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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR



Happy Holidays to all our wonderful patrons who made 2016 a very successful year at the library. I would also like to recognize our dedicated staff who work hard year-round to provide excellent service, create interesting displays and provide a great variety of programs for all ages. You Rock! Our newest staff member at the Information Desk is Shelly Wilson, who started at the library in September (see page 3 for Staff Spotlight). Jeff Rosendahl will return to the library to work at the Circulation desk on Wednesday evenings, replacing Kris Gleason who is leaving at the end of December. Welcome back, Jeff!

One of our new responsibilities in 2017 will be to make the reservations for the Community Center, as we are replacing the Park & Recreation department in this task. Starting in January, all applications for community room rentals for parties and meetings, deposits, and key dispersal will be done at the library to make things more convenient for everyone. The carpet has just been cleaned and we are pleased that this room is being used heavily by a variety of groups, by the library

for programs and by the community in general.

Our upcoming programs for adults and children are described in greater detail in this newsletter, as well as listed on our calendar of events which you can pick up at the desk. We have many programs for all ages. In the New Year we are hosting an antique appraisal day, music and art night, and much more. Once again we will have the volunteers from Tax-Aide here to help those who qualify file their tax returns and answer questions. Appointments can be made starting in February.

The library is installing a new, updated phone system on January 4th so all extensions and recordings will change. If you call the library, please listen closely for new directions in contacting the various departments and staff members.

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns you have about the library (262)723-2678, ext. 9140.

Lisa Selje, Library Director



LIBRARY JOINS WITH WCLC TO OFFER ENGLISH CLASSES IN 2017

By Denis McNamara, Coordinator—Walworth County Literacy Council

Beginning January 4, 2017, English as a Second Language (ESL) will be offered at the Matheson Library. The class will start at 5:30 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday, and is scheduled to end on March 22, 2017. There are ten (10) spaces available for students. The class is designed to engage students in English conversation techniques, to learn basic grammatical structure and to improve reading, writing and communication skills. Faculty for the class is provided by the Walworth County Literacy Council (WCLC).

WCLC has worked with ESL students in Walworth County for more than twenty years. It offers ESL classes to adult students throughout the county at public libraries located in Walworth, Delavan, Lake Geneva, and now Elkhorn. WCLC is comprised of

volunteers who match their tutorial experience and abilities with members of the community who may need assistance in language skills. WCLC staff can be reached at 262-957-0142 or 262-490-3689.

Volunteer tutors are the lynchpin of the WCLC program. They provide a wealth of knowledge to ESL students both in terms of the three Rs and with cultural assimilation and integration into the local community. Anyone interested in volunteering their time and expertise to the program is asked to contact Denis. This includes anyone who is interested in assisting the class being offered at the Matheson Library. The class is a community effort and all are welcome to participate.





FALL IN LOVE WITH LOCAL ART & LOVE SONGS ON FEBRUARY 16

On **Thursday, February 16th at 6:30pm**, the sounds of love songs from many decades, and the sights of beautiful creations by local artists will be in the Library Community Center!

We are pleased to welcome **Brett Gaertner**, a favorite musician in the Milwaukee area. Brett will be playing acoustic versions of popular songs from the last several decades of music, including some recent hits. These beautiful arrangements by a very talented artist are not to be missed!



We will also feature the artwork of artists from the **Elkhorn Arts Foundation**. This will include paintings, photography, and decorative glasswork. The artists will be on-hand to answer any questions about their creations, the Arts Foundation, and will even have some of the artwork for sale!

We will also have complementary non-alcoholic cocktails and some refreshments to enjoy. And for you parents, craft activities for children will be available that evening from 6pm to 8pm in the children's area of the library. This will be the perfect event to come and see some of the finest artwork Elkhorn has to offer, and to experience some truly beautiful music.



TAX AIDE RETURNS TO THE LIBRARY

Beginning **Tuesday, February 7th** the Matheson Memorial Library will once again become an official TAX-AIDE site offering free, individualized, no-strings-attached tax preparation and counseling to taxpayers with low-to-moderate income in Walworth County.

