FROM THE DIRECTOR

It’s hard to believe this is our last newsletter of 2012. Fall was a busy time at the library as we implemented new programs and had some staff changes. Our We Explore program for preschoolers on Friday mornings has been very well attended. We are looking forward to a visit from the Welty Environmental Center on a “Natural Thanksgiving” for our November 9th We Explore program. Remember to register for each We Explore program you plan to attend.

Another new program, Classic Movies for Seniors, has been well received. Seniors can join us for coffee and donuts and watch a classic movie one Friday a month. No registration is necessary for this program. Walworth County Homeschoolers have started a group that meets at the library the first and third Mondays each month at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to drop in, find information and meet with other homeschoolers. Finally, we are excited to offer our 1,000 Books before Kindergarten program. If you have a child, birth to age 5 and want to encourage a love of reading, this is for you! Stop in and ask for a packet and we will get you started on this worthwhile program that you can share with your child, imparting a love of books and reading. We hope that you will find something of interest to you among our variety of program offerings found in this newsletter.

GO PINK FOR ORANGE BENEFIT SET FOR NOV. 10

Go Pink for Orange and help us fundraise for Judy Orange, long time library staff member fighting stage III breast cancer. The Judy Orange Benefit is set for Saturday, November 10 from 5p.m.-8p.m. at Evergreen Golf Course at Hwy 12/67 in Elkhorn. Judy’s friends and family invite you for food, drinks, live entertainment and a silent auction. Dinner includes pasta buffet, salad, bread sticks and dessert.

Tickets are $15 for adults, $12 for kids ages 6-11 and free for children under five. Tickets are available for purchase at Matheson Memorial Library or can be purchased at the event. All donations will go to helping with medical expenses and the costs of fighting breast cancer. Additional funding provided by Walworth County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Monetary Donations can be made to the Judy Orange Benefit at People’s Bank in Elkhorn or online at www.wepay.com/donations/judy-orange-benefit.

Questions? Contact Amy Slattery at (262) 215-1799 or email pslats@elknet.net.
Computers for public use. There are 15 computers available for general use at the library. All of the computers have high-speed internet access as well as Microsoft Office 2007 Suite. We also have 5 computers that can be used to browse for materials housed within our library or throughout our 52 library system. With your card, you have access to more than 2.8 million items!

Wi-fi. With your laptop or other internet-ready device, you can have access to the built-in wi-fi at the library. Simply connect to the lower level or upper level access points.

Adult Book Clubs. Page Turners Book Club meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The Afternoon Book Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m. Check out a copy of the books at the library!

Children’s programs. See pages 4-5.

Audio/visual services. Includes the circulation of books on CD, Playaway and MP3, music CDs, DVDs and videos of both feature films and how-to’s.

Local history collection. Provides information of historical value on the city of Elkhorn, Walworth County and the state of Wisconsin. We also have obituary clippings that were published in the Elkhorn Independent dating back to 1974.

Study rooms. There are three study rooms available on a first come, first serve basis.

Interlibrary loan. We can obtain materials from around the state and across the country when they are not available through our library consortium.

BookMyne. The app that makes it quick and easy to access the library on the go! Search the library’s catalog, download items, manage your account, and find suggested reading instantly with your Android or iOS mobile device.

Author Spotlight

Richard Paul Evans was born October 11, 1962 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He received a B.A. degree from the University of Utah in 1984. He worked as an advertising executive. During this time he wrote his first novel The Christmas Box. Richard couldn’t find a publisher or agent for The Christmas Box, so he self-published it in 1999. The book was a success locally which enabled the title to be published nationally. The next year it appeared on the New York Times Bestseller List causing an auction among the publishing world for the rights. Simon & Schuster paid Evans an advance of 4.2 million and The Christmas Box became the first book to simultaneously reach #1 on both the hardcover and paperback New York Times bestseller Lists. Most of Richard’s novels have a Christmas theme to them focusing on the overall message of the story versus the characters. Many of his novels have become international bestsellers.

