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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

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ur goal is to end the year with a total check out of over 250,000 items so help us out by stopping in and checking out some books and movies over the holidays. It looks like we are going to beat last year's circulation, which

was 246,738. We have had some major accomplishments this year, for example getting a new service desk and makeover with new furniture was a needed improvement. In January we will be concentrating on installing a new AV system in the Community Center in time for Fridays with Oscar. A new projector and screen will be great for showing movies and other presentations. We will be showing the selections on January 24 and 31 and on February 7; check page 4 for the movies selected. Please mark your calendars and join us for some great movies!

We have many other great ideas and programs planned for 2020, so check this newsletter and stay tuned for new and exciting programs. Stay in shape after the holidays with our new Walking Book Club. Children's programs are listed on our website calendar, or you can stop in and pick up a paper calendar. If you would like to receive a text reminder on the day of our programs, let the staff at the information desk know and they will set that up for the type of programs you are interested in.

Consider joining our Friends of the Library group. This group meets every other month with the next general meeting being held on February 26, at 6:00 p.m. Child care is available during the Friends' meetings IF you call 262-723-9140 in advance to request it. We thank the Friends for their continued support!

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

Lisa Selje, Library Director



ANNOUNCING A NEW READING GROUP TO GET YOUR MIND AND BODY MOVING!

eady to read some good books & short stories AND get in a little exercise? If so, the library and the Elkhorn Area School District have a great new adult group for you! Starting February 5th, the new Walking Book Club will meet every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm at Jackson Elementary School to enjoy 45 minutes of walking, followed by a short discussion of a book or short story. Every fitness level is appropriate for this fun workout. The sessions will be facilitated by library staff person and fitness coach Terri Dellamaria, who will share walking tips during the exercise portion, and lead the book discussion. We will be starting with the short story The Glass Menagerie by Ken Liu; printed copies can be picked up at the library service desk. We hope you can join us for a fun, low-impact walking workout and a great literary discussion each week!



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JANUARY PROGRAMS

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.**

Jan. 15th – *The Plot Against America* by Philip Roth

In a novel of alternative history, aviation hero Charles A. Lindbergh defeats Roosevelt in the 1940 presidential election and allows the Nazis to conquer Europe.



TECHSTRAVAGANZA RETURNS TO HELP YOU TAME YOUR TECH & CUT THE CORD!

id you receive a new device over the Holidays that you'd like to learn how to use effectively? Are you curious about "cutting the cable," and signing up for Netflix, Disney+, or other streaming services? Join us on **Saturday**, **January 11th at 11:00am** for



Techstravaganza, our annual lunchtime tech help session. We'll be offering a presentation on how to use video streaming services like Netflix, Amazon Prime, and Disney+, followed by a free lunch, and then we'll spend the rest of the time answering your questions about smartphones, tablets, laptops, social media, or anything else you'd like help with!

This program is completely free, but registration is required. Please call us at (262) 723-2678 to reserve your spot.



Feb. 19th - *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio

Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan .



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



FINANCIAL FORGIVENESS WORKSHOP

t's the season of new beginnings and new resolutions, and on **Saturday**, **January 25th at 10:00am**, the library is offering a unique financial forgiveness program to help you start off the New Year right.

What does money have to do with forgiveness and self-acceptance? Everything. In this workshop, you will learn some valuable insights from life coach Stacy Whetlow about how the relationship you have with yourself and others affects the relationship you have with money. You will uncover beliefs and people-pleasing behaviors that



cause you to struggle financially. You will make some internal connections to money terms, such as "you're approved," "give yourself some credit," "good credit," "bad credit," "debt forgiveness" and how it correlates to the bond you have with yourself.

This 2 hour program is completely free, but registration is required. Please call us at (262) 723-2678 to reserve your spot.





FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

LEARN ABOUT THE CULTURE OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES THAT CALL WALWORTH COUNTY HOME

ears before European settlers arrived, the Ho-Chunk and Potawatomi tribes built a thriving civilization here in Southeast Wisconsin, with customs and practices that



survive and flourish to this very day. The Matheson Memorial Library is excited to welcome UW-Whitewater professor of anthropology C. Holly Denning for an informative lecture on the society and history of the Wisconsin First Nations that call Walworth County home. This free program will be held at **6:30pm on Thursday, February 6th** in the library Community Center.

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**

No Book in January...Happy New Year!



GRAB YOUR DANCING SHOES AND JOIN US FOR LINE DANCING AT THE LIBRARY!

S tudies have shown that dancing gives more health benefits than just a workout; dancing is a great brain exercise that improves memory, reinforces neural pathways, and builds concentration. Join library staff member and fitness trainer Terri Dellamaria on **Saturday, February 15th at 10:30am** for a fun introduction to line dancing! Terri will demonstrate how to do line dances like the Cha Cha Slide, the Cupid Shuffle, and other activities that show how group line dancing is a fun way to stay fit.



This adult program is low-impact and appropriate for any fitness level, so get on your dancing shoes and join us!

Feb. 5th - *Time After Time* by Lisa Grunwald

A magical love story, inspired by the legend of a woman who vanished from Grand Central Terminal, sweeps readers from the 1920s to World War II and beyond.



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PAGE 4 FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



BIG CHANGES PLANNED FOR 8TH OSCAR FILM FESTIVAL

he Matheson Memorial Library's most popular Adult Program is back for another year of glamour, trivia, and Academy Awardnominated films! The 8th Annual *Fridays with Oscar* film festival will showcase the best in film Fridays at 6:30pm with free admission, popcorn and soda all provided by the Matheson Friends. This year's dates are **January 24th, 31st, and February 7th.**

This year's film festival was moved up and shortened due to modifications in the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Science's (AMPAS) Oscar selection process. The festival committee has preselected films certain to garner multiple Oscar nominations and wow audiences! Because of the nature of these films, however, this year's festival will be limited to patrons 18 years and older. Patrons will have the opportunity to watch the three blockbuster films using a newly upgraded projector and 210-inch mega screen! The visual upgrade was just purchased for the Community Room by the library, Matheson Friends, and Elkhorn Rotary Club.

Host Katie James and the rest of the Friends Movie Night crew will return to share their Oscar knowledge, give hidden insight into the films, and help you predict this year's winners. Attendees can put their film knowledge to the test with our own Oscar Trivia to win cushy front-row VIP seating! Bring your glamorous friends, family or film club for a fun night out and "dress to impress" for a walk down the red carpet too!



THE SHORT STORY BOOK CLUB

he Short Story Book Club is a fun group that saves time by only discussing short stories! We have games, trivia, and a discussion, and we meet offsite at **Mama T's Restaurant** each 4th Tuesday of the month at **7:00pm**.

Jan. 28th – *The Happy Prince* by Oscar Wilde

The story of a statue, a sparrow, and a world in need of kindness.

Feb. 25th - *Mono no Aware* by Ken Liu

An astronaut must make a desperate sacrifice to save his ship from disaster.

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