



Matheson Memorial Library NEWSLETTER

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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR



Are you feeling like you survived the winter that did not want to end? I am! But here we are in May when the end of the school year is in sight and we are busy planning our Summer Reading Program. In fact, it is all planned! The theme this year is "Libraries Rock!" Online registration for kids will begin May 29, but we are having a kickoff to the Summer Reading Program on Saturday, June 9, when registration will begin in earnest. There is more information in this newsletter about all the programs we will have this summer.

Our Friends of the Library group meets bi-monthly and is in need of new volunteers. Would you be interested in joining this active group? If you love the library and have some time to work on specific projects, or want a leadership position, contact me or Chad at the library and we will find a task that fits your schedule. The Friends' next general meeting will be held June 27, at 6:00 p.m. Child

care will be available during the Friends' meetings if you call 262-723-9140 to request it.

Our outside project this spring will include a new walkway from the story room to our garden beds. The library Foundation is helping to make this possible. If you want to make a tax-deductible donation to help our garden grow, please make a check out to the Matheson Memorial Library (MML) Foundation.

We have just completed a makeover in our Community Center with new paint and new carpeting. The city and library worked together to make these improvements possible. This is a great room to rent for parties and showers so keep it in mind for your next big gathering.

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

Lisa Selje, Library Director



KEEP READING THIS SUMMER!

By Jennifer Wharton, Youth Services Librarian

It's almost time for the most dangerous time of the year...summer! And no, I'm not talking about sunburns, bug bites or accidents. I'm talking about the summer slide, or, as some like to call it, the BRAIN DRAIN. But before you all rush out and enroll your kids in enrichment classes, tutoring, or schedule hour-long reading sessions, relax! Preventing summer slide doesn't need to involve expensive classes, miserable kids missing summer vacation, or harassed caregivers rushing from place to place.

The easiest way to get kids what they need during the summer is to visit the library and take full advantage of our many resources and programs. Join library programs that include open-ended activities and help kids develop problem-solving skills, creativity, and initiative. Encourage kids to be active - both physically and mentally - by letting them

organize their summer fun! Check out the nonfiction section at the library and encourage kids to make a list of projects they want to try over the summer. They'll practice writing, reading instructions, and learn to follow directions, adapt recipes, and more!



Finally, reading! The library's summer reading program is designed for both enthusiastic and reluctant readers. Allowing kids to pick their own books is also a great way to get them interested in reading. Let them check out fiction and nonfiction, and don't worry if they pick books below their reading level - these are still beneficial to maintaining reading skills.

This summer, try some of these tips for preventing the summer slide. Encourage your kids to have active minds and bodies and visit the library often!

HELP US KICK OFF OUR SUMMER READING PROGRAM WITH SOME MUSIC!

On **Saturday, June 9th** our adult, teen, and children's summer reading programs will begin! We have lots of exciting programs and prize drawings to keep you reading all summer long; you'll find out all about them in the following pages. To get things off to a good start, we'll be hosting local band **The Underground Sound Jazz Quintet** for a kickoff concert that fits right into our theme this year: **Libraries Rock!** They'll be playing from 11:00am to 1:00pm in the Library Community Center, which is also where you can sign up for our adult, teen, and youth summer reading programs. We'll also have some popcorn and soda for you to enjoy while listening to the music and getting ready to read all summer long!



EXPLORE WISCONSIN ARCHAEOLOGY WITH *AZTALAN: MYSTERIES OF AN ANCIENT INDIAN TOWN*

May is Wisconsin Historic Preservation and Archaeology month, and to commemorate this we're having a special program to explore one of the greatest archaeological finds in state history. Please join us on **Wednesday, May 9th at 6:30pm** for the fascinating story of Aztalan.

Aztalan has remained a mystery since the early 19th Century when it was discovered by settlers who came to the Crawfish River, 50 miles west of Milwaukee. Who were the early indigenous people who inhabited this place? When did they live here? Why did they disappear? At this event, **Robert Birmingham**, co-author of *Aztalan: Mysteries of an Ancient Indian Town*, will attempt to unlock some of the mysteries, providing insights and information about the group of people who first settled here in 1100 A.D. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing.