AARP Foundation operates the TAX-AIDE Program under a cooperative agreement with the IRS. Tax Returns are prepared by IRS-Certified Volunteers who are trained each year to understand individual tax issues, especially provisions of the tax code that apply to those age 60 and older. In 2014, 35,000 TAX-AIDE volunteers at over 5,000 sites nation-wide provided 2.6 million people with free tax help.

Interested Walworth County taxpayers can pick up an informational flyer at the Matheson Memorial Library that outlines what types of tax returns are within the scope of the TAX-AIDE Program and what taxpayers are required to bring to their appointment. This information can also be obtained by calling TAX-AIDE toll free at **1-888-227-7669** or going to their Website at **www.aarp.org/taxaide**. Matheson Memorial Library will begin taking TAX-AIDE appointments on January 15th for the 2016 tax year.

Sessions will be offered every Tuesday from **10:30am to 6:30pm** in the Library Community Center. Each appointment should run for one hour, and registration is required. Call the library at **(262) 723-2678** to register. Everyone **must** bring a valid ID, their Social Security Number, and a copy of last year's return. If you have any questions, you are welcome to come in during the sessions, and a Tax Aide representative will be there to help you. The sessions will run until **Tuesday, April 4th**.

**AARP FOUNDATION
TAX-AIDE**

FIND OUT WHAT'S IT WORTH? WITH MARK MORAN ON JANUARY 28

Ever wonder if that old family heirloom is worth something? Now is the perfect time to find out!

The library is pleased to welcome back author and antiques expert extraordinaire, Mark Moran. Mr. Moran will be on hand on **Saturday, January 28th from 10am to 1pm** to shed a little light on your family heirlooms and other treasured possessions. This is a perfect time to dust off that item you've had in the family for years, and bring it down and hear Mr. Moran talk about its history, use, and of course, its value!

Pre-registration is required. Please register at the library. Cost is \$10 per item, cash only please. Fee must be paid at time of registration.

Mr. Moran welcomes an audience, so if you'd like to just come and watch, you're welcome to!

Please see the enclosed flyer for more details. Call us at (262) 723-2678 if you have any questions.



NEW STAFF SPOTLIGHT: SHELLY WILSON

We are very pleased to welcome our new Reference Associate, Shelly Wilson to the team.

Shelly, a former after-school program teacher, is now working on her Master of Library Sciences degree through San Jose State University. She enjoys reading, mostly thrillers, historical fiction, and mysteries. Favorite authors include Diana Gabaldon, J.D. Robb, Stephen King, and Kathy Reichs.

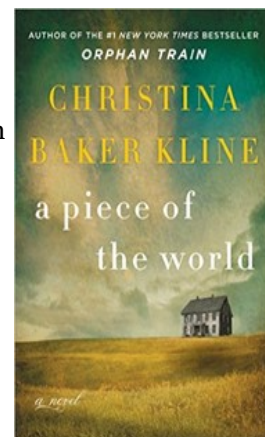
Be sure to say hello to Shelly, and ask her a question or two...she's here to help!



NEW YEAR, NEW READS

We saw many wonderful releases in fiction during 2016. Now looking forward to 2017 we've listed some of the new titles that are being released in the beginning of the New Year. As you catch up with your 2016 reading, be sure to add these titles to your to-read list!

- Below the Belt* by Stuart Woods
- The Mistress* by Danielle Steel
- The Sleepwalker* by Chris Bohjalian
- Fatal* by John Lescroart
- Right Behind You* by Lisa Gardner
- A Book of American Martyrs* by Joyce Carol Oates
- Echoes in Death* by J.D. Robb
- My Not so Perfect Life* by Sophia Kinsella
- A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline

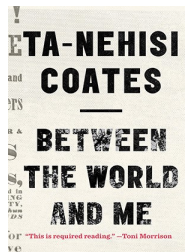
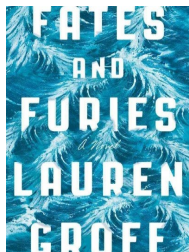




ADULT SERVICES

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

The Afternoon Book Club is a relaxed group of people who just enjoy sharing a great book! They meet on the third Wednesday of the Month at **2pm**.