Christmas Box Series
The Christmas Box
Timepiece
The Letter

Locket Series
The Locket
The Looking Glass

Walk Series
The Walk

What’s Hot @ The Library

Circulation records for the months of September and October, 2012 show the following items have the most checkouts and renewals:

Top New Fiction
Fifty Shades of Grey by E.L. James
11th Hour by James Patterson
Close Your Eyes by Iris Johansen
Into the Darkest Corner by Elizabeth Haynes
The Conviction by Robert Dugoni

Top DVDs
Life As We Know It
The Help
Iron Man 2
Footloose
Bad Teacher

Top Audiobooks
Step on a Crack by James Patterson
The Testament by John Grisham
Time After Time by Kay Hooper
Home Front by Kristin Hannah
Mockingjay by Suzanne Collins
WHAT’S HAPPENING

WELCOME OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBER

Kelly Stech (pronounced Stek) joined the circulation team as a Desk Clerk in October. Kelly comes to us from Agape Ministries, residential and transitional homes for hurting girls in Walworth. Kelly started individualized academics for resident and non-resident hurting teen girls. At the time of her departure, the program had reached its capacity of serving 16 girls in the academics program. Kelly has a Bachelor of Education from Concordia in River Forest, Illinois. She spent several years teaching 3rd through 6th grade in Chicago and Downers Grove, Illinois before moving to Delavan. Kelly is working in our circulation area doing check-in and checkout, registering new library card holders, shelving and much more. In addition to her part time hours at the library, she is also tutoring kindergarten through 4th grade math and reading at First Lutheran Church in Elkhorn. Kelly was born and raised in Canada, specifically Burlington, Ontario. Her mother is American born and her father is Canadian born and they wanted their children to have an American college education. Kelly met her husband Tom in the States and now considers the United States home. Kelly and Tom have been married for 25 years and have four sons, ages 22 through 28. Kelly is a proud grandma of two year old Nolan. After a long day, Kelly loves to sit and read a good book. She also finds gardening very therapeutic.

Please help us in welcoming Kelly to the library team!

PATRONS CAST THEIR VOTE

During the month of October we polled our library patrons about their favorite books or authors. We also received responses via our Facebook posts and website poll.

Ian Flynn, Elkhorn Area Middle School student, 6th grade, votes for his favorite book or author in our library voting booth (pictured left).

We received 154 responses. The titles with the most votes were Harry Potter and Hunger Games. The authors with the most votes include James Patterson, Jeff Kinney and Mo Willems. Sara Krewal, Circulation Clerk, will announce the results of the display in November. Come check out what everyone is raving about.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

The library has many drop-in programs. No registration required!

Join Slipped Stitches every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Bring your knitting or crochet project and work with others who share your interests.

Walworth County Genealogical Society welcomes you on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and by appointment.

Elkhorn Area Writers’ Group. This group is for anyone who wishes to share their writing. Each member is allowed equal time sharing their work with others: poems, manuscripts, short stories, etc. Please bring at least five copies of each selected work for review. We all benefit from the power of collaboration. Encourage each selected work for review. Meets Tuesdays 6-8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Mary Bray Room, upper level of the library. Questions? Email Mary at elkhornrice@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Jan. 18-19 Friends Book and Bake Sale

Jan. 26 noon - 1:30 p.m. 3rd Annual Soup & Bread Luncheon

Jan. 30 2-7 p.m. Blood Center of Wisconsin Blood Drive

Feb. 1 5 p.m. to midnight. Knit-In

Feb. 20 6:30 p.m. Friends of the Library meeting. New members always welcome
FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN

Welcome to the holiday session of children’s programming. We will be offering fun, exciting, and educational programs November 5 through December 15. Please note there will be no programs the week of Thanksgiving.

Even when there are no programs, the children’s area is still a great place to visit. Spend some cozy time on our couch or beanbags discovering new books and adding to your 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten logs. Enjoy the toys in the children’s area from trains to puzzles. Don’t forget to leave it tidy for the next family! Explore the puppets and other learning aids in the blue bags under the giant Garfield. Play with them in the library, or take them home for more fun. Check out the fish tank, currently home to Rainbow Sharks and Cichlids. There will also be take home bags left over from previous Preschool Interactive and We Explore programs to enjoy, while supplies last.

Once the holiday session begins, we will be happy to welcome back Pattie Woods of the Elkhorn Area School District (EASD) for Toddlers ’n’ Books, Tiny Tots, Books ‘n’ Babies and Family Game Night. Please remember that there are now two sessions of Toddlers ‘n’ Books on Tuesday at 10 and 11 a.m. and each session is limited to 40 attendees, parents and children.

