both the National Geographic Society's Special Gold Medal and the United States Distinguished Flying Cross from President Herbert Hoover. She was a friend of both President Franklin Roosevelt and Eleanor Roosevelt. Acclaimed by royalty in England and euphoric ticker-tape parades in the United States, Amelia was America's foremost woman flier.

And yet she disappeared without a trace on July 2, 1937 while attempting to be the first person to fly around the world at the Equator.

Historian, Jim Gibbons, will present the life of the woman known as "Lady Lindy," an American Aviation legend that on her final flight simply vanished. Did she drown at sea, or land on an island to live out the rest of her life? Was she taken captive by the Japanese and imprisoned as some claim or was she a spy for the United States Government? Gibbons will present the life and death, and the facts and theories of America's legendary first woman aviator, Amelia Earhart!

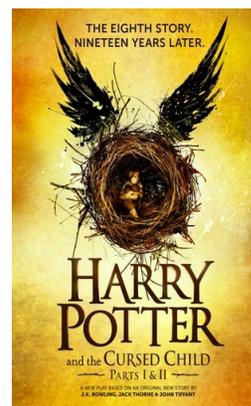
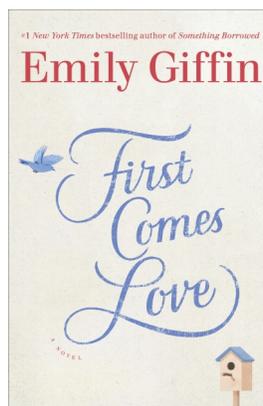
The program will be held in the library Community Center at **6:30pm**.



GREAT SUMMER READS!

The temperatures are heating up and summer is a great time to find that perfect read. Make sure to stock up with some good books as you head out to the beach or pool. Many authors are releasing new titles this summer and we've listed a few below. Place these titles on hold today!

- ***Falling* by Jane Green**
- ***First Comes Love* by Emily Giffin**
- ***Modern Lovers* by Emma Straub**
- ***Truly Madly Guilty* by Liane Moriarty**
- ***Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* by J.K. Rowling**
- ***The Black Widow* by Daniel Silva**
- ***Rampage* by John Sanford**
- ***Night and Day* by Iris Johansen**



Looking for more? Try these popular authors:

Clive Cussler
Mary Kubica
Gillian Flynn

Elin Hilderbrand
James Rollins
Elizabeth Adler



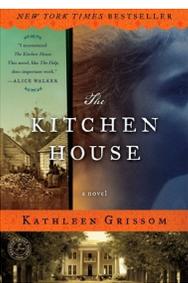


ADULT SERVICES

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

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

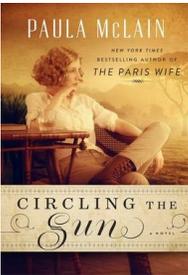
Please join us on **July 20th at 2:00pm** to discuss *The Kitchen House* by **Kathleen Grissom**.



In this gripping novel, a dark secret threatens to expose the best and worst in everyone tied to the estate at a thriving plantation in Virginia in the decades before the Civil War.

Through the unique eyes of Lavinia and Belle, Grissom's debut novel unfolds in a heartbreaking and ultimately hopeful story of class, race, dignity, deep-buried secrets, and familial bonds.

Please join us on **August 17th at 2:00 p.m.** for *Circling the Sun* by **Paula McLain**.



This story brings to life a fearless and captivating woman—Beryl Markham, a record-setting aviator caught up in a passionate love triangle with safari

hunter Denys Finch Hatton and Karen Blixen, who wrote the classic memoir Out of Africa under the pseudonym of Isak Dinesen

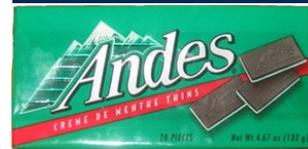
Copies of book club selections can be picked up at the Circulation Desk 3 to 4 weeks prior to the book club meeting.

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

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

We have some amazing local businesses who have generously donated prizes to our adult summer reading program. Thank you, we couldn't do it without your support!

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- Andes Candies
- Bell's Liquor
- Calabria Restaurant
- Chicago Bears
- Dalee Water Conditioning
- Elkhorn Flying Dragons
- Evergreen Country Club
- Great Clips of Elkhorn
- Green Bay Packers
- Lake Geneva Cruise Line
- Lake Lawn Resort
- Lyle's TV & Appliance
- Milwaukee Public Museum
- Moy's Restaurant
- Next Door Pub & Pizzeria
- The Pharmacy Station
- The Quilting Connection
- Sawdust & Stitches
- Sentry
- Sonoma Cellars
- Staller Estate Winery
- Studio Winery



ADULT SERVICES

2016 ADULT PROGRAMS IN OVERTIME!



July 5th at 6:30pm - Back On My Feet with Jeff Adams.
Back On My Feet is a charity that combats homelessness through the power of running. Join worldwide marathon runner and board director Jeff Adams for his talk on helping others through physical activity and giving a second chance.



