



# Matheson Memorial Library NEWSLETTER

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**Current Hours:**

**Mon. 9am to 8pm**

**Tues-Fri. 9am to 6pm**

**Sat. 10am to 2pm**

**CLOSED**

**Nov. 26-27**

**Dec. 24-25, 31**

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## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR



**A**s we approach the final two months of 2020, I must say I'll be glad to bid this year adieu! It has certainly been a struggle, but we are grateful for our health and well-being, and we try to count our blessings daily.

With the opening of our non-fiction stacks upstairs on November 2, all of our collections will be available to browse once again. We are going to keep our Friends meeting room and our study rooms closed through the end of the year. Small meetings can take place in the Community Center and Mary Bray room. We will continue curbside service for the time being, for those who prefer not to enter the building. All items are still quarantined upon return and back-dated at check-in to avoid fines.

Programs for adults and kids will continue online via Zoom through the end of the year at least, so register for those on our website or by calling the library. Check our library website, [www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us](http://www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us) for more information and for other resources that are available 24/7. On our Digital Resources page, you can download magazines using Flipster, stream a movie using

Kanopy, download eBooks and audios using Hoopla, and get crafty with Creativebug. We have something for everyone!

The Friends of Matheson Memorial Library's summer book sale was postponed to September, 2020, so their winter book sale will be pushed back as well. Do you want to help the library but can't join the Friends group right now? There are two free ways you can help! Bring in your Frank's Piggly Wiggly receipts and the Friends will earn money. There is a box near the self checkout machine by our entrance or you can put them in an envelope and drop them in our book return.

The second way to help is through *AmazonSmile*. If you shop on Amazon, all you have to do is go to your Account and click on *AmazonSmile* Charity Lists. Type in Friends of Matheson Memorial Library in the search box and once you select your charity the library will receive 0.5% of your eligible purchases. It's that easy!

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns.

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## THE LONG ROAD BACK TO NORMAL

**A**s we reach the end of this long and challenging year, we look forward to a time when we can once again gather in groups and enjoy all the wonderful events and activities that we've missed out on in 2020. This definitely includes our special events here at the library: storytimes, speakers, activities, and just being able to help people use all the resources in the library in-person. However, we have come a long way since March, and we'd like to celebrate those small victories that have brought us just a little bit closer to normal here at your library.

For the first few weeks of the lockdown, we struggled to reach our patrons using our existing social media outreach via Facebook, but also trying out new tools like Twitter. Our homebound staff started experimenting with making informational videos and learning new tools like Zoom. Finally, at the end of the month we began our tentative steps to start loaning materials through curbside service! We had a lot to learn, but we were aided by the generosity and understanding of you, our patrons.

Then came the day when we finally starting letting you back in! Between cleaning every hour, processing greater amounts of holds, quarantining books, and still doing curbside, staff was kept very busy. Slowly we added back areas of the collection: the displays, the new books, large print, fiction, and finally DVDs!

We still have a long way to go, but we're looking forward to the day when you can visit your library without worrying about your health. Happy Holidays, and thank you so much for being with us on this strange journey...you made it so much easier!



*It was so empty in March!*

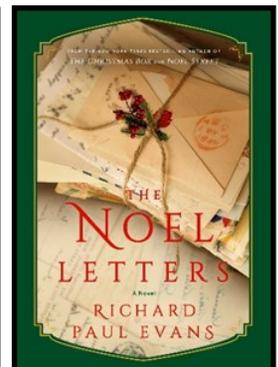
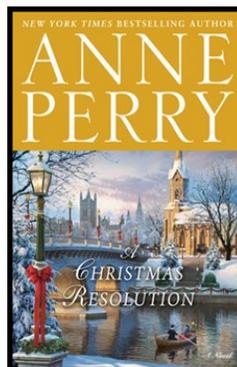
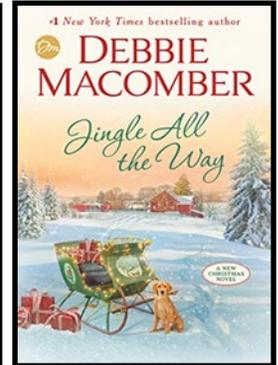
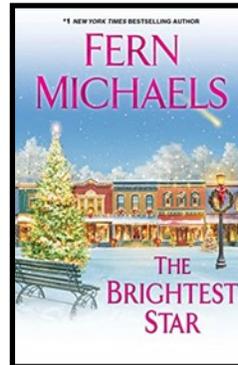
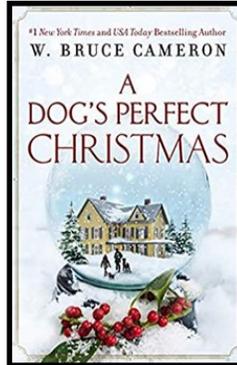
# READING RECOMMENDATIONS