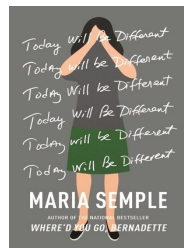
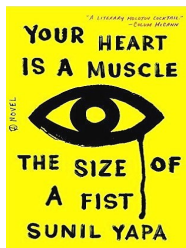
Jan. 18th – Fates and Furies by Lauren Groff

Feb. 15th - Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

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

PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

The Page Turners choose moving and poignant stories to highlight the human condition. They meet on the first Wednesday of the month at **6:30pm**



Jan. 4th - Your Heart is a Muscle the Size of a Fist by Sunil Yapa

Feb. 1st - Today Will Be Different by Maria Semple

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

MORE GREENS, GRAINS & BEANS!

Did you make a new year's resolution to eat healthier? Nurse and nutritionist Joan Davis will be visiting the library again to provide practical eating tips to help you lose weight and gain energy:

If eating healthy in 2017 is one of your goals, this program will provide proven strategies to successfully incorporate more Greens Grains and Beans while reducing animal protein and fat. You'll be given links to kick start your plant based eating, Removing unhealthy foods from a pantry and refrigerator redo to lessons on grocery shopping, healthy cooking techniques and restaurant negotiations.

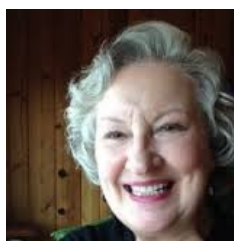
This program will be held on **Wednesday, January 11th at 3:30pm** in the Library Community Center.

The program is free, but registration is required. Please register on our website calendar or call us at (262) 723-2678 to reserve a spot.



TOO MANY? TOO FEW? WHAT'S BEST FOR YOU?

Have you ever considered how many pairs of socks you need? How many towels, pots and pans, jeans, or any belongings, for that matter? Having too many contributes to clutter; too few makes your life complicated, both resulting in stress. **Kathi Miller** of *The Clutter-Free Life* has developed a system called *Magic*



Numbers to help you decide what's right for you. Wherever you are in your life - just starting out, pursuing a career, raising kids, or retiring, *Magic Numbers* can help you navigate every aspect of life. From belongings, to family commitments, to work projects, to the emails in your inbox, discover how your personal *Magic Numbers* can free you to enjoy life and pursue your dreams.

The program will be held on **Saturday, February 18th at 10:30am**. This program is free, but registration is required. Visit our online calendar or call us at (262) 723-2678 to register.

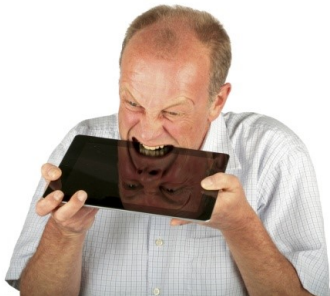


ADULT SERVICES

THIS JANUARY: TECHSTRAVAGANZA!

Did you get a cool new device this Christmas, but haven't opened the box yet? Or maybe the kids/grandkids opened it for you and helped you get started...but they went home and you're still confused? Well, fear not, the library wants to help you start having fun with your new tablet or smartphone!

On **Saturday, January 14th at 10:00am**, we're going to have a special technology class that we're calling **Techstravaganza!** We'll have simple orientations on both Apple and Android tablets and smartphones with lots of handouts. Then, we're going to buy you lunch! We'll have our lunch, and then for the rest of the afternoon we'll attempt to answer any tech-related question or problem you might have, including questions about laptops and desktops.