Preschool Interactive, suggested for ages 3 and up, will continue with lots of great stories, early literacy tips, and art projects.

We have a great line-up for We Explore, an all ages family program series on Friday mornings. Check out the program listing for fun and educational programs including A Natural Thanksgiving with the Welty Environmental Center, Healthy Snacking with Pattie Woods of the EASD, and storytimes about shapes, snow, and more. Register soon, spaces fill up fast!

After school programs will resume November 18. The Messy Art Club sessions will include learning fancy tricks with paper and getting in the holiday spirit with lots of glitter and pinecones. All ages are welcome at these programs and you can drop in any time between 3:30 and 5 p.m. to make a project or Lego creation.

Want to know what we are doing at Messy Art Club? Need a reminder for the week’s programs? Like us on Facebook! We post a reminder of exciting programs coming up every Monday. Find us at facebook.com/ElkhornLibrary.

For more information about children’s programming or services, please contact Jennifer Wharton, Youth Services Librarian, (262) 723-2678 ext. 14 or jwharton@elkhorn.lib.wi.us

SANTA’S KITCHEN

Santa’s Kitchen on December 15 at 10:30 a.m. is open to children of all ages but registration is required and space is limited. We will be decorating cookies and creating beaded star ornaments. Parents are encouraged to participate in the adult cookie swap which will be taking place at the same time. Bring a dozen cookies or bars, leave with a dozen! Bring extra for sampling!
MISS PATTIE’S CORNER

The following programs are sponsored by the Matheson Memorial Library and Elkhorn Area School District Parent Connections:

Tiny Tots
2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
November 12 & 26, December 10
Stories, songs, and discoveries for ages 5 and under.

Toddlers ‘n’ Books
Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Sessions are limited to 40 attendees.
Stories, songs, and discoveries for 18 months to 36 months.

Books ‘n’ Babies
Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
Stories, songs, and discoveries followed by an open playtime for 0 to 18 months.

NEW! Family Game Night
Families are invited to come and enjoy board games, Wii gaming, and more.
November 8 and December 6 at 6:30 p.m.
Facilitated by Pattie Woods and sponsored by Parent Connections.

About Pattie Woods
Pattie Woods is the Elkhorn Area School District’s Parent Connection’s Parent Educator. She offers programs at the Matheson Memorial Library and throughout the Elkhorn community for ages 0-5 and their families.

Contact Pattie Woods, Parent Connections and 4K:
262-723-3160 ext. 1416
woodpa@elkhorn.lib.wi.us

FALL SESSION PROGRAMS

Lego Club November 8 & 29, December 13 in the Community Room.
Children of all ages are invited to drop by between 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. and build with Legos!

Messy Art Club November 15, Paper weaving.

Source: makeandtakes.com

December 6, Holiday decorations
Children of all ages are invited to drop by between 3:30 and 5 p.m. and use their creativity! Like us on Facebook to see the week’s projects.

Preschool Interactive
Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.
Preschool Interactive is an early literacy and art program for ages 3-6. Storytime lasts 30 minutes followed by art projects. Take home crafts and information are provided for each child. No registration is required and children outside the targeted age are welcome to join us!

We Explore
We Explore is an all ages, family program on Friday mornings at 10 a.m. Each week will offer a different experience, but all will include stories and activities. Registration is required and space is limited.

November 9, We Explore A Natural Thanksgiving with the Welty Environmental Center
November 16, We Explore Healthy Snacking with Pattie Woods of the EASD
November 30, We Explore Shapes
December 7, We Explore Snow
December 14, We Explore Healthy Snacking with Pattie Woods of the EASD

If you have any questions about We Explore or any of the programs geared toward children, please contact Jennifer Wharton at (262) 723-2678 ext. 14.

TEEN BOOK CLUB

Teens now have their own book club! Teens ages 13 and up are welcome to join us for food, fun, and thought-provoking discussions.

Simply pick up a copy of the book or audio book at the library, read (or listen), and join us for a discussion the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

Snacks are provided, and feel free to bring a friend!

The Teen Book Club will meet on November 29 at 7 p.m. in the Young Adult room at the library. Our November read will be Rot & Ruin by Jonathan Maberry, a dystopian novel set in a post-apocalyptic world where fences and border patrols guard the few people left from the zombies that have overtaken civilization.