## SEASON'S READINGS!

Several authors are well known for their Christmas fiction books and they will not be disappointing their fans in 2020. Many Christmas titles have already been released this year and more titles are to follow. Here's a look at some of the new releases for this holiday season.

### HOLIDAY RELEASES

- *The Brightest Star* by Fern Michaels
- *Christmas Cupcake Murder* by Joanne Fluke
- *A Christmas Resolution* by Anne Perry
- *The Christmas Swap* by Melody Carlson
- *The Christmas Table* by Donna VanLiere
- *A Dog's Perfect Christmas* by W. Bruce Cameron
- *In a Holiday* by Christina Lauren
- *Jingle All the Way* by Debbie Macomber
- *The Noel Letters* by Richard Paul Evans



## HOLIDAY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!

As cold weather sets in, it's the perfect time to curl up with a special book. Check out these new books, from heartfelt to silly, all about the season of giving, family, and friendship.

For reading together and aloud, check out picture books! Give a little dino-flair to your holiday celebrations with *Dino-Thanksgiving* by Lisa Wheeler and *Dinosaur Christmas* by Penny Dale. This is a great time to discuss the difference between facts and opinions and what better way to do it than with robots?

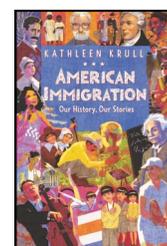
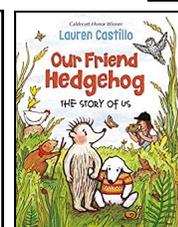
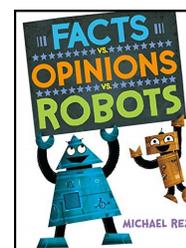
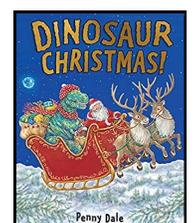
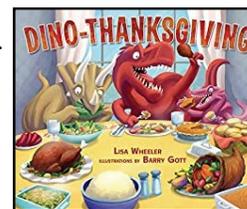
*Facts vs. Opinions vs. Robots* by Michael Rex is funny and informative and great for kids and adults.

For a sweet story about friendship, check out *Our Friend Hedgehog* by Lauren Castillo. It's perfect for reading together as a family or for readers who are ready for easy chapters to read on their own. Young graphic novel fans will love the silly and sweet *Bunbun and Bonbon* by Jess Keating, a new series starring an adorable bunny and a sugary purple bonbon candy.

We've got some great books for middle grade readers as well. What are you thankful for this season? What about the many wonderful contributions of immigrants to our country? Learn all about the amazing things immigrants have invented and sacrificed for their new country in *American Immigration* by Kathleen Krull.

Fans of Kelly Yang's *Front Desk* will be excited to know there is now a companion, *Three Keys*. These heartfelt stories about friendship, writing, and motels are great reads.

For more new books for kids and teens, sign up for our weekly virtual newsletter and get a link to a teen booktalk and an unboxing video of new books every week!



**Jennifer Wharton**  
Youth Services Librarian

# UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAMS

We'll be offering a different adult program each month, all online. Even though we can't offer in-person programming yet, we hope that these events will provide you with plenty of entertainment & education! You can read more about each program, and register for your free invitation at our online calendar:

<https://www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us/wordpress/calendar>. Unless otherwise noted, all programs will be held using the Zoom meeting app.