This program is completely free, but registration is required. Please call us at (262) 723-2678 to register. Space is limited, so don't wait!



COMMUNITY CONVERSATION CIRCLE

The Community Conversation Circle is a fun and open group of people who like to share their interests. It's like a book club without a book...although we sometimes talk about books. They meet the third Monday of the month at **6:30pm**. The dates in January/February are:

**Jan.
16th**

**Feb.
20th**



For more information, contact **Chad Robinson** by phone at **(262) 723-2678** or email at crobinson@elkhorn.lib.wi.us

NEW YEAR, NEW MAKER KIT!

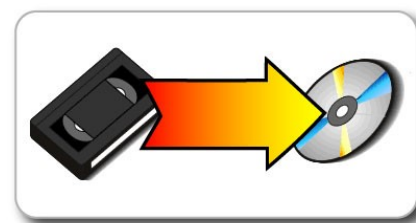
There's a new maker kit coming to the library this January...Introducing the **Kodak PS50 photo scanner!**

You can use this to scan old photos very rapidly (85 at a time!), do some basic editing and sharpening, and then save them to a USB drive, or email them to yourself or a friend. We will have the scanner on-hand all of January; give us a call at (262) 723-2678 for details!



TECH CORNER

The **VHS/DVD Converter** will be making its way back to the Matheson Memorial Library in February! This device allows you to copy VHS tapes onto a blank DVD disc. It's a great way to preserve your memories. The converter will be available all month long on a first-come, first-served basis. It uses either DVD+R or DVD-R blank discs, which are available at most retail locations. So go find those old family vacation tapes and get them ready to move into the digital future!





YOUTH SERVICES

Bookaneers

1st Tuesday of the month at 4:30 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders (No session on Jan. 3, special kickoff session on Jan. 10!)

Rock 'n' Read

2nd Tues. of the month at 4:30 for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders (Special kickoff session on Jan 17!)

We will have tasty snacks, fun crafts, and talk about our favorite books. Don't forget to bring your library card! To get reminders of book club meetings, register online.

Craft-o-Rama

Jan. 27, Feb. 24

10-5pm

No School? Come to the library! The Storyroom will be open with a huge variety of craft and art materials for you to explore.



Science Saturday

February 4, 10-2pm

Elkhorn Area Middle School

2nd annual Science Saturday is fun for the whole family! Contact Pattie Woods for more information.



MS. JENNIFER'S CORNER

Winter can be dark and depressing, but here in the children's department we have a fun line-up of programs to brighten your winter and keep your mind and body active!

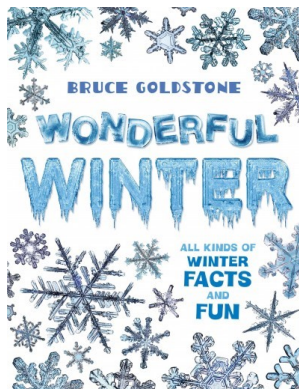
We're bringing back regular Wednesday morning programs; we'll be offering Winter Wiggles with Ms. Jennifer or Ms. Jess. Winter Wiggles presents active, casual programs for all ages from babies to preschoolers. Come play with blocks, dance, and get your wiggles out!

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

Check out the calendar to find out more information about our many programs for all ages, or drop by and visit us!

Jennifer Wharton, Youth Services Librarian

Check out new materials at the library. From books to maker kits, we have something fun and interesting for all ages!



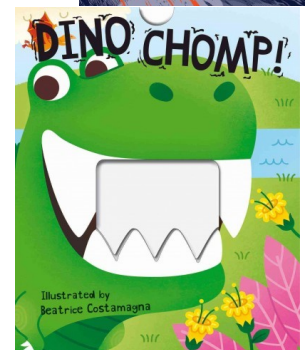
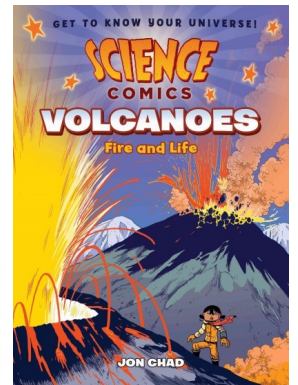
Listen 'n' Read Animals Move

Why listen to audio books when learning to read?

