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**November
December 2017**

Library Closed:

Nov. 23rd, 24th

**Dec. 22nd, 23rd,
25th, 29th**

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Programs with the "R" symbol require advance registration. Please sign up on the library website or in-person.

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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR



We certainly had a warm fall season this year, was it really in the 90's in late September? But now the cool weather has arrived and things tend to slow down at the library as we near the holidays. We do, however, want to encourage circulation which seems to have leveled off after many years of continuously increasing. So keep coming and checking out lots of items, we would love to beat last year's circulation! We will have book and movie bundles available to check out for your convenience, especially as the holidays near. As the library and city budgets are passed for 2018, we look ahead to new projects. Our meeting room on the upper level will soon be a reality, thanks to the support of the Friends of the Library. We have shifted shelves and lots of books to make room for this so excuse our disarray upstairs until this is complete. We are also hoping to make improvements to the library parking lot in 2018, get new chairs inside and new benches outside. There is much to look forward to!

We are planning some brand new programs to

finish off the year so check out this newsletter to find out more about the Science Festival, our holiday craft day on November 14, life-size Candyland, New Year's Eve noon party (for kids) and Caddystacks, our mini-golf fundraiser event (for all ages)! Our Friends of the Library group meets bi-monthly and their next project is helping us build a new meeting room. The Friends' next general meeting will be held December 27, at 6:00 p.m.

Children's programs are more sporadic over the next couple of months due to the holidays so check our monthly calendar. There will be two Saturday programs in December and don't miss Ms. Pattie's cookie party on December 12! Our Caddystacks mini-golf event does require registration so call after Thanksgiving to confirm a tee time. We are also having two musical programs in December.

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

Lisa Selje, Library Director

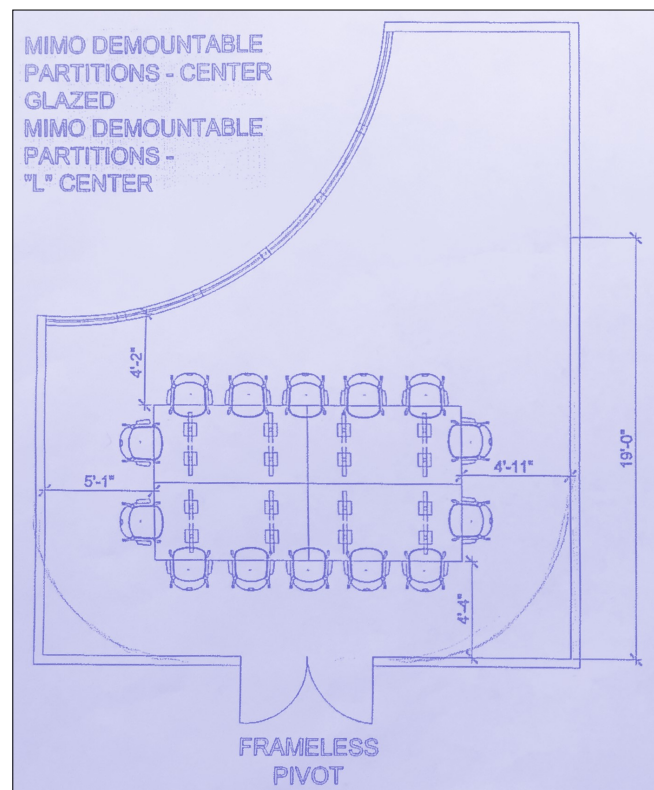


NEW FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING ROOM SET FOR 2018

The Friends of Matheson Memorial Library has their sights set on the creation of a new conference room on the upper floor of the Elkhorn library in early 2018. Fundraising efforts have begun to transform a 300-square foot area in a portion of the Nonfiction section into a high-tech meeting space that is visible above the curve in the main lobby.

The walls will be composed of large-scale glass panels to keep the room open and airy, and additional lighting will be added to create a warmer space for area clubs to use. Furniture and technology decisions are still being considered.

Friends president Katie James says the group plans to contribute at least \$15,000 [continued on Page 2]





THANKS TO FRANK'S PIGGLY WIGGLY!

A HUGE thank you to Frank's Piggly Wiggly for providing the library with a percentage of sales receipts given by patrons for October 2016 to September 2017. The total contribution for the library this year totaled \$1,084!!! Thank you to everyone who brought in their receipts and to volunteer Maribeth Cousin for her hard work counting them all up!

Receipts for Frank's are collected quarterly (Jan.-Mar., Apr.-Jun., Jul.-Sep., Oct.-Dec.). Receipts from Frank's Liquor and those no longer valid outside of the quarterly dates are accepted.



