



Matheson Memorial Library

# NEWSLETTER



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**Library Closed:**

**January 1st**

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

[www.facebook.com/ElkhornLibrary/](http://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](http://eepurl.com/jzOQ1)

## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

The holiday season has come and gone, and we hope all of you had a great time with family and friends. Here at the library, Christmas came early with our annual Giving Tree donation campaign; thanks to you we were able to reach our goal of \$1000 to be used for new books, materials, and program supplies. Thank you!

With the holidays past and long winter months ahead, this can be a hard time of year for many of us. However, we've planned lots of activities to shake you out of these winter doldrums. Highlights include our **adult line dancing class**, and our new **cross stitching** and **sewing workshops**, not to mention the return of our regular programs like **Lapsit storytime**, **Dungeons & Dragons**, and all of our **book discussion groups**. Check out pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter for more information on our programs, including how to get involved. We're definitely going to warm things up for you this winter!

In addition, drop by and check out our new book displays, and don't be shy about asking our staff for book recommendations...we're very good at helping you discover your next great read.

Our Friends of the Library group has also been very busy; they'll have an announcement very soon on our annual winter **BIG BOOK SALE**, including a return of the super-exclusive Friends-Only preview sale. Speaking of that, why not join the Friends yourself? It's a great way to support the library while having fun with some great people. Be sure to check out their end-of-year message on page 4.

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

Chad Robinson, Library Director

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## VHS Converter Now Available!

**Convert your Treasured Memories to Digital with our New VHS Converter Maker Kit!**

Thanks to a generous donation from the Friends of the Matheson Memorial Library, we are now able to offer a brand new tool that allows you to transfer older **VHS, 8mm, and Hi8 cassettes** to digital video files, which can then be saved to a USB drive or SD card, or even uploaded to a cloud service or YouTube!

Just bring in your camcorder (or use our VCR for VHS conversion) and get to preserving! For those of you who prefer to transfer VHS to DVD, we also have a DVD burner and software to do this; all you would need is a blank DVD +/-R disc. We will also have a limited amount of blank DVD's and USB drives for purchase.

**Please inquire about availability beforehand.**

This kit will be available for in-library use only and on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call us to schedule an appointment, and to arrange a short tutorial on how to use the equipment. Keep in mind that each video will require its actual time length to record and you'll have to be there to monitor its progress during the duration of your conversion.





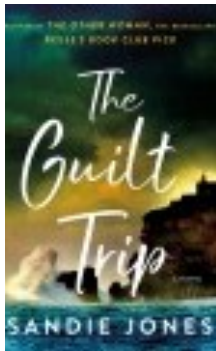
# ADULT PROGRAMS

## 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**.

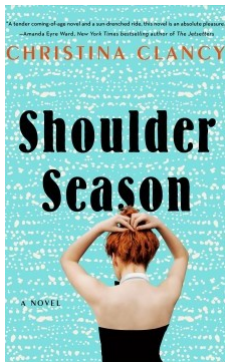
### Jan. 18th - *The Guilt Trip* by Sandie Jones

*While in Portugal for her brother-in-law's wedding to Ali, Rachel discovers something about Ali that threatens to unravel friendships and marriages in a place where jumping to conclusions becomes the difference between life and death.*



### Feb. 15th - *Shoulder Season* by Christina Clancy

*A dazzling portrait of a young woman coming into her own, the youthful allure of sex, drugs, and rock and roll, and what we lose-and gain-when we leave home.*



For more information, contact **Sara**

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## Line Dancing for Adults January 8th!

Shake off the winter doldrums at the library with our exciting line dancing program. Join Terri on **Saturday, January 8th @ 11:30am** for this 60-minute program .

Research shows that dancing has more benefits than a workout. It's a great brain exercise, improves memory, and builds concentration. Staff member and fitness trainer Terri will lead a fun introduction to line dancing. Learn how to do line dances like the Cha-Cha Slide, the Cupid Shuffle, and other activities that are a fun way to get fit. Low-impact and appropriate for all levels, so giddy up, get your dancing shoes or boots on, grab a friend and come join us!



This FREE program will be held in the library Community Center and **registration is required**. Please call us at **(262) 723-2678** or visit our online calendar to reserve your spot.



## Now is the Perfect Time to Learn How to Cross Stitch with Us!

Join Shelly Wilson for this 2 part series on **Thursday, January 13th & Thursday, January 20th from 12:00pm to 1:30pm**

If you've ever wanted to learn how to cross stitch, this class is for you. Staff member Shelly teaches how to create simple designs using patterns by *Country Living* magazine. This is a beginner's class, developed for those who are new to cross stitch. The first class will be used to learn how to read the pattern and begin stitching; participants will take their project home to work on it and bring it back for the second class in which they will learn how to finish and then make it suitable for hanging. All materials provided and space is limited to **10 participants**. Register @ **(262)723-2678** or by visiting our online calendar to reserve your spot. Registrants **must also complete the form** found at <https://bit.ly/31oBSkr> in order to choose which design they would like to complete.





