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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

t's been a mild winter so it's hard to know if spring is near or if we are in for more of that white stuff. Either way, we have a lot of activities at the library over the next couple of months. In our children's department, we will have a Mo Willems Pig Party

on March 18, special programs during spring break week, and our big party in conjunction with the school district on April 19. The theme this year is Community. Our Friends group just completed another successful year of Fridays with Oscar movies in February and will host author Tom Watson in May. Volunteers from AARP Tax-Aide are here on Tuesdays to help those who qualify, file their tax returns and answer questions. Appointments will continue into April and are filling up quickly.

National Library Week is April 9-15 this year and we will have refreshments for our patrons on Monday, April 10. The library will be closed on Good Friday, April 14, but we will be open our regular hours on Saturday. Our annual Food for Fines will take place during the whole month of April. Bring in a non-perishable food item and get \$1 off your overdue fine, up to \$5.00.

Having a party and need a bigger space? Elkhorn residents can rent the Community Center for a nominal fee. Applications are available at the Information Desk and library staff is now making the reservations for this room. The room is used heavily by a variety of groups for meetings, by the library for programs, and by the community at large.

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, including what to consider when choosing a pet, home remodeling tips, how to attract pollinators to your garden, and much more.

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

Lisa Selje, Library Director



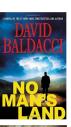
VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE AUTHOR DURING LIBRARY MARCH MADNESS!

uring the past year and into 2017, several authors have emerged among

library patrons as the most popular authors in Elkhorn. Based off of circulation statistics, they are:

- **David Baldacci**
- **Chris Bohjalian**
- Lisa Gardner
- **Tami Hoag**
- **Debbie Macomber**
- John Sandford

In the spirit of competition, we've decided to determine the most popular author of them all! We could just count up the checkouts, but we thought it





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might be more exciting to turn the decision over to you! This March, we'd like your help in deciding who's the most popular author in all of Elkhorn. Visit our March Madness book display near the Circulation desk and cast your vote; at the end of March, we'll announce the winner. There can be only one!





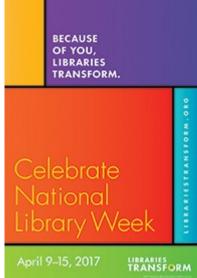
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK - APRIL 9-15

pril 9-15 is National Library Week, a time to highlight the changing role of libraries, librarians and library workers. Libraries aren't only a place of quiet study, but also creative and engaging community centers where people can collaborate using new technologies, learn how to use a 3D printer or even record their own music.

Libraries of all types are evolving to meet the needs of the communities they serve. Elected officials, small business owners, students and the public at large depend upon libraries and the resources they offer to address the needs of their communities. By providing such resources as e-books and technology classes, materials for Englishlanguage learners, programs for job seekers or a safe haven in times of crisis, libraries and librarians transform their communities.

Libraries also offer something unique to their communities, the expertise of individual librarians. Librarians assist patrons in using increasingly complex technology and sorting through the potentially overwhelming mass of information bombarding today's digital society. This is especially crucial when access to reliable and trustworthy data is more important than ever.

To celebrate this important event, the Matheson Memorial Library will once again offer Food for Fines the entire month of April. From April 1st to the 30th, the library will forgive overdue fines, \$1.00 for each nonperisha-





ble food item donated. Limit 5 items per card holder. The

food for fines payments may only be applied to overdue fines and not to other fees, such as lost or damaged items. All food donations will benefit the Elkhorn Food Pantry. And, as a thank you to our patrons, we will have free refreshments on Monday, April 10th for everyone who visits us.

LIBRARIES TRANSFORM

GARDENING 101: ATTRACTING BUTTERFLIES, BEES, AND BIRDS TO YOUR LANDSCAPE

s the days get longer and the temperature rises, it's the perfect time to think about gardening! Please join us on Thursday, April 27th at 6:30pm for a special program to help you get started, and to attract some beneficial animals to your yard.

Library staff and Master Gardeners, Lisa Selje and Lisa Lynn, will



give a presentation on attracting birds, bees and beautiful butterflies to your landscape. They will discuss creating the right habitat,



providing shelter and choosing plants that will attract birds and pollinators to your yard. No matter if you are in a rural, suburban or urban setting anyone can create an environment that will attract and sustain these pollinators that add beauty and enjoyment to your landscape as well as benefiting the food supply chain we all need.

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HOME REMODELLING TIPS STRAIGHT FROM A CONTRACTOR - MARCH 16TH

s the weather gets warmer, a lot of us begin thinking about ways we can expand or modernize our living spaces. Unfortunately, there are so many factors that it can be a little overwhelming getting started.

Please join us for an entertaining and educational talk from Contractor and home remodeling expert **Jean Kruzan**. She'll cover making a budget, choosing the right company, and deciding on the changes to your home that will work best for you.