LEARN ABOUT DNA & GENEALOGY WITH THE WALWORTH COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

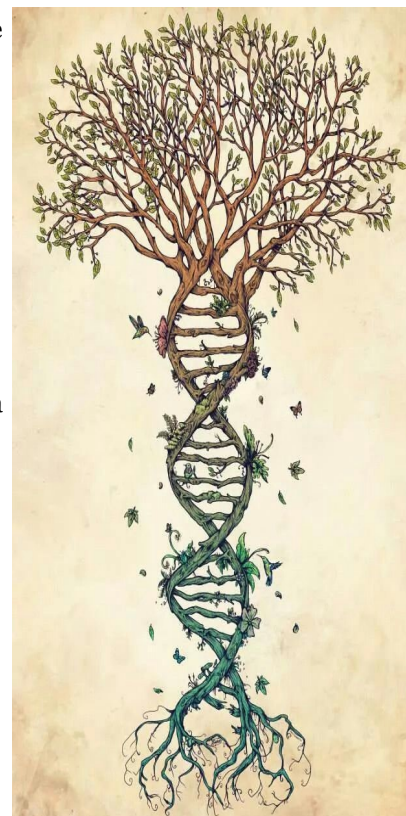
The science of DNA analysis has opened many avenues of discovery, particularly in the study of family roots. DNA has three principal roles in genealogy:

- Validating conclusions from historical records
- Connecting with other researchers in your family with new factual information
- Breaking through brick walls!

Nowadays, a simple DNA test can shed light on your heritage in many remarkable ways. But where to start?

Please join the Walworth County Genealogical Society on **Tuesday, June 5th at 6:00pm** for a fascinating talk on DNA in genealogy from physician and genetic scientist **David A. Stumpf**. Dr. Stumpf will give an overview of DNA research which will set the stage for options that anyone interested can pursue to begin their own genealogical journey.

This special program is sponsored by the Walworth County Genealogical Society (WCGS), which maintains their research collection within the Matheson Memorial Library. It's a great organization that can help you in every facet of family history research. Please consider joining them; applications will be available at the program.



CELEBRATE SUMMER READING WITH THESE ROCKIN' READS!

Looking for a good book to start the summer off with? Why not embrace our theme of **Libraries Rock** by enjoying a memoir or biography of a famous band or musician? Check out one of these books for an exciting (sometimes shocking) experience. Place a hold today!

- **What Does this Button Do: An Autobiography** (Iron Maiden)

- **Van Halen Rising**
- **Motley Crue: The Dirt**
- **Born to Run** (Bruce Springsteen)
- **Gold Dust Woman** (Stevie Nicks)
- **The Last Train to Memphis** (Elvis Presley)
- **Petty: The Biography** (Tom Petty)
- **Becoming Barbra** (Barbra Streisand)
- **Jimmy Buffet: A Good Life All the Way**
- **Just Kids** (Patti Smith)
- **Reckless Daughter** (Joni Mitchell)
- **David Bowie: A Life**
- **Keith Richards: A Life in Pictures**





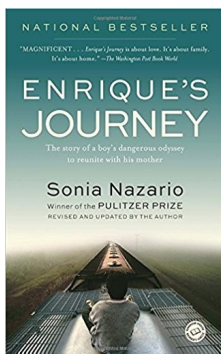
ADULT SERVICES

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**.

May 16th – *Enrique's Journey* by Sonia Nazario

This true story recounts the unforgettable quest of a Honduran boy looking for his mother, eleven years after she is forced to leave her starving family to find work in the United States.



June 20th - *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas

After witnessing her friend's death at the hands of a police officer, Starr Carter's life is complicated when the police and a local drug lord try to intimidate her in an effort to learn what happened the night Kahlil died.



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



ROCK OUR WITH OUR ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM!

We are very happy to announce that the 2018 Adult Summer Reading Program will begin on **Saturday, June 9th!** Entitled **Libraries Rock**, this is a great way for anyone age 18 or over to read throughout the summer, attend some fascinating programs, and maybe win some fabulous prizes. Here's how it works:

- Pick up a reading log at the info desk anytime between **June 9th and August 11th**. Every time you read a book record it in the log and bring it in for library staff to initial.
- For the first book you read, you'll receive a collectible book bag with included goodies!
- Each additional book you read and have initialed will net you an entry into our grand prize drawing on **August 13th**. Prizes include gourmet dinners at local restaurants, wine tastings at local wineries, and lake tours!
- You can read anything you like, audiobooks included. Please try to avoid children's books, picture, or books below your reading level. Ask a librarian for reading suggestions...we always have a book to recommend!
- You can earn an extra entry for the grand prize drawing for each 2018 Adult Summer Reading program you attend! See the next page for a full list of all our programs this summer.
- The drawing for each of our grand prizes will be on **Monday, August 13th** and we'll announce the winners on the same day. Each prize will have one winner, so you can either put all your tickets toward a prize you really want, or spread them around to maximize your chances of winning something...the strategy is up to you!

In addition to our grand prize competition, we will also have a weekly challenge to either test your musical knowledge, or send you on a journey to explore Elkhorn's musical past. Each Monday we'll have a **Libraries Rock Truth or Dare** sheet that challenges you to either complete the lyrics to a famous song, or go on a journey to a different musical landmark in town and take a picture to post to our Facebook page.