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## It's Time for TECHSTRAVAGANZA!

**D**id you receive a new device over the Holidays that you'd like to learn how to use effectively? Join us **Saturday, February 5th at 11:00am** for Techstravaganza, our annual lunchtime tech help session.

We'll be offering a presentation on how to use the Libby app, 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. The program will be held in the Matheson Memorial Library Community Center, and will run until 2:00pm.



## Get your CARD CRAFT on at Matheson Memorial Library!

**T**his fun paper craft program will be hosted by staff member Sara on **Friday, February 11th, 2022, @ 2:00pm**.

If you like handcrafting unique cards for your friends & family then please join us to get in the creative zone. Participants can each create 3-4 cards during this program. (Ages 16+)



All materials will be provided but registration is required. Please register by calling **262-723-2678** or by visiting our online calendar to reserve your spot.

**See you at the library!**



## PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

**T**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**.

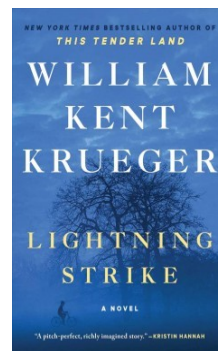
**Jan. 5th - *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave**

*After her husband disappears, Hannah Hall quickly realizes he isn't who he said he was and that his 16-year-old daughter, who wants nothing to do with her, may hold the key to figuring out his true identity.*



**Feb. 2nd - *Lightning Strike* by William Kent Krueger**

*In this prequel to the acclaimed Cork O'Connor series, 12-year-old Cork stumbles upon the body of a man hanging in a tree -- the first in a series of events that cause him to question everything he took for granted about his hometown, his family and himself.*



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





# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

## Friends Look Back on 2021

The Friends of Matheson Memorial Library (FMML) formed several years ago for charitable, educational, and literary purposes. FMML promotes use and enjoyment of our community's library. To accomplish these missions, FMML has several fundraising activities. Here are some of the ways we've helped in 2022:

FMML operates a bookstore in the library where we sell gently used books, movie videos, music CDs, puzzles, and games. This past year, these sales amounted to about **\$4,880.00**. In addition, our **two \$5.00** Bag Sale events brought in another **\$1455.00**.

FMML collects grocery receipts from Frank's Piggly Wiggly and redeems them by quarters to earn money for the library. The redemption of intact receipts (credit, debit, and check information blacked out on each receipt) added **\$1,512.00** to FMML's income. In addition, FMML worked two Brat Huts over the summer for an additional **\$1,221.00**. A big Thank You goes to Frank's Piggly Wiggly for giving back to the community.

After a one year hiatus, the Trick or Trivia Fundraiser at the end of October came back strong by bringing in about **\$6,500.00**. This money supports the programming at the library from youth through adults.

The money raised this last year funded the following activities and purchases for the library:

**Youth Services:** programming, Colossal Fossils, Incredible Bats, Food Science, teen supplies, Dinosaur die cuts, heavy duty book ends, and beginning chapter and early reader books

**Adult Services:** programming, two free Author Visits, Sounds of Sunset Summer Concerts in the Park, DIY alcohol ink painting, silk scarf painting, and wreath making.

**General Library additions:** updates to library garden (plants and mulch), new safe blinds for the Community Center, library subscription to Hoopla content, and purchase of VHS-DVD converter.

One popular series (Fridays with Oscar) will be on hiatus in 2022. During the COVID-19 pandemic, most new movies were made and shown through streaming services where the licenses are sold to individuals and cannot be shown to audiences. If any film buffs have ideas, please give them to a FMML member or the library staff!

The Friends of Matheson Memorial Library encourage everyone to become a member of this group of people who are dedicated to helping support the library, to bring new ideas and energy to the group, and to continue to make the Matheson Memorial Library one of the best libraries in Southeastern Wisconsin.



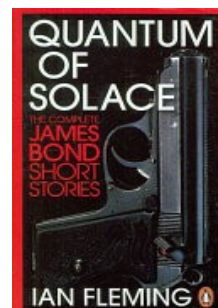
## THE SHORT STORY BOOK CLUB

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**.

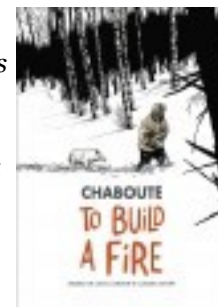
**Jan. 25th - *The Quantum of Solace* by Ian Fleming**

*An anthology of short fiction chronicling the exploits and adventures of the British agent includes the tales that served as the inspiration for classic James Bond films.*



**Feb. 22nd - *To Build a Fire* by Jack London**

*Miles across the sunless Yukon toward the Klondike to search for gold, a man and a dog trek through the Great White North, struggling to survive nature's frigid indifference. The year 1896 is bleak for many as severe economic depression creeps throughout the united States. Suddenly, hope in the form of gold is found in the mountains of Northern Canada.*



\* This session will held be in the library.

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