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Library Closed:

November 26th & 27th and December 23rd, 24th, & 25th

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For news on upcoming programs, events, and other library happenings, please follow our Facebook page at

www.facebook.com/ElkhornLibrary/



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

Your online Newsletter sign up: eepurl.com/jzOQ1

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hello! My name is Chad Robinson, and I'm the new director of the Matheson Memorial Library. What a privilege! I, along with all the library staff, am so happy to serve you from such a beautiful library. We're really going to miss Lisa Selje, but we'll do our best to honor her years of service by doing a great job for all of you.

We're joined by two new staff members, and we're using this issue of the newsletter to welcome them properly. Make sure you stop by and wish them good luck in their new positions!

It's hard to believe that we're actually in the holiday season...where did September & October go? However, it's not hard for us to get into the festive spirit, and we'll be bringing some new adult and youth programs to get you there too...check out pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter to read all about them. Our Friends group had a big October with our 8th annual Trick or Trivia fundraiser. The

event sold out, and they were able to raise our highest sum ever, which goes back to support library programming! Please consider joining them; it's a great way to support the library, and they're a very fun group. You can pick up a membership form the next time you visit the library

If you haven't in a while, please check out our website (www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us/wordpress) for all the many services we provide, as well as to see our online calendar, and to help in finding your next great read. Of course, if you're looking for something to read, ask us...we've read a good book or two lately!

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns about your library. Happy Holidays!

Chad Robinson, Library Director

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF!

Melissa Reiherzer is our new library assistant at MML. This is a new position for her, but it actually isn't the first time she's worked at the Elkhorn library. About 10 years ago she worked here as the youth services aide with Jennifer. And she is so happy to be working here once again! Melissa commented that the staff has been very welcoming. Also, Melissa's been coming to this library since she was a child, and feels right at home working here at our amazing library. When not working she loves to travel. It's on her bucket list to visit every state in the US. Though she has not gotten the chance to travel outside of the US yet, it's her goal to travel internationally. Melissa also loves reading and playing video games.



Happy holidays!
I'm Linda Knight, your new Adult Services Librarian and I'm truly excited to bring some unique and interesting programs your way. While I've got lots of ideas, it would be great to hear some of your as well. And, if you know of someone in your family or immediate circle that may have talents in a particular program area, please feel free to share.



It's my belief that **the library is your forever friend**. If you think about it, its' present in your childhood, school years, college, personal life, parenthood, and then you even pass it on to your own family. Looking forward to meeting you all at the library. See you soon.



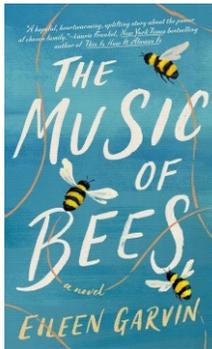
ADULT PROGRAMS

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 Tuesday of the month at **2pm**.

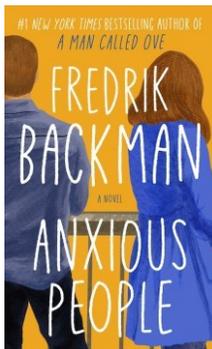
Nov. 16th - *The Music of Bees* by Eileen Garvin

Three strangers navigating grief and devastating setbacks cross paths in a rural Oregon town, where they find unexpected friendship, healing and new chances on local honeybee farm.



Dec. 31st - *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman

Taken hostage by a failed bank robber while attending an open house, eight anxiety-prone strangers—including a redemption-seeking bank director, two couples who would fix their marriages and a plucky octogenarian—discover their unexpected common traits. .



For more information, contact **Sara Krewal** by phone at **(262) 723-2678** or email at **skrewal@elkhorn.lib.wi.us**

30 DAYS OF GRATITUDE!

Starting the first week of November stop by the library and pick up a Gratitude Garland in a take home bag. Add a new leaf each day of November with a message of what you're grateful for this year. This Thanksgiving give yourself reason to pause and reflect on the good in your life. You deserve goodness!



UNLOCK YOUR CREATIVITY WITH ALCOHOL INK PAINTING!

Join master crafter **Jennifer Christman**, **Saturday, November 6th @ 10:00am** for a detailed workshop on the art of alcohol ink painting. She will demonstrate four separate techniques to unlock your creativity and to help you start making original artwork of your own!



This 60-minute program will be held in the library's Community Center. All materials will be provided free, but space is limited to 15, and registration is required. Please call us at (262) 723-2678 or visit our online calendar to reserve your spot. If the class does fill up, you are still welcome to attend and see how alcohol ink painting is done!



Learn to Make your Own Holiday Wreath!

Join **Bella Botanica** owner and educator Tracy Hankwitz, **Friday, November 19th @ 1:00pm** for a special holiday-themed library program that will get you started on creating your own holiday decorations! Tracy will be showing attendees how to make simple yet elegant holiday wreaths that are perfect for indoor or outdoor decorating, and also make great gifts!