2017 FRIENDS BOOK STORE RAISES \$5,400

The Friends of the Library Book Store located within the library had its most successful year to date, raising \$5,498 for the Matheson Memorial Library. The ongoing sale is celebrating its fourth year to provide used books for the community. Over 1,500 books of all varieties are available for sale all week long in the area near the fireplace. Thanks to our customers and the Friends volunteers who stock it weekly!

Do you have gently used books and movies for the store? Tax-deductible donations of books, audiobooks and DVDs can be given to the Circulation Desk staff.

SMARTINIS RECLAIM TOP TRICK-OR-TRIVIA PRIZE

The smartest ghoulish and goblin teams fought for the fifth annual Trick-or-Trivia night prize on October 27, 2017 with the Smartinis (Leece & Phillips, SC) coming out on top for the third year. Ginger Leyda walked away with the Best Costume prize, and the library received over \$3,200 for next year's library programming! Thanks to all for a great night.

Special thanks to our corporate sponsors: Advia Credit Union, Elkhorn Wine & Spirits, Leece & Phillips, Moy's Restaurant, Old World Wisconsin, Pearce's Farm Stand, Rauland Realty Agency, and Thelen Total Construction.



[continued from Page 1] to the installation of the room. "Funds from our last two Book & Bake sales, as well as our ongoing Book Store will be used to create a unique space for lots of people to use. This supports our mission to help the Elkhorn library provide free access to these types of services within the community," James said.

The proposed meeting room will complement the ever-increasing demand from various clubs, study groups, and nonprofit organizations for centrally-located private spaces within the building and in downtown Elkhorn.

James also said the upcoming family fundraising event in December will be an opportunity for everyone to help make the new space a reality. Patrons will have the chance to make their dreams of golfing through the library a reality on Friday, December 29, 2017.

The event, named Caddystacks, will offer 18 holes of golf throughout the building! Tee time reservations begin Nov. 1. Snacks and drinks will also be available for purchase. It will be a great chance for families to chase away the winter blues during the school holiday break and for avid golfers to take a swing through all areas of the building. [See back page for details.]



FREE HEARING SCREENING AT THE LIBRARY

Volunteers from the Avada Hearing Center in Waterford will be offering a free hearing screening for anyone interested on **Monday, November 6th from 9:00am to 12:00pm** in the library community center. This service is free and without any obligations; it is merely for those concerned about hearing loss and are curious about what steps to take. Please call Avada at **(262) 514-4322** to register for this free event.





LET ART AND CELTIC MUSIC PUT YOU IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT!

Each holiday season we proudly display our full collection of paintings by beloved local artist Jan Castle Reed. This year we're doing the same, but we're adding a beautiful holiday soundtrack to accompany them!

On **Thursday, December 14th at 6:30pm** we'll be joined by Emily and MaryKathleen of the Celtic music duo **Emerald Wind**, a well-known group that has played throughout southern Wisconsin! They'll be playing traditional Irish holiday favorites on harp and flute, and you're invited to listen to their talented music while you enjoy the artwork that gave Elkhorn the name "The Christmas Card Town." We'll even have warm holiday drinks to enjoy!



We have even more music planned this holiday season! On **Wednesday, December 20th at 2:00 pm**, the Elkhorn High School Choir will make their annual Caroling visit to the library. Led and accompanied on the library piano by Matthew Remus, and joined this year by the School Bell Choir, the students will fill the library lobby with beautiful traditional Christmas favorites. We hope you can stop by and enjoy this wonderful holiday tradition with us.



TRY OUT SOME HOLIDAY READS THIS SEASON!

Don't let the busy holidays prevent you from enjoying some reading time! Take a break from all the seasonal activities and curl up with a book. Many of the new holiday fiction books have already been released this year. Place a hold today! Try one of the suggested titles below.

2017 Releases

Merry and Bright by Debbie Macomber

Winter Solstice by Elin Hilderbrand

The Noel Diary by Richard Paul Evans

A Christmas Return by Anne Perry

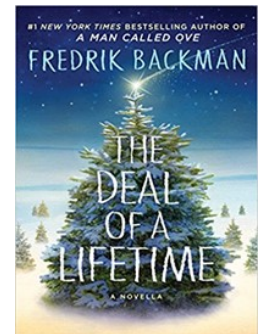
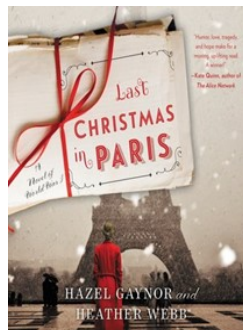
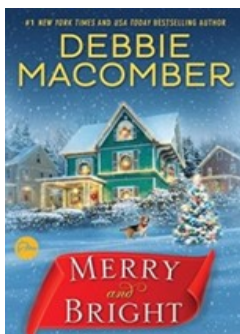
The Ghost of Christmas Past by Rhys Bowen