This program will be held at the Matheson Memorial Library in the Community Center on **Thursday**, **March 16th at 6:30pm**. The program is free, but registration is required. Please call (262) 723-2678 to register.





AUTHOR FORECAST: JAMES PATTERSON

ames Patterson released over a dozen books in 2016 including fiction books for children and young adults. In the first half of 2017 Patterson won't be letting his fans down! Place a hold on his new novels today! Don't want to miss a new release? Sign up for the Favorite Author Club! Simply log into your account on the SHARE catalog and click on the Favorite Authors Club tab. Check the box next to the

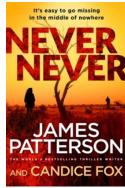
author's name you are interested in and click **submit**. A hold will automatically be placed each time that author publishes a new book

2017 Patterson Releases

Never, Never (January 16)

Humans Bow Down (February 20)

The Black Book (March 27)



AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT: LISA SEE

isa See was born in Paris but grew up in Los Angeles. She started her career as a journalist writing for Publishers Weekly and as a freelance journalist with articles appearing in Vogue, Self, and More magazines. In 1995, she wrote a nonfiction book, On Gold Mountain, which traces her family history. It was while she was writing this book that she had an idea for her first novel, The Flower Net.

<u>Novels</u>

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan

Peony in Love

China Dolls

The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane



ADULT SERVICES

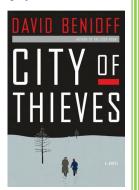
AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

he 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**.

Mar. 15th – *City of Thieves* by David Benioff

By turns insightful and funny, thrilling and terrifying, the New York Times bestseller City of Thieves is a

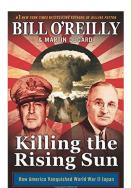
gripping, cinematic World War II adventure and an intimate coming-of-age story with an utterly contemporary feel for how boys become men.



Apr. 19th - *Killing the Rising Sun* by Bill O'Reilly

Killing the Rising Sun takes readers to the bloody tropical-island battlefields of Peleliu and Iwo Jima and to the

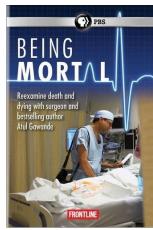
embattled Philippines, where General Douglas MacArthur has made a triumphant return and is plotting a fullscale invasion of Japan.



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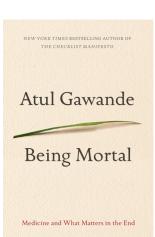
BEING MORTAL: MEDICINE & END-OF-LIFE TREATMENT

he **PBS Frontline** documentary, *Being Mortal*, is based on the bestselling book by **Atul Gawande**, a physician who wrote about the issues facing terminally ill patients and how treatment can impact end-of-life care. It follows the



journeys of five people facing the end of their life, and provides excellent insight into the issues surrounding this difficult time.

This documentary will be shown in the Library



Community Center on **Thursday**, **March 30th at 6:30pm**, and will be followed by a discussion led by Dr. Richard Hansen, a retired physician who has done extensive study on end-of-life medicine and treatment. The program is free, but registration is required.

Please call (262) 723-2678 to register. We hope you can join us for this difficult, but highly relevant discussion.



REMEMBERING THE SIXTIES

oin educator Dennis Bulat for a trip down Memory Lane...Destination: the 1960s! Mr. Bulat will discuss the politics, society, technological break-throughs, and popular culture that defined this momentous and turbulent decade.

The program will be held on **Thursday, March 2nd at 3:30pm** at the Matheson Memorial Library in the Mary Bray Room. The program is free, but registration is required. Please call us at (262) 723-2678 to register.



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ADULT SERVICES

CHOOSING THE RIGHT PET

ave you ever thought about adopting a pet? Or maybe you're a longtime pet owner who is looking to add to your family? Either way, we have a wonderful program that'll help to set you on the right path!

Please join us on **Thursday, April 6th at 6:30pm** as veterinarian Lorene Rockwell takes us through all the considera-



tions in choosing the right pet, and what to look for when adopting. She'll also go over basic care and training of your new family member, and ways you can bond and foster trust between you and your new pet. The program is free, but registration is required. Please call us at **(262)** 723-2678 to register.



INTRODUCING A NEW READING GROUP: GATEWAY TO THE GREAT BOOKS!

This April we're excited to offer a new way to enjoy the great works of literature that won't put you to sleep! Gateway to the Great Books is a program in which small portions of famous works of literature and thought are discussed in an open and welcoming environment that will bring these classic works to life in a relevant and modern way. This new book group will be facilitated by Ellen Garb, a longtime library volunteer, and will begin with a reading of Mark Twain's essay, The Man that Corrupted Hadleyburg, a satiric look at small town America in the late Nineteenth Century. The reading group is open to the public, and registration is not

THE MAN THAT CORRUPTED HADLEYBURG & MARK TWAIN

necessary. The first meeting

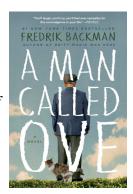
will be on Monday, April 24th at 6:30pm in the Mary Bray Room. In the meantime, drop by the library and pick up a printed copy of the essay we'll be covering.

PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

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

Mar. 1st - *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman

A comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man

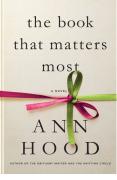


and a local residents' association to their very foundations .

Apr. 5th - *The Book That Matters Most* by Ann Hood

Ava's twenty-five-year marriage has fallen apart, and her two grown

children are pursuing their own lives outside of the country. Ava joins a book group, not only for her love of reading but also out of sheer desperation for companionship.



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YOUTH SERVICES

Bookaneers

1st Tuesday of the month at 4:30 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders

Rock 'n' Read

2nd Tues. of the month at 4:30 for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders

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 or at the library.

Craft-o-Rama

March 24 and 29th: 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.

Free Lego Build

March 30th: 10-5pm

No School? Come to the library! The Storyroom will be open with tons of Legos for you to create with!

Winter Wigglers

March 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 10am

Free play opportunities for all ages from blocks to dance parties, and more! Winter Wigglers will end March 22.

Wednesday morning programs will resume in the summer with We Explore Favorite Artists.



Ms. Jennifer's Corner

e are ready for spring at the library! We're planning lots of great activities for March and April, including parties, after school programs, and storytimes. Library staff are looking forward to visiting school classrooms as well to spread the love of reading to all ages!

Don't forget to come to our annual party in April, a collaboration between EASD four year old kindergartens and many other partners. It's fun for the whole family and a wild ride for the library!

The youth services staff is also excited to announce we have new furniture and activities in the teen area. Over the next few months we will be scheduling fun after school activities for the teens to participate in and encouraging them to explore all the library has to offer.

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

Community Party

April 19, 10:30am

Join the library staff, Pattie Woods of EASD Parent Connections, the staff of Learning Curve, Step Ahead, and Lakelands Little Learners, for a morning of fun exploring our community! There will be crafts, treats, photo ops, food, and more for everyone to enjoy as we celebrate the Elkhorn community and our four year old kindergarteners!

Teens and Tie-Dye

Looking for something to do over spring break that's free and fun? Join us at the library for Teens and Tie-Dye!

We will be providing t-shirts (one per person) and tie-dye for you to create a masterpiece.

Teens can **register** <u>online</u> or <u>in-person</u> at the Children's Desk. No library card needed. We hope to see you there!

March 27th 3:30-5:00 *This program is for teens (grades 6-12) only*



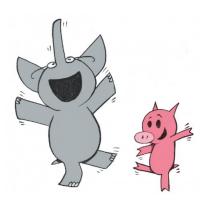


YOUTH SERVICES

It's a Pig Party!

March 18, 10:30am

Are you an Elephant and Piggie fan? Maybe you love the Pigeon or Leonardo the Terrible Monster? All ages are invited to join us for a spring party celebrating our favorite author, Mo Willems! We'll have tons of crafts, treats, and fun for the whole family!



After School Clubs

Thursday afternoons

March 2nd-Messy Art Club: Special Dr. Seuss edition!

March 9-Mad Scientists Club: Balloon Science

March 16-Lego Club

March 23-Messy Art Club: Puzzle Collage

March 30-Spring Break (Free Lego Build)

April 6-Lego Club

April 13–Messy Art Club: Dot Painting

April 20-Mad Scientists Club: Candy Science

April 27–Lego Club

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!





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

woodpa@elkhorn.k12.wi.us programs are sponsored by the **EASD** Parent Connections and the Matheson Memorial Library.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

SAVE THE DATE

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The Friends will be at the Brat Hut at Frank's Piggly Wiggly in Elkhom on Saturday, May 13 from 10-2:00pm. Stop by, grab some lunch and support the library!

BESTSELLING CHILDREN'S AUTHOR TOM WATSON TO VISIT ELKHORN IN MAY!

More details coming soon.



HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE LIBRARY BOOK STORE LATELY?

he Friends Book Store located near the fireplace in the library continues to be a massive success for the group's fundraising efforts and a great opportunity for patrons to buy wonderful used materials and books all year round!

Volunteers sort through incoming donations and mark the best items for the Book Store, which makes over \$400 each month for the library. Over 1,500 fiction, biography, history, self-help and children's books are for sale all year round, with a weekly restock to keep the assortment fresh for shoppers. Check it out TODAY and see what great deals are available for sale. Proceeds help the Friends fund library programs.



Can you join the Book Store team? Sign up to volunteer to sort or stock the store shelves. Shifts are typically only 1-2 hours on Wednesday and Friday mornings, or sign up for a time that works for you. Volunteer for a single shift or come every week! Ask a librarian or email friends@elkhorn.lib.wi.us for more details.





Show your library pride with the new Friends of Matheson Memorial Library canvas tote bags!

Available for purchase at the Circulation Desk for only \$8.00.

Proceeds to help fund library programs and materials.

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