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Matheson Memorial Library

# NEWSLETTER

**Library Closed:**

Tuesday, July 4th

## Notes from the Director

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Summer is here! It's time to enjoy long warm days and cool late evenings, fun with friends and family...and reading anything you want. Summer at the library is always a very special time for us, and we hope it is for you too. Within these pages you'll read about all the amazing events and activities we've been planning, as well as our huge, epic summer reading programs. Our staff works very hard to bring a great experience to all our library users, and we can always rely upon the support of our local businesses and community partners to offer a wide variety of awesome prizes YOU can win...just by reading!

With all the blockbusters, beach reads, and best sellers available these days, it's hard to pick a winner, and a bad choice could leave you with a reading slog instead of a page-turner. But how do you choose? Well, we can help with that too! Try out our Tailored Titles readers advisory service, and we can help fill your reading list with titles we think you'll love. Just visit us online, fill out the short questionnaire (we have a hard copy questionnaire too!), and in three days times our book experts will pick three titles based on your reading history that we think you're really going to enjoy. Give us a try, and you could discover new favorite titles and authors you'll go back to every summer.

The library is a great place to spend time in during the summer. Whether you just want to hang out, read in a quiet space, or meet up with friends and take a break from the heat, we've got you covered. Don't forget to keep this newsletter handy so you don't miss any of the many special events we have coming your way.

The library is for everybody. Whatever your background or beliefs, you are welcome here, and we can help you to find a wide variety of materials to explore any interest or satisfy any curiosity. This is your library, and this summer we want you to use it to the fullest. Our amazing library staff are here to help you, so ask them lots of questions!

Regardless of how you spend the summer, or how much you read, we hope this season is filled with fun, relaxation, and laughter, and that you'll take away many summer memories to keep you warm over the coming year. As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns about your library. Have fun and keep reading!



# Find Your Voice!

**Summer Reading starts for everyone  
with a kickoff event  
Saturday, June 3rd!**

**Sign up and read for the chance to  
win prizes from local businesses!**

**Ask at the info desk for more  
information!**

# BOOK CLUBS

## PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

Meets on 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, June 7th: *The Stolen Book of Evelyn Aubrey* by Serena Burdick**

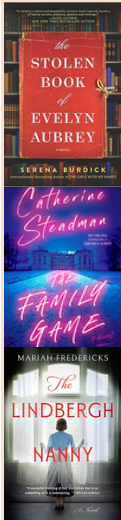
Rich in atmosphere and emotion, *The Stolen Book of Evelyn Aubrey* tells the story of literary secrets, a family curse and the lengths women will go to take charge of their future.

**Wednesday, July 5th: *The Family Game* by Catherine Steadman**

A confession to a grisly crime. A murder. And, suddenly, the game is in motion.

**Wednesday, August 2nd: *The Lindbergh Nanny* by Mariah Fredericks**

Gripping and elegant, *The Lindbergh Nanny* brings readers into the interior of the twentieth century's most infamous crime.



## AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2 PM

**Tuesday, June 20th: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens**

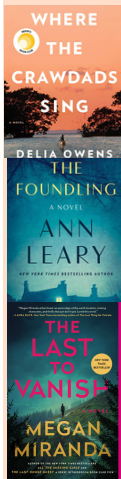
*Where the Crawdads Sing* is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder.

**Tuesday, July 18th: *The Foundling* by Ann Leary**

*The Foundling* is the story of two friends, raised in the same orphanage, whose loyalty is put to the ultimate test when they meet years later at an institution—based on a shocking and little-known piece of American history.

**Tuesday, August 15th: *The Last to Vanish* by Megan Miranda**

*The Last to Vanish* is a riveting thriller filled with taut suspense and shocking twists that will keep you guessing until the very end.



## THE SHORT STORY BOOK CLUB

Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at Moy's

**Tuesday, June 27th: *Staying Behind* by Ken Liu**

As humanity tiptoes toward the Singularity, what happens to those who are left behind?

**Tuesday, July 25th: *Altogether Elsewhere, Vast Herds of Reindeer* by Ken Liu**

In the far future, teen angst still prevails. Young Renee Tae-o Fayette, like all children of her generation has the world(s) at the tip of their fingers, as there is little that is not possible.

**Tuesday, August 22nd: *An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge* by Ambrose Bierce**

During the Civil War, Peyton Farquhar, a farmer accused of being a spy, is about to be executed. Is there any chance of escape?