## Learn About the Storied History of Deer Hunting in Wisconsin!

Just in time for this year's gun deer season, the library will be hosting author, biologist, and outdoorsman Robert Willging for a fascinating look at the legacy that deer hunting has created in our state. Robert will take us through the hunting practices of Wisconsinites, from our indigenous peoples, through the creation of Wisconsin hunting culture in the Nineteenth Century, to the vital role deer hunting controls deer population and protects the environment today. Robert will also share popular hunting anecdotes, stories of his personal experiences in the wild, and talk about the creation of his classic book *On the Hunt: The History of Deer Hunting in Wisconsin*. The program will take place on **Tuesday, November 3rd at 6:30pm online via Zoom**. Make sure you register for this amazing look into one of the state's treasured traditions!




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## Join us for an (Online) Holiday Concert

One of our newer traditions, and one we enjoy the most, is providing you with a Holiday musical concert during this season. In years past, we were able to work with our partner libraries to bring you great musical events at the Riviera Ballroom in Lake Geneva, that created some awesome moments and holiday memories.

Unfortunately, we're not able to repeat that this year for obvious reasons, but the show must go on! We're excited to announce that we'll be bringing you an online holiday concert on **Tuesday, December 8th at 6:30pm** featuring the piano talents of musician **Dan Fogel**! Dan will be performing holiday classics from his home in Long Island, New York and taking requests for your favorite seasonal songs. And just to get you in that holiday spirit, you can pick up a **hot chocolate kit** here at the library to enjoy during the concert. We hope you can make it!



# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

## A HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS

**N**one of us knew that 2020 would bring a global viral pandemic known as coronavirus or COVID 19 that would drastically change how we go about our daily lives. We now need to follow the guidelines of health professionals and scientists this holiday season and self-distance from others, wear face coverings, wash and sanitize our hands and surfaces often, and follow simple common practices to keep everyone healthy and safe.

As we begin the final holidays for the year, let us remember that these celebrations can be done in new ways that are healthy and safe for everyone. If we cannot be present in person, we can send cards and letters; call on the phone; and use various internet and social media platforms to connect with family and friends. This Veterans Day, be sure to thank those who have or are currently serving in our military branches for their service to our country. At Thanksgiving, whether you are physically present or at a distance with family and friends, give thanks for all your loved ones and for the simple pleasures in your life. In December, if you celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas, or Kwanzaa for cultural, religious, secular, or traditional reasons, consider and think of your family and friends. Maybe the best gift that you can give to them is to keep them healthy and safe by how you choose to celebrate.

This year many celebrations are going to be done in spirit rather than in person. Make them safe and healthy for all those you love because we need to start the New Year in 2021 by being with and for each other, even if it is only in our dreams. Hope for a better tomorrow, have faith in yourself and others, and treat all people with love and respect.

Maribeth Cousin

Treasurer, Friends of Matheson Memorial Library



## THE FRIENDS BOOK SALE RETURNED IN A NEW, BIG WAY!

**T**hings were looking a bit bleak for Friends fundraising. They had to cancel the beloved **Trick or Trivia** event that usually brought in the majority of funds the Friends use to support library programs, so the Book Sale would be the only income for 2020. They knew that, during the pandemic, baked goods and large crowds were out, so they decided to try something new: a month-long book-only sale! Using donations that started coming in (after being quarantined, of course), a small committee of Friends set up the sale, maintained it week after week, and brought a small sense of normality! We're happy to report that it paid off...here are the results:

- **Over \$1,500 raised for library events!**
- **Lots of books sold...only a handful of book boxes left over! The remainder was donated to Elkhorn Volunteer Connection.**
- **No problems! Shoppers were very conscious of maintaining social distancing, and seemed to enjoy the new month-long format.**

Hopefully, we'll be able to bring back the baked goods next year, but we might keep the month-long idea going forward. Thanks so much for your support of the Friends and the library. We hope you enjoy the books!