July 12th at 6:30pm - Live to be 100! Now, more than ever, making it to your 100th birthday is attainable, with the right life habits. Join researcher Terry Fisk as he explains how you can calculate your life expectancy and what lifestyle changes you can make to increase your odds of living to be 100.



July 19th at 6:30pm - Downsizing? Let's Get Started!
Clutter Coach Kathi Miller shares her expertise to help you navigate downsizing to a smaller place. This program covers what to take, what to leave behind, and how to decide.



July 26th at 6:30pm - Pioneer Gardening. Join Marcia Carmichael, author of *Putting Down Roots: Gardening Insights from Wisconsin's Early Settlers* for a fascinating look into what the early Wisconsin settlers grew in their gardens.



August 2nd at 6:30pm - Get Fit with Rachel . Join fitness expert Rachel Person from Four Lakes Athletic Club as she talks about the many ways you can start your journey to a healthier lifestyle.



August 8th at 6:30pm - Walk, Talk, and Gawk through Elkhorn. Join UW-Extension educator Jenny Wehmeier as she takes us on a walk around the town square. While we're walking, she'll discuss the Get Moving Walworth County health initiative, and ways to stay active.

GRANDPARENT/ GRANDCHILD STORYTIME

Each month this summer we'll discuss a book and do some fun activities and crafts. It's a great way to have a good time with your grandchildren!

July 25th at 10am-*Alezander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* by Judith Viorst.

August 22nd at 10am-*The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION CIRCLE

It's a book club, but without the book! Come and join our fun, member-led discussion group and meet some new friends.

We'll have a full schedule soon. Check at the library reference desk for more details!

PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

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

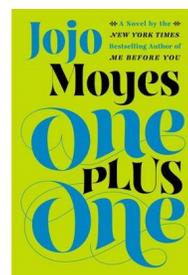
Please join us on **July 6th at 6:30pm** for an insightful discussion about *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah.

In the quiet village of Carriveau, Vianne Mauriac says goodbye to her husband, Antoine, as he heads for the Front. She doesn't believe that the Nazis will invade France ... but invade they do, in droves of marching soldiers, in caravans of trucks and tanks, in planes that fill the skies and drop bombs upon the innocent. . .



Please join us on **August 3rd at 6:30 pm** to discuss *One Plus One* by Jojo Moyes.

Your husband has done a vanishing act, your teenage stepson is being bullied, and your math whiz daughter has a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that you can't afford to pay for. That's Jess's life in a nutshell—until an unexpected knight in shining armor offers to rescue them ...



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



YOUTH SERVICES

JULY PROGRAMS

The Great Cardboard Drive-In

July 5, 1:30: Come make your own cardboard car and enjoy some quick 'toons at the library.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

July 8: Today only! Drop off your stuffed animals at the library—they will spend the night and you can pick them up the following day and find out all about their adventures!

The Big Splash

July 30, 10:30: Come in your bathing suit and enjoy sprinklers, popsicles, bubbles and paint!



AUGUST PROGRAMS

Craft-o-Rama

August 2 & 9, 10-5: Drop by the Storyroom for some free play and creative fun!

Free Lego Build

August 4 & 11, 10-5: Drop by the Storyroom for creative building with Legos all day long!

MS. JENNIFER'S CORNER

It's summer and we're having a lot of fun at the library! We will continue offering storytimes, performers, art programs and more through the end of July.

It's not too late to sign up for summer reading! We will continue signing kids up for summer reading through the end of July. You can pick up surprises and stickers through our last day—August 13th—and then turn your calendar in for a free book! Our last teen prize winners will be drawn on August 13th as well.

There are still lots of fun Storywagons to go in July! Join us on **Tuesdays 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!

Not sure you have time for summer reading? We have simple, free, and fun reading programs for all ages from babies to teens. We invite ages 0-5 to sign up for **Ready, Set, Read** with an activity sheet to complete at their own pace and developmental level. Ages 5 to 12 are encouraged to join this year's summer reading program, **On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!** They will earn stickers throughout the summer and receive a free book to keep in August. Participants will also receive a free surprise each week 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!

We will be offering some drop-in programs in August, but there will be no storytimes or regular after school programs. The library staff will be busy catching up after summer reading and planning a new fall/winter session of programming. But you can still drop by the library and hang out in our play area, try out some activities, or chat with a friendly librarian!

See you at the library!

Jennifer Wharton, Youth Services Librarian

jwharton@elkhorn.lib.wi.us



Walworth County Parent Support Group

First and Third Monday of every month, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Lynn Kalivoda

For more information contact

Julie at the Autism Society

414-988-1260 or julie@assew.org

YOUTH SERVICES

July/August Programs

OPEN GARDEN

July 18, August 1 & 8, 10-11am: Join Ms. Jess outside in our new children’s garden and outdoor education area. There will be open-ended activities and outdoor fun.