Every teenager must find a job by the time they turn 15 or get their rations cut in half. Benny Imura doesn’t want to apprentice as a zombie hunter with his boring older brother Tom, but he has no choice. He expects a tedious job whacking zombies for cash, but what he gets is a vocation that will teach him what it means to be human. Future book club selections will be determined by the group and the librarian. If you have questions, comments, or book recommendations, please let Lindsay know!
ADULT SERVICES

FROM THE ADULT SERVICES LIBRARIAN

It is hard to believe we are drawing near the end of 2012. We have accomplished a lot at the library this year including increasing the number of adult program offerings and marketing of library programs and services. Recently we started offering a program specifically for seniors called “Classic Movies for Seniors.” We are showing a classic film once per month, free of charge at the library. Coffee and donuts are also provided. Check out our program listing to the right for more information.

We are also venturing into more family programming. On November 16, Angela Myrin, art therapy student, will offer a workshop on bracelet making. This class is intended for children ages 8 and up and a parent or one special guest.

Library Director, Lisa Selje, and I offer two book clubs each month. We choose different books so you are more than welcome to attend both meetings. Book clubs are a great way to get out of the house during those cold winter months and meet some new people that have a shared interest in reading.

We placed a poll on our facebook page requesting feedback on future programs at the library and one popular response was a cookie swap. You wrote in and we listened. You are invited you to join us for a Cookie Swap on Saturday, December 15 at 10:30am. Kids are invited to Santa’s Kitchen at the same time.

We are looking forward to our new offerings in 2013 including an introduction to Pinterest (that web site everyone is talking about) and facebook for small businesses. Also, we are working on launching a music concert series.

If you have any adult program suggestions, please feel free to contact me at (262) 723-2678 ext. 16 or ameyers@elkhorn.lib.wi.us.

-Angela Meyers

TAKE A LOOK AT BADGERLINK

BadgerLink is a project of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), Division for Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning. Its goal is to provide access to quality online information resources for Wisconsin residents in cooperation with the state’s public, school, academic, and special libraries and Internet Service Providers.

BadgerLink resources are available through the BadgerLink website www.badgerlink.net and through a link from Matheson Memorial Library’s web site. Badgerlink is also accessible via the public access computers at the library. A mobile version of the site is located at search.ebscohost.com.

The Department of Public Instruction currently contracts with eight vendors (EBSCO, Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc., Gale/Cengage Learning, Heritage Microfilm, Inc., LearningExpress, LLC, ProQuest, TeachingBooks.net, LLC and the Wisconsin Newspaper Association) to provide access to a large volume of full-text information.

Users can search approximately 20,000 full-text magazines (including Consumer Reports), journals, newspapers, reference materials and other specialized information sources. Included are over 8,000 full text magazines and journals, over 1,500 newspapers and newswires, and approximately 6,800 full text books.

In addition, the BadgerLink vendors provide access to automobile repair manuals, company profiles, country economic reports, industrial reports and yearbooks, biographies, primary historical documents, charts, images, schematics, maps, poems, essays, speeches, plays, short stories, author audio programs and book readings, author video programs, book reviews or discussion guides, and many other full text resources not available through regular Internet search engines. When these resources are available through search engines such as Google, it is because Wisconsin has licensed the content to appear when searched through these search engines.

BadgerLink also connects users to WISCAT (the online catalog of Wisconsin library holdings), OCLC WorldCat (an international database of library holdings), directories of libraries, digitized library collections, and other information.

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Questions? Ask at the Information Desk or call (262) 723-2678.

Source: www.badgerlink.net/promote-libstaff.pdf
Our library offers two book clubs that are open to the public. The Page Turners meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. and the Afternoon Book Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Copies of the books are available for check out 3-4 weeks prior to the book club meetings.

In November, the Page Turners will discuss *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith. In December, we will get together at 6:00pm for shared appetizers, an ornament exchange and discussion of *I Feel Bad About My Neck* by Nora Ephron.

The Afternoon Book Club will discuss *The Three Weissmanns of Westport* by Cathleen Schine in November. Join the group in December for a thought provoking discussion of *29 Gifts* by Cami Walker.

