



Matheson Memorial Library NEWSLETTER

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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR



Before the end of April, we plan to make progress on our new meeting room on the upper level. Bear with us as we carry out our renovations and also update our copy center. Transitions are difficult but ultimately worthwhile!

During the month of March we will wrap up showing our Oscar movies before they announce the winners on March 4, and have Saturday programs for kids (Pete the Cat and Pig Party) as well as a spring craft program for adults. Then on April 18, we will host a big community program with the school district which will have an Eric Carle theme. Don't miss the fun! We have sewing machine workshops scheduled in April and these will require registration.

Our Friends of the Library group meets bi-monthly and we are looking for new volunteers to join this active group. If you love the library and have some time to work on specific projects, contact me at the number below and I will find a task that fits your

schedule. The Friends' next general meeting will be held April 25, at 6:00 p.m. Child care will be available during the Friends' meetings.

Food for Fines will take place during the entire month of April. For each non-perishable item donated, \$1 will be taken off your overdue fine (maximum of \$5). Help us celebrate National Library Week, April 8-14, by joining in the events listed in the article below.

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

Lisa Selje, Library Director



HELP US CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK!

National Library Week is a special celebration of the impact that libraries make in our modern society. This year, National Library Week is April 8th-14th, and we're planning to celebrate!

- The entire month of April marks the return of our Food for Fines program. For every can of food you bring in we will take \$1.00 off your fine up to a total of \$5.00. The collected food will be donated to the Elkhorn Food Pantry.
- During National Library Week everyone who applies for a library card during April will receive a special goodie bag, both for kids and adults!
- On **Monday, April 9th**, as a thank you for letting us be a part of your lives, we'll be

servicing free donuts in the morning, and cookies in the afternoon! We'll also have some candy to grab at the checkout desk.

- Each day during the week we'll have a prize drawing! You'll get an entry each time you check-out; winners will be drawn each morning from the previous day's entries. Prizes include a gift basket, and gift cards to **Evergreen Country Club, Fiddlesticks Bistro, Los Tres Hermanos, and Stillwater Coffee Company!**



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

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



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
APRIL 8-14, 2018

"Discover your passions and achieve your goals at the library."
— MISTY COPELAND
National Library Week Honorary Chair



CELEBRATE SPRING WITH SOME FUN CRAFTING!

Spring is (hopefully) right around the corner, and to celebrate we'd like to show you how to make some beautiful indoor and outdoor crafts, courtesy of **Crafts by Amanda (craftsbyamanda.com)**! On **Saturday, March 10th at 12:30pm**, we'll be making Watercolor Luminaries out of mason jars and coffee filters to bring some artful color to your indoors. For outside, we'll be making decorative Beaded Garden Stakes to brighten up your garden or porch. All the materials will be provided for free, but registration is required. Please give us a call at **(262) 723-2678**, or visit our online calendar at **www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us/wordpress/calendar** to reserve your spot.



ELKHORN ART FEST RETURNS!

On **Thursday, April 12th at 6:30pm**, the same night of the Elkhorn Student Art Display, our Community Center will be filled with beautiful examples of the work of local artists, as well as the sound of music! During our 2nd annual Elkhorn Art Fest, we'll be partnering with the Elkhorn Arts Foundation to host the paintings, photography, and other artistic media of talented local artists and artisans. In addition, the artists themselves will be on hand to talk about what inspires them. Most of the artwork is for sale, so you could end up with a unique work of art to treasure for years to come.



As an added treat, we'll be welcoming back the very talented Milwaukee musician **Brett Gaertner**, who made such a powerful impression at last year's Art Fest. Brett will be singing and playing on guitar favorite love songs, both classic and modern, and even performing a few songs of his own creation!

Refreshments will be provided, and a good time is guaranteed. We hope you can join us for a magical evening of art and music!





COME AND HEAR THE TALE OF THE *EDMUND FITZGERALD*

On the night of November 10th, 1975 the S.S. *Edmund Fitzgerald* was lost with all hands in a Lake Superior storm. Since that tragic night many theories have been forwarded as to what caused the disaster, but as yet there has been no definitive proof.