WE EXPLORE FAVORITE ARTIST

Wednesdays at 10:00am: It’s back! Join us on Wednesdays at 10am, through July 27, to explore the art and stories of our favorite artists. We’ll paint in the style of Eric Carle, try out Michael Hall’s collage techniques, and more! Snacks will be provided.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Thursdays, 3:30-5:30pm. Drop in on Thursdays, through July 28, for our after school clubs. Check the calendar for specific activities—we’ll be playing with Legos at Lego Club, painting and more at Messy Art Club, and trying out some experiments at Mad Scientists Club.

MAKER WORKSHOPS *NEW*

Fridays at 3:30: Register online for our new series of Maker Workshops! Sewing, Carpentry, Robots, and more! Make sure you read the requirements for each class, instead of limiting them by ages we have listed the skills and independence level needed.



STORYWAGON

Tuesdays at 1:30: Storywagon continues through July 26 with reptiles, music and more! If you miss a performer at Elkhorn, check them out at another library—ask for a schedule for the whole consortium.



For more summer events and programming, check out the library website, www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us or pick up a summer calendar.

MS. PATTIE’S CORNER

Regular storytimes will end in July and resume in September

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

July 11 & 25, 10am

Playgroup with Pattie

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

woodpa@elkhorn.k12.wi.us



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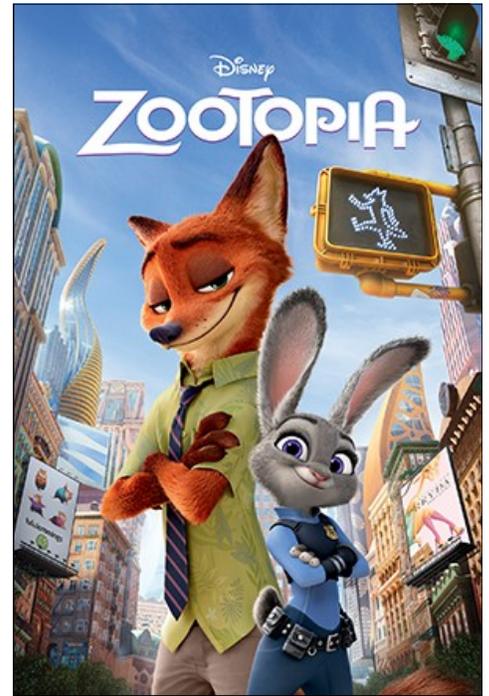
Thurs, Aug 4th 4-6pm
- Friends Members-Only Private Sale -

Fri, Aug 5th 9am-6pm
Sat, Aug 6th 10am-1pm

IT'S THE ANNUAL MOVIE NIGHT PAJAMA PARTY!

Join the Friends for a fun Movie Night with the whole family on Friday, July 8 at 6:30pm for the 4th Annual Pajama Party at the library. Kids can wear jammies and bring along their favorite pillows, blankets, and stuffed animals to watch *Zootopia* on the big screen!

Enjoy free popcorn and soda while watching rookie cop Judy Hopps navigate the metropolis of Zootopia. She must work together with a cynical con artist fox named Nick Wolfe to solve a mysterious case when 14 predators go missing. Features the voice talents of Ginnifer Goodwin, Idris Elba, and Jason Bateman. Film is rated PG. Children under 13 need to be accompanied by an adult.



JOIN THE FRIENDS!

Be a part of the organization that does it all! The Friends of Matheson Memorial Library is looking for enthusiastic new patrons to join our ranks and help the library we all love. We provide the funding to pay for the library's Adult & Children's programming, as well as additional materials and technology throughout the year.

We are the 95 area working people, stay-at-home moms, college students, retired folks and even fellow librarians who strive to make the Elkhorn library a better place to gather and relax.

Can you volunteer a few hours a week to work in the Friends Book Store? Help bake a treat for the upcoming Bake Sale? Hand out popcorn at the monthly Movie Nights? Well, we need YOU! Even just giving the \$10 annual membership dues helps us. Pick up an application at the Circulation Desk today or join us at our August 24th meeting.



SEE JANE AUSTEN'S ZOMBIE WARRIORS

In the latest crazy fun Jane Austen adaption by Seth Grahame-Smith, Elizabeth Bennet and her sisters face horrors even greater than 19th century English courtship - ZOMBIES! Based on the beloved novel, *Pride & Prejudice*, these sisters must kick some serious zombie butt in order to find their happily ever after. Rated PG-13.

The Friends will be showing the film adaptation of the best-selling book *Pride & Prejudice & Zombies* on Friday, August 12 at 6:30pm. Rated PG-13: Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Admission, popcorn and soda are all provided by the Friends.