- Increases reading accuracy by 52%
- Improves comprehension by 76%
- Teaches pronunciation
- Expands vocabulary

More audiobook resources

- Check out audiobooks available for free download on Wisconsin's Digital Library (Overdrive).
- Find out more about audiobooks for students with learning disabilities or visual impairments at www.learningsally.org



YOUTH SERVICES

WINTER WIGGLERS

Wednesdays at 10:00am: Get those winter wiggles out with fun, interactive parties at the library! Each program will have a theme; building with blocks, dancing, etc. that will get your mind and body moving! All ages welcome.

January 11—Block Party

January 18—Dance Party

January 25—Yoga

February 1—Obstacle Course

February 8—Teddy Bear Hunt

February 15—Interactive Storytime

February 22—Yoga



After School Clubs

**Thursday afternoons, drop in from
3:30-5:30**

January 12—Lego Club

January 19—Mad Scientists Club: Science of Snow

January 26—Messy Art Club: Sticker resist

February 2—Lego Club

February 9—Messy Art Club: Valentines

February 16—Mad Scientists Club: Mixing Magic

February 23—Lego Club

Do you love to be creative? Do you like to mess around with art? Do you love experimenting and playing with science? Are you more of a builder of creations? Kids of all ages, from toddlers to teens, are invited to join Messy Art Club, Mad Scientists Club, and Lego Club! Drop in any time between 3:30 and 5:30 to create, experiment, and build. These programs are free, open to all ages, and all materials are provided. Stay for 10 minutes or two hours!

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

Playgroup with Pattie

2nd Mondays at 10am
Suggested age: Infants to 5yrs

Mooshie Ooshie Gooshie Sensory

Playgroup

4th Mondays at 10am
Suggested age: Infants to 5yrs

A Valentine for You!

Feb. 11th at 10:30am

Join Ms. Pattie for her annual Valentine's party!
Crafts, treats and fun for the whole family.



For more information contact Pattie Woods, 262-723-3160 ext. 1416 or [email](mailto:woodpa@elkhorn.k12.wi.us)

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Matheson Memorial Library.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

FRIDAYS WITH OSCAR FEST TO CELEBRATE ITS 5TH YEAR STARTING FEBRUARY 3

The Friends of the Library's hugely successful *Fridays With Oscar* film festival is back and better than ever! When volunteers roll out the red carpet to screen Academy-Award nominated films on February 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 6:30pm, it will be for the fifth year.

Friends president Katie James still can't believe its success. "When we got the idea for a special film festival to go along with our regular Movie Nights, we had no idea how popular *Fridays With Oscar* would be in the community. People started driving from all over to celebrate Oscar films with us," Friends president Katie James said.

"It's just a really great place to celebrate the art of filmmaking with other fans and hear the story behind how these movies got made. We are so thrilled patrons keep returning year after year," she said.



Festivities will include free admission, popcorn and soda all provided by the Friends. Bring your glamorous friends, family for a fun night out and "dress to impress" for a walk down the red carpet. Oscar Trivia is back too! Put your film knowledge to the test for the chance to win cushy VIP seating!

Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult for PG and PG-13 films. No children under 18 will be admitted into R-rated films. Fest films will be announced after the 2017 Academy Award nominations on Jan. 24. Check the Friends lobby display or library website calendar for selections.

BROWN BAG BOOK & BAKE SALE



ALL THE BOOKS YOU CAN STUFF IN A BAG FOR ONLY

\$5

Jan 12 4-6:00pm
Friends Members-Only Preview Sale

Jan 13 9-6:00pm

Jan 14 10-1:00pm

WE'LL SUPPLY THE TREATS & BOOKS, YOU FILL THE BAGS!