Please join us on **Thursday, April 19th at 6:30pm** as award-winning newspaper columnist and author **Rochelle Pennington** tells us the full story of the mighty ship—from launch to its final radio broadcasts, its rediscovery and the raising of the ship's artifacts from the depths of Lake Superior. We hope you can join us for this fascinating exploration of Great Lakes History!



UPLIFTING READS FOR THE SPRING

Hoping that the gloomy days of winter will soon show signs of spring? How about trying out one of these uplifting stories? These books showcase memorable characters that develop throughout the story. At times they face difficult situations but overcome them to motivate you and give you hope. Try one of the suggested titles below. Place a hold today!

NOVELS

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Pollyanna by Eleanor Porter

Emma by Jane Austen

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Where the Heart Is by Billie Letts

AUTHOR SERIES

James Herriot

Fannie Flagg

Richard Paul Evans

Anne of Green Gables Series by L.M. Montgomery

Little House on the Prairie Series by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Mitford Series by Jan Karon





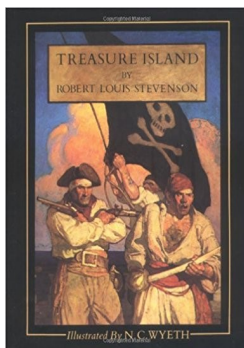
ADULT SERVICES

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**.

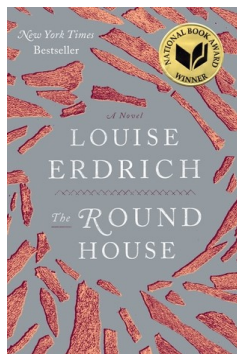
March 21st – *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson

This classic adventure of a young man's hunt for a fabulous treasure, and the pirates who want to steal it from him.



April 18th - *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich

This year's NEA Big Read selection is the story of a terrible crime that happens on an Ojibwe reservation in North Dakota, and the lives it affects.



CALL US FOR A LIST OF OTHER BIG READ EVENTS HAPPENING IN OUR AREA!

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



LEARN TO PLAY DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Since its birth in Lake Geneva in 1974, *Dungeons and Dragons* has helped people from all ages and walks of life unlock their creativity by telling exciting and imaginative stories with their friends. Today, *Dungeons and Dragons* is experiencing a huge increase of interest from new and old players, and you can even watch celebrity game groups like *Critical Role* play on YouTube and Twitch.



If you've ever been interested in learning to play, or if you're an old player who'd like to relive some of the magic, we'll be hosting a special learn-to-play session on **Monday, March 12th at 6:30pm**. We'll go over character creation, combat, exploration, and have fun with an introductory adventure. If there's enough interest, we'll even talk about hosting a regular monthly game session! All the materials and snacks will be provided for free, but registration is required. Please give us a call at **(262) 723-2678** or visit our online calendar at **www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us/wordpress/calendar** to reserve your spot.



MONEY SMART WEEK

Each year the American Library Association and the Federal Reserve dedicate a week in April for promoting financial literacy and independence, known as

Money Smart Week. This year, Money Smart Week is April 21-28, and the Matheson Memorial Library will be offering a special event on **Thursday, April 26th at 6:30pm**. We'll be hosting Amanda Kostman from the UW Extension

Service, who will be talking about budgeting and managing your income, practical saving tips for retirement or to realize a special dream, and ways to avoid financial pitfalls as you go through life. This program is free, so already you're saving money!

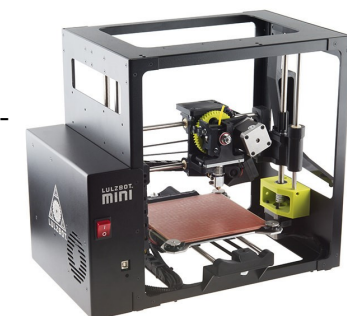
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ADULT SERVICES

MAKER KITS IN MARCH!

In March, we'll be hosting not one, but two Maker Kits for you to try out!