Last Christmas in Paris by Hazel Gaynor

How the Finch Stole Christmas by Donna Andrews

The Deal of a Lifetime by Fredrik Backman

Pride and Prejudice and Mistletoe by Melissa de la Cruz





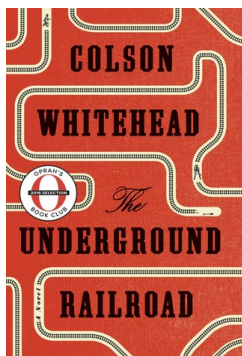
ADULT SERVICES

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**.

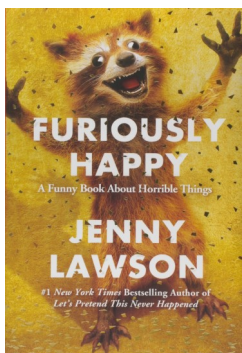
November 15th – *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead

This story chronicles the daring survival story of a cotton plantation slave, who races through the Underground Railroad with a relentless slave-catcher close behind.



December 20th - *Furiously Happy* by Jenny Lawson

In this humorous memoir, Jenny Lawson examines her own experience with severe depression and a host of other conditions, and explains how it has led her to live life to the fullest.



For more information, contact **Lisa Selje** by phone at **(262) 723-9140** or email at lselje@elkhorn.lib.wi.us



SCIENCE FESTIVAL AT THE LIBRARY!

This November our library is participating in the annual University of Wisconsin Science Festival, and we're pulling out all the stops!

Join us on **Friday, November 3rd**, starting at **3:00pm**. We'll have various maker materials to try out, including Ozobots, a Sphero Droid, and a 3D Printer!

At **4:30pm** we'll welcome Michael Baell and Greg Vaughan from UW Madison. Michael and Greg design video games that teach astronomy concepts to students. They'll be demoing their latest game, ***At Play in the Cosmos***, on some iPads they're bringing along. After their presentation, everyone is welcome to try out the game!

We hope you can celebrate science with us at this all-ages event!



LEARN TO CRAFT THE PERFECT HOLIDAY GIFT AT THE LIBRARY

This is the season to craft exciting gifts and decorations! Join us on **Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30pm** for an evening of fun and easy crafting for all ages...we'll have stations for kids, teens, and adults throughout the library and community center. Here are a few examples of what the adults will be making:

- Seasonal Hot Chocolate Mason Jars
- Decorative Candle Holders
- Festive Chocolate-Covered Pretzels

Please call us at (262) 723-2678 to register, or register online at our website:.



ADULT SERVICES

LEARN ALL ABOUT FOOD FROM THE FIFTIES!

American food tastes and customs have really changed over the years, especially around the holidays. Please join us as educator Dennis Bulat takes us back in time to the era of Rock 'n Roll, Poodle Skirts, and Drive-Ins for a fun look back at what we loved to eat, and what Fifties foods we're still enjoying! The program will be held in the Library Community Center on **Thursday, November 16th at 6:30pm.**



INTRODUCING A NEW BOOK GROUP!

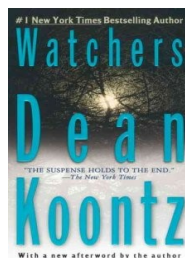
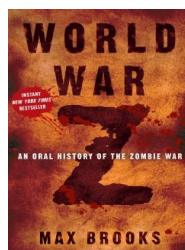
The library is very pleased to announce a new book discussion group that will be meeting this year! The **Horror Novel Discussion Group** will be meeting on the third Thursday of each month for the remainder of the year and discussing new and classic novels of suspense and horror. Here's their lineup:

Thursday, November 16th at 6:30pm in the Storybook Room

- **World War Z** by Max Brooks - *After the post-war devastation of a zombie apocalypse, author Max Brooks "interviews" survivors and records their stories as well as details on what causes zombies, how they spread, what will stop them, and effective strategic warfare methods against them.*

Thursday, December 21st at 6:30pm in the Community Center

- **Watchers** by Dean Koontz - *Two creatures, the end result of experiments in genetic engineering and enhanced intelligence, escape from a government laboratory and bring either doom or a touching new kind of love to those they encounter.*

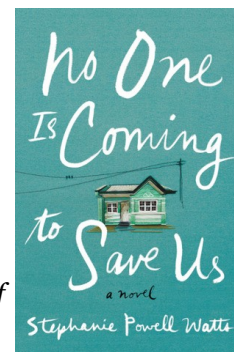


PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

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**

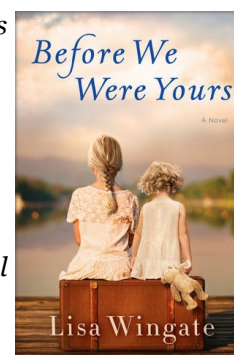
November 1st - No One is Coming to Save Us by Stephanie Powell Watts

Inspired by The Great Gatsby, this tale follows the difficulties endured by an extended black family with colliding visions of the American Dream.