**Mitten Tree Collection in Full Swing.** Page Turners book club is collecting hats, mittens and scarves for babies, kids, teens and adults through November 26. Please drop off items at the library and they will be distributed to those in need in the greater Elkhorn community through Pattie Woods at the Elkhorn Area School District and Mary Koss at St. John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church.

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**CLASSIC MOVIES FOR SENIORS**

Seniors, please join us for a new program called “Classic Movies for Seniors.” We will be showing classic films from the 30s-60s on the big screen on selected Friday mornings.

Friday, November 30, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. “The Defiant Ones.” This is a 1958 drama film which tells the story of two escaped prisoners, one white and one black, who are shackled together and who must co-operate in order to survive.

Friday, December 28, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. “Harvey” In this 1950s film, Elwood P. Dowd is a mild-mannered, pleasant man, who just happens (he says) to have an invisible friend resembling a 6-foot rabbit.

Coffee and donuts will be provided. Bring a friend! Movie showings are generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

**MICROWAVE MAGIC**

Is the only action your microwave sees is defrosting, reheating, and cooking microwave meals? Don’t overlook this convenient and cost effective way to prepare delicious meals for your family. Join your Walworth County UW-Extension Family Living Educator Jenny Wehmeier for a demonstration of main dishes, breakfast, and snack ideas. Participants will leave with new ideas to add variety to your quick meals.

Register in person at the library or download the flyer from our web site www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us/wordpress/adult/

Tues., Dec. 4 2:00-3:00 p.m.

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**COOKIE SWAP**

Do you like the idea of having an assortment of holiday cookies but don’t have the time to mix, roll and bake? Join us for a cookie swap on Saturday, December 15 at 10:30 a.m. Bring a dozen cookies, leave with a dozen. Or bring more, leave with more! Please bring extra for samples. This is a great way to build your cookie plates for work, church meetings or other holiday gatherings.

Kids and grandkids are welcome to join the Santa’s Kitchen program at the same time. Please register at the library.

**BRACELET MAKING**

Friday, November 16 6:00-8:00 p.m. This parent-child workshop will be lead by Angela Myrin, art therapy student at Alverno College. Come and learn how to symbolically weave color into your life. Often color holds symbolic meaning for everyone and can mean different things. Red means love, white can represent purity, or blue can signify calmness and green can represent growth. Scraps of fabric, ribbon or yarn can be woven with a wire jewelry making technique and the colors chosen provide meaning or remind the individuals of a quality they want to bring to their life.

This program is designed especially for parents (or one special guest) and children (ages 8 & up). This program is free, however registration is required. Limited to 12 adult/child pairs. Register at the library or on our web site. Light refreshments will be provided.
The Friends of Matheson Memorial Library had another stellar year, bringing in a record $12,000 for the library in 2012. We are so proud of the accomplishments of the group as well as the dedication and enthusiasm of our volunteers! Together we purchased two large-screen televisions, media cart with Blu-Ray player, patron iPad and Kindle, window treatments for the Mary Bray room and sponsored two guest speakers (author Jane Hamilton and the “Remnants of the Rainforest” children’s program) for the library.

We created and sold over 500 of our Hometown Favorites cookbooks (less than 50 remain, so get yours TODAY!), with recipes featured in several publications statewide. We’ve also undertaken our first fully-sponsored library program, Movie Night, with new movies and free snacks to entertain an average of 50 patrons every month. What better way to spend your Friday night than with your Friends? Join us on November 9 at 6:30 p.m. for The Amazing Spider-Man and December 14 at 6:00 p.m. for Arthur Christmas. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

Chili’s Restaurant in Delavan is partnering with the Friends again this holiday season to raise money for the library. From November 15 to December 15, simply present the attached coupon while dining and 10% of your bill will go to the Friends. Enjoy some delicious food and help your library too!

We hope you will consider helping the Friends as we continue to raise money for materials, equipment and programs for the library in 2013. Plans include updating areas of the library as well as hosting our next Book & Bake Sale from January 18-19, 2013. Contact Katie James at (914) 462-8807 or friends@elkhorn.lib.wi.us for more information and volunteer opportunities.

Join Friends of the Library today to get all the latest updates on our efforts as well as admission to the next Book & Bake Private Preview Sale on January 17, 2013. Memberships start at just $10 and go to support Matheson Memorial Library.

Thank you so much for making 2012 such an amazing success!