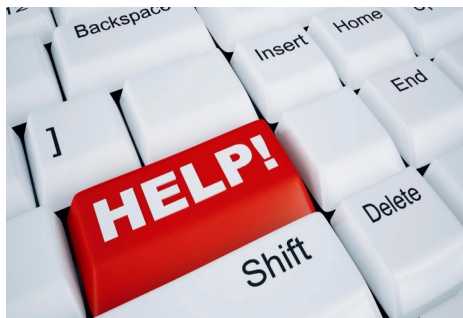
- The Kodak P550 Picture Scanner can scan multiple photos at once, and then save them to a USB drive, or make them available as an email attachment.
- The Lulzbot Mini 3D Printer returns! You can use this to print off items from Maker communities like www.thingiverse.com, or to give life to your own creations using free design software from www.tinkercad.com!

Both kits will be set up near the Circulation desk, and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. We hope you have fun making!

BOOK-A-LIBRARIAN, OUR FREE TECH HELP SERVICE, IS GROWING!

For a few years now we've been holding our Book-a-Librarian service to help people with questions on smartphones, tablets, using our book downloading services, and basic computer help. You can still make a 30 minute appointment on Wednesday afternoons at 3:00pm, 3:30pm, or 4:00pm, but now we're growing! Starting now, we'll also be offering morning hours on Thursdays.

You can make an appointment for 10:00am, 10:30am, or 11:00am. We hope this will be a flexible solution for those who can't make it on Wednesdays, and will hopefully provide some much-needed extra appointment slots!



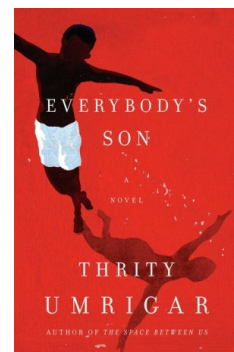
Give us a call at (262) 723-2678 to make an appointment for either Wednesday afternoons or Thursday mornings. Also, keep an eye on us this summer when our massive Techstravaganza tech help program returns!

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**

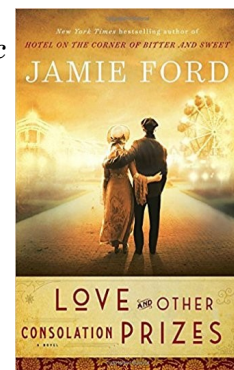
March 7th - *Everybody's Son* by Thrity Umrigar

A probing and thoughtful exploration of race and class, this novel follows the life of an adoptee through multiple viewpoints.



April 4th - *Love and Other Consolation Prizes* by Jamie Ford

This Victorian epic tells the story of Ernest Young, a half-Chinese orphan, the woman who adopts him., and the life he leads between the two Seattle World's Fairs.

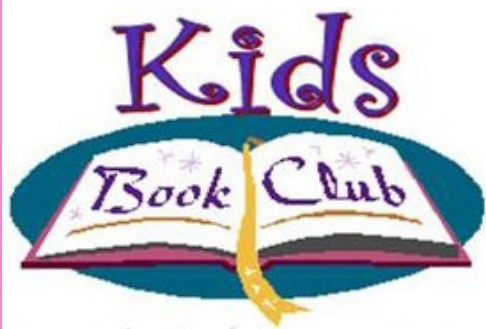


For more information, contact **Kelly Stech** by phone at (262) 723-2678 or email at kstech@elkhorn.lib.wi.us





YOUTH SERVICES



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.



MISS JENNIFER'S CORNER

We're starting to think about spring and with spring comes more fun at the library! Winter Wiggles will continue through March, and we'll be offering two special programs in March that are sure to get your winter wiggles out and celebrate some of your favorite books. Join us to groove along with Pete the cat and all his musical friends, then join us again for a party celebrating everyone's favorite pair of friends, Elephant and Piggie. In April we will be loving our library with the biggest 4k community party yet - Eric Carle! Come celebrate this favorite author with food, fun, and and more.

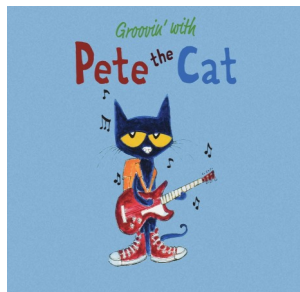
Get your whole family into the making mood - sewing machine workshops are back! We will be offering three workshops in April, open to adults as well as children. If you would like to volunteer (no expertise necessary - mostly we just need help threading machines!) with or without a sewing machine, please contact jwharton@elkhorn.lib.wi.us. There will also be a DIY dollhouse workshop in March.