This free program will be held in the library Community Center. All materials are provided, but space is limited and registration is required. Please call us at (262) 723-2678, or use our online calendar to reserve your spot. If the class fills up everyone is still welcome to attend and watch.



YOUTH & TEEN PROGRAMS

BOOKANEERS

November 4th & December 2nd @ 4:30pm

aquanauts

November 2nd & November 30th @ 5:30pm

You've started your journey with the Bookaneers, now dive deeper with the Aquanauts! Kids ages 9-12 are invited to a book club full of hands-on activities, discussion, and diving into chapter books of all genres, from fantasy to nonfiction.

POKEMON CLUB

Nov 9th & Dec 14th @ 4-5pm

Kids are invited to bring their friends for an hour of crafts, cards, and movies in the Community Room.

KOHL'S WILD THEATER

MONKEYS IN THE MIDDLE

November 12th @ 10:30am

Families are invited to a public show with Kohls Wild Theater all about colobus monkeys and cotton-top tamarins, with silly puppets, music and more.

TEEN MAKER WORKSHOP

December 8th @ 4-5pm

Middle school and high school students are invited to drop in for an hour of DIY craftiness. Make a gift for a special someone or just relax!

LGBTQ+ TEEN SUPPORT GROUP

Free LGBTQ+ support group, for teens ages 13-17

Sponsored by New Beginnings APFV and Children's Wisconsin

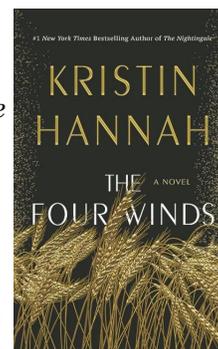
For more information contact Will Helling, 262-723-2678, whelling@apfvwalworth.com

PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

The Page Turners choose moving and poignant stories to highlight the human condition. They meet on the second Wednesday of the month at **6:30pm**.

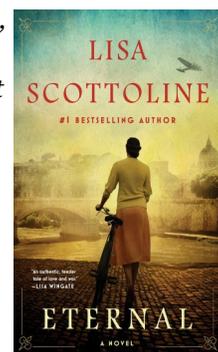
Nov. 10th - *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah

A Depression-era woman confronts a wrenching choice between fighting for the Dust Bowl-ravaged land she loves in Texas or pursuing an uncertain future in California.



Dec. 8th - *Eternal* by Lisa Scottoline

An aspiring writer, an athlete from a professional cyclist family and a mathematics prodigy find their bond tested by a love triangle and the spread of anti-Semitism and fascism in 1937 Italy.



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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

ELKHORN'S TRICK-OR-TRIVIA A SMASHING SUCCESS!

The Friends of Matheson Memorial Library's 8th Annual Trick-or-Trivia event at the Sperino's Monte Carlo Room was another smashing success, **raising over \$6,100** for next year's Adult & Children's programming. The nineteen teams closely vied for the top prize, but it was **The Masked Revengers** who were the only one to answer the final question and claim the victory. This year's trivia ranged from sports history to iconic television kitchens to stump players and sell lots of hints!



Peter & Julianne Hogan took the "Best Costume" award for the second year in a row, this time for their inventive "Friday Night/Saturday Morning" couples costume. But so many teams made the event special with their unique table costume, decorations, and theme that **co-chairs Katie James and Shelly Robinson** have introduced a Best Table award this year to celebrate creativity.

The "Titanic Swim Team" became the first name on the plaque with their period costumes and life preservers.



Next year's event will be limited to only twenty tables so anyone interested in playing will have to sign up early to ensure a space!

Greetings from the Friends of Matheson Memorial Library!

By **Thomas Porter, Friends President**

The Friends of the Matheson Memorial Library (MML) are a group of volunteers who support the MML and its important impact to our community. The Friends primarily sponsor and provide helpers for fund raising events. These events include the "Trick or Trivia", Fridays with Oscar, Franks Brat Hut and the used book sales to name a few. The money that the Friends receive from these events and other sources help support the library in a number of ways. These include money for programming events, sponsoring speakers, supporting both the children's and the adult summer reading programs. In addition, the friends have helped pay for furniture, blinds, replace and provide new equipment, and even meals for the staff during special work days. The Friends of the MML are always looking for more members to volunteer and help us grow. We also welcome new members to help us provide services to the library as well as new ideas for fundraising events. Finally, the dues paid to join the "Friends" are used to support the library. Please join us. Besides, it's a lot of fun!

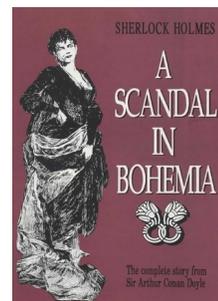


THE SHORT STORY BOOK CLUB

The 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**.

Nov. 23rd - A Scandal in Bohemia by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

"A Scandal in Bohemia" is the first short story, and the third overall work, featuring Arthur Conan Doyle's fictional detective Sherlock Holmes. It is the first of the 56 Holmes short stories written by Doyle.



Special note: The Short Story Book Club will resume in January and the next book will be announced on our website closer to the date.

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Happy holiday season!