December 4th - Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

This story follows the efforts of a Baltimore Assistant D.A. to uncover her parents' fateful secrets in the wake of a political attack and a chance encounter with a stranger.



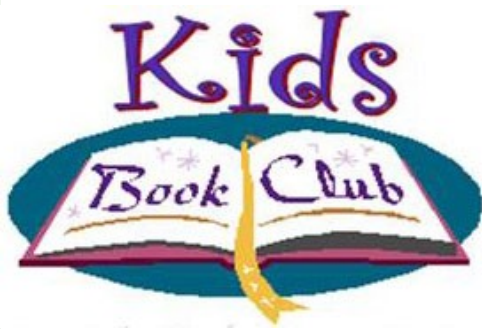
For more information, contact **Kelly Stech** by phone at **(262) 723-2678** or email at **kstech@elkhorn.lib.wi.us**





YOUTH SERVICES

Ms. Jennifer's Corner



Bookaneers

1st-3rd grade
1st Thursday from
4:30 to 5:30

Rock 'n' Read

3rd-5th grade
2nd Thursday from
4:30 to 5:30

Book Explosion

5th-6th grade
3rd Thursday from
4:30 to 5:30

We will talk about your favorite books and have snacks & crafts too!

Don't forget to bring your library card! To get reminders of book club meetings, register online or at the library. For more information, contact Jennifer Wharton.



The year is just flying by and soon it will be time for our exciting end of the year holiday programs! This year we are branching out with an all-ages craft day in November and life-size Candyland in December. Families can also attend our traditional toddler cookie party with Ms. Pattie, a New Year's Eve Noon party, with lots of crafts and games for little ones, and our regular after school programs and book clubs.

The children's garden will soon be hibernating for the winter, but we are hard at work on new plans for programming and additions to the garden in the spring. What would you like to see in the children's garden? More water and dirt play opportunities for kids? Accessible walking areas? Fencing along the sidewalk? Give us your suggestions now! We're also looking for feedback from parents and caregivers of kids with special needs. You can fill out a survey to let us know what you'd like to see in the library for your kids! The survey can be found online on the library's website or here <https://tinyurl.com/y7yw6w8p>

Middle schoolers and teens are invited to our last teen programs of the year, a special program with Wisconsin Science Fest on November 3rd (ozobots! 3-D printer! Real scientists with cool astronomy!), their own session at the November 14th craft day (6:30 in teen area) and the last Middle School Madness on Friday, November 10th. Stay tuned for teen programs and maker space activities next year!

Remember, the library is a great place to take a break from the hectic holidays and relax with a book, in the play area, or with a game. Come by and see us soon!

Jennifer Wharton, Youth Services Librarian

jwharton@elkhorn.lib.wi.us

Holiday Craft Day

November 14th, 3 sessions
10:00-12:00, 3:30-5:30
And 6:30
Families & all ages welcome



YOUTH SERVICES



Bring the whole family for a journey through a **life-size Candyland** on

Saturday, December 9th at 10:30a.m.

Play the game, take your pick of sweet treats & join activities and crafts.

After School Clubs

All ages welcome! Drop in between 3:30 and 5:30 on Tuesdays

November 14th: Messy Art Club-holiday crafts

November 21st: Lego Club

November 28th: Mad Scientists Club-turtle science

December 5th: Lego Club

December 12th: Messy Art Club - beading

December 26th: Craft O Rama—all day/no school

December 28th: Free Lego Build 10-5/no school



Read with Pearl



Mondays 4:00 - 4:45 November 6th & 13th

Join us in the Storyroom to read with Pearl the dog. Reading with Pearl is a fun and relaxing way to practice your skills, enjoy some good books, and spend some time with a wonderful pup!



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.

Toddler Cooking Party
December 12th at 10:30 a.m,
Suggested age: Infants to 5yrs

Tiny Tots
November 13th & November 27th, &
December 4th at 6:30pm
Suggested age: Infants to 5yrs

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



Join us for

Caddystacks!

Mini golf your way through the library!

Friday, December 29th

Family Tee Times from 1-3

Adult Tee Times from 5-7

ages 13 and up when accompanied by an adult

\$3 for Children

\$5 for Adults

Concessions will be available

Stop by the reference desk or call (262)723-2678
to register for a tee time