We've got a lot more than just programs going on; stop by the library and ask about our teen and school-age maker spaces. We have lots of cool stuff you can use in the library from a microscope to a marble run. Take a moment to sit and read inside our igloo before it melts with the spring sun. Coming in April, we are excited to announce that Chick Central will be happening again; stop by the library to see our incubating eggs and follow us on Facebook to know the minute they start hatching. And don't forget to visit our new library friends, Tumtum and Nutmeg the gerbils!

Jennifer Wharton, Youth Services Librarian

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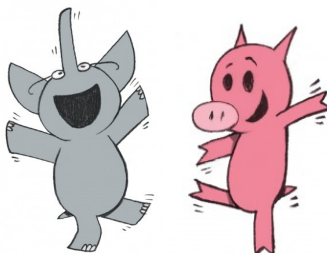
PARTY WITH PETE THE CAT, AND THE PIGGIES!



Saturday, March 3, @ 10:30am

All Ages Welcome!

Dancing, and lots of Messy Art!



Saturday, March 24th @ 10:30

**Sing Pig Songs, Dance Pig Dances
and Play Pig Games!**

YOUTH SERVICES

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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

March 6th: Messy Art Club

March 13th: Mad Scientists Club

March 20th: Lego Club

March 27th: Craft-o-Rama day

April 3rd: Messy Art Club

April 10th: Mad Scientists Club

April 17th: Messy Art

April 24th: Lego Club



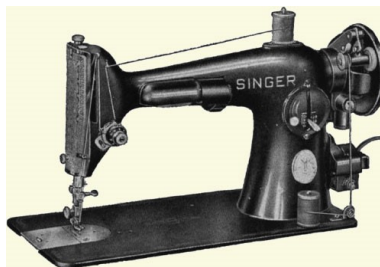
MAKER WORKSHOP-SEWING

Do you want to learn more about Sewing Machines?

Join us for a **Maker Workshop** on:

April 6th, 13th & 20th at 4:00p.m.

Children & Adults are welcome.



Winter Wigglers

Does Winter make you Wiggle? Come to the Library!

Wednesday at 10:00 and 2:00 on March 14th

Wednesday at 10:00 on March 7th (yoga) and 21st(obstacle course)

All Ages and Abilities are welcome.

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
March 12, April 9th & April 23rd at 6:30pm
Suggested age: Infants to 5yrs

Playgroup 10:00 a.m. Monday
March 12th, April 9th & April 23rd.

Eric Carle Party April 18th @ 10:30
Suggested age: Infants to 5yrs



Programs are sponsored by the EASD Parent Connections and the Matheson Memorial Library



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

woodpa@elkhorn.k12.wi.us



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

THE FRIENDS BOOK STORE NEED YOUR OLD BOOKS!

The stock levels of the Friends Book Store have gotten low and we need your donations to fill it back up! Donations are tax-deductible and can be dropped off at the Circulation Desk any time. We will then either add these materials to the library collection or sell them in the Friends Book Store to raise money for the library. It's the ultimate recycling!!!



FRIENDS SEEKS NEW OFFICERS IN APRIL ELECTION

The Friends of the Library group will have the opportunity to elect a new President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, as well as two Board of Director positions at their April 25 general meeting. Longtime officers Katie James, Teresa Douglas, Jerry Wytrykus, and Sandy Douglas have opted not to run for another term to allow room for a new team at the Elkhorn library.

Along with our annual Book & Bake sales, volunteers will have the chance to support the library with new programs and fundraising to benefit the entire community! Do you have a program idea you'd like to bring to the library? Have a great fundraiser you think would mesh well with our mission? Or would you just like to hang



out with a great group of people? Those interested in learning more about officer and director responsibilities should email friends@elkhorn.lib.wi.us

A special thank you to Katie, Teresa, Jerry, and Sandy for all of your support and help over the years. The library has greatly benefited from your expertise and giving spirits both as volunteers and as friends.

AND THE OSCAR GOES TO...



The Friends of Matheson Memorial Library hosted its sixth successful Fridays With Oscar Film Festival, with record attendance and \$600 received in donations to continue the program. Thanks to volunteers Dawn Amby, Sally Delany, Sandy Douglas, Teresa Douglas, Katie James, and Judy Tucker for all their hard work to organize the five-week event.