Let's Rock!



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ADULT SERVICES

ROCKIN' ADULT PROGRAMS FOR JUNE

Remember, each adult program you attend will net you an entry into our grand prize drawing!

- **BASICS OF BEEKEEPING**

Thursday, June 14th at 6:30pm - Come and hear about the life cycle of bees, and what it's like to work with them from local expert David Koester.



- **TECHSTRAVAGANZA**

Thursday, June 21st at 6:30pm - Learn the tricks of working with your laptops, smartphones, tablets, and other devices in this free tech-help clinic!



- **THE GOLDEN AGE OF STEAM YACHTING ON LAKE GENEVA**

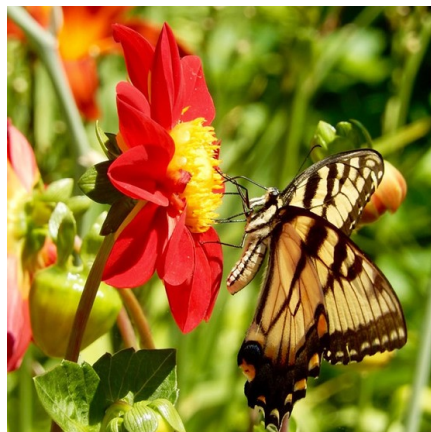
Thursday, June 28th at 6:30pm - Staff from Black Point Estate will talk about the history of luxury yachting on Lake Geneva, and the rich & famous people who enjoyed it



LEARN THE IMPORTANCE OF POLLINATORS WITH THE KETTLE MORAINES LAND TRUST

The Kettle Moraine Land Trust is partnering with the Matheson Memorial Library to highlight the vital role pollinators like bees and birds play within the Wisconsin environment by promoting backyard stewardship!

On **Saturday, May 5th from 10:00am to 1:00pm** members of the KMLT, a nonprofit conservation organization, will have an informational booth in the library lobby to provide you with tips, guides, and even **free native plants** and seed to get you started in supporting the vital life cycle of pollination starting at your home. Please visit the KMLT website at **www.kmlandtrust.org** for more information, or call them directly at **(262) 949-7211** with any questions.

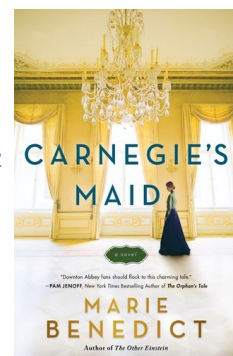


PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

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**

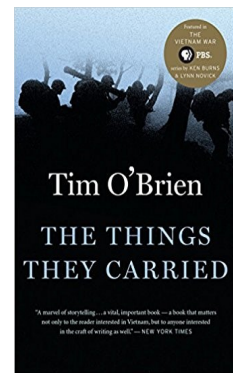
May 2nd - Carnegie's Maid by Marie Benedict

In 1860s Pittsburgh, Clara, an Irish immigrant takes a job working as a maid for Andrew Carnegie, with whom she falls in love, and then goes missing.



June 6th - The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien

This collection of award-winning and utterly moving stories describes the madness of the Vietnam war.



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





YOUTH SERVICES

MISS JENNIFER'S CORNER

I like to think of the youth services department in May as a big pot of dirt in the spring. It may not look like much is going on up on top, but underneath the bugs are waking up, seeds are sprouting, and things are happening!

Pattie Woods, of EASD Parent Connections, is hosting three exciting parties at the library this May on the first three Tuesdays of the month at 10:00am. Families with kids from 0-5 are welcome for activities, crafts, and treats! Our final book club meetings of the school year will be parties - even if you've missed some club meetings, you can still come to the party! Apart from these programs, you won't see the youth services staff too often during May as we will be super busy with school field trips, visiting schools to talk about summer reading, and doing lots and lots of planning and preparation for summer.

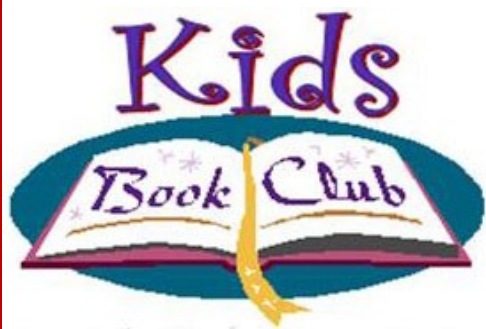
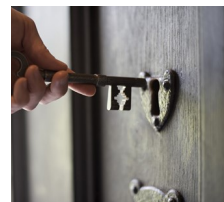
This summer we are excited to offer some of our favorite, traditional programs like Storywagon, We Explore Favorite Artists, and storytimes with Ms. Pattie. We have a great line-up of Maker Workshops (registration will be open soon!) and Ms. Terri will be offering some great new outdoor/science programs. For more information about summer programs, check the calendar online or ask a librarian. We encourage families to visit the library for books and other materials, for a fun time playing in our children's area, or to explore our different activity stations. Don't forget the outdoors! Families are welcome to picnic at the Wisconsin St. entrance or enjoy our new garden space. There's always something fun and interesting to see and do at the library!

Jennifer Wharton, Youth Services Librarian

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TEEN PROGRAMS

- **May 18th at 3:30: Middle School Madness** - Meet us at the library for the last Middle School Madness of the school year...bring your friends!
- **May 11th & June 15th at 3:30pm: Anime Club** - This is for everyone who loves to talk about their favorite Anime, Manga, Graphic Novels!, and Asian pop culture in general!
- **June 29th at 6:00pm: Teens After-Hours** - Ever wondered what the library's like after the doors closed? Well, now you can! Middle and High schoolers are invited to a special event after the library closes...there'll be lots of games and snacks! Please call us at **(262) 723-2678** to register, or sign up on our website calendar.



Bookaneers

1st-3rd grade
May 3rd
4:30 to 5:30

Rock 'n' Read

3rd-5th grade
May 10th
4:30 to 5:30

Book Explosion

5th-6th grade
May 17th
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.





YOUTH SERVICES

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We Explore Favorite Artists

Friday, June 15th @ 10:00 -Leo Lionni

Friday, June 22nd @ 10:00 -Julie Paschki

Wednesday, June 27th @ 2:00 – Michael Hall



MS. PATTIE'S CORNER

Toddlers 'n' Books
Tuesday, June 12th, 19th & 26th at 10:00 and 11:00a.m.
Suggested age: 18 to 36 months

Books 'n' Babies
Thursday May 3rd, 10th & 17th & June 14th, 21st & 28th at 10:00a.m.
Suggested age: 0 to 18months.

Tiny Tots
May 7th, June 11th & June 25th at 6:30pm
Suggested age: Infants to 5yrs

Garden/Outdoor Playgroup
Monday May 7th, June 11th & June 25th @ 10:00a.m.

We Explore OUTDOORS!

Join us @ 2:00 outside the library for some outdoor fun!

Wednesday, June 13th—PLANTS! Learn plant parts and make a recycled container, plant seeds to watch grow at home.



Wednesday, June 20th—BIRDS! Explore the world of birds and create a feeder for your backyard.



MAKER WORKSHOPS IN JUNE

Thursdays @ 4:30 *Must Register*



June 14th—Suminagashi—Explore Ink Marbling - make beautiful marbled paper. Prepare to be messy.

June 21st - Woodworking— Learn basic carpentry skills & use a wood burning tool.



June 28th—Miniatures—Use a variety of recycled materials to construct miniatures of your choice!



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

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



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

SUPPORT THE FRIENDS AND ENJOY A BRAT FROM FRANK'S!

The Friends will be running the Brat Hut at Frank's Piggly Wiggly on **Sunday, June 3rd**. Hopefully, we'll be enjoying some beautiful summer weather! Please come out and support the Friends by enjoying a delicious Frank's Brat, all made by professional, master-grilling Friends members!



A MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS PRESIDENT

Hello! My name is Shelly Robinson, and I'm proud to be your 2018 Friends of the Matheson Memorial Library president. We have a lot in store this year: fundraisers and special events to support the library, and fun events for existing Friends and new members!

I'd like to invite everyone to join our Friends group, especially if you enjoy using the library, and appreciate what they're doing. Being a Friends member is a very real way we can help our library succeed!

I'd also like to invite you to donate any books, dvds, or music you have lying around; both our permanent bookstore and our upcoming Book and Bake Sale need your donations in order to



succeed.

If you have any questions about joining, or if you'd like more information about our group, please contact us at friends@elkhorn.lib.wi.us and get to know us! Thanks so much for your continued support of the library, and here's to a great year!

CALLING ALL USED BOOKS!

Have a basement full of books? Shelf full of CDs? Drawer stuffed with DVDs? Why not find them a good home, and support the library, by donating them to the Friends? Our Friends group uses your donations to stock our bookstore within the library, as well as filling up our biannual Book & Bake Sale. We'll take just about anything, the only exceptions are encyclopedias, older textbooks, Reader's Digest condensed volumes, VHS tapes, and anything with a musty or smoky odor. All the books sold go directly to supporting the library by funding programs, equipment and materials to grow the collection. So please contribute to the **Circle of Life** and donate those unused materials to us!