# ADULT PROGRAMS



## MATINEES AT MATHESON

### First Friday of the Month at 1 PM

We will be continuing our monthly movie series with the kung fu classic "Enter the Dragon" on June 2nd, and the 1940 film adaptation of our Community Reads book, "The Grapes of Wrath" on July 7th, and Pan's Labyrinth on August 4th. Free popcorn and soda provided by the Friends of the Library!

## MEDITATION WITH MELANIE

### Tuesdays in June and July starting June 6th at 1 PM

Meditation is a universal practice that can help with stress reduction and management, focus, increased self-awareness, patience, tolerance, restoring calm and inner peace among many other benefits. All are welcome whether you are new to meditation and want to find out more or already have a practice. Donations accepted but not required.



## TABLETOP ROLEPLAYING FOR GROWN-UPS

### Wednesday 6/14, 7/19, & 8/16 from 6-8 and Saturday 6/17, 7/22, and 8/19 from 9 AM - 12 PM

Join us on one Wednesday and Saturday per month for Adult Roleplaying Games! No prior experience or character sheets required - just be ready for fun! We also have a special guest for our Saturday game in August!

## HOW STEINBECK'S 'GRAPES OF WRATH' CAPTURED THE RESILIENCE OF THE DUST BOWL ERA

### Thursday, June 8th at 6:30 PM

Learn about the impact that John Steinbeck's classic novel epitomized its time period in this informative lecture presented by college educator and former English teacher Minda Byrne.



## MOVIES IN THE PARK - STAR WARS: A NEW HOPE

### Friday, June 9th at 8:45/Dusk

See the movie that started it all: Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope at Phoenix Park in Delavan! This exciting movie program is a collaboration between Matheson Memorial Library, Aram Public Library, and City of Delavan Parks & Recreation. Come relive this classic movie at Phoenix Park in Delavan!

## WHIP & LASSO SHOW WITH ADAM "CRACK" WINRICH

### Saturday, June 10th at 10 AM

Having set THIRTY-ONE Guinness World Records, Adam "Crack" Winrich's whip skills are unrivaled anywhere! He was featured on America's Got Talent, and performs his fire whip and lasso show all across the United States.

This program will be at Sunset Pool in Elkhorn starting at 10 AM.



## COOKING WITH THE COMMUNITY: BUDGET COOKING

### Thursday, June 15th at 6 PM

Wondering how to save money on your groceries? This informative lecture will teach you about the benefits of cooking on a budget, the difference between seasonal, frozen, and homegrown produce, and how to shop at a farmer's market. There will also be plenty of time for questions and answers!

# ADULT PROGRAMS



## EXHIBITOR EXPLORATION

**Monday, June 19th at 6:30 PM**

Have an exhibition for the Walworth County Fair but aren't sure how to register? Join two veteran exhibitors for an informative class on how to exhibit! Topics covered will include what can be exhibited, how to enter, deadlines, reasons to exhibit, and plenty of time for questions and answers.

## POLLINATORS AND YOUR GARDEN

**Thursday, June 22nd at 6:30 PM**

Join us for a presentation on creating a garden both you and pollinators can enjoy. Learn more about pollinators, which plants are best for pollinators and how you can improve pollinator habitat in your own yard or garden! Presented by Walworth County Master Gardeners.



## ELKHORN HISTORY WALK

**Thursday, July 6th at 6:00 PM**

Join staff member Jeff Rosendahl for our annual history walk around Elkhorn! This year, we will be exploring the history of churches around Elkhorn. Come join us for a fun and informative walk around town!



## WILLIAM PACK PRESENTS: THE ESSENTIAL HOUDINI

**Thursday, July 13th at 6:30 PM**

The true stories of Houdini - the American self-liberator, Europe's eclipsing sensation, world's handcuff king, exposé of fraud, original prison breaker, and master magician. He is an inspiration to generations of children who dare to dream of the impossible. William goes beyond the myth and brings to life the true story of this American icon.



## KEN BURNS DOCUMENTARY: THE DUST BOWL

**Friday, July 14th at 1 PM**

The documentary series "The Dust Bowl" chronicles the environmental catastrophe that, throughout the 1930s, destroyed the farmlands of the Great Plains, turned prairies into deserts, and unleashed a pattern of massive, deadly dust storms that for many seemed to herald the end of the world. It was the worst man-made ecological disaster in American history.



## COOKING WITH THE COMMUNITY: CHEESEMAKING WITH MARK LYONS

**Saturday, July 15th at 10 AM**

Like good cheese? Ever thought about making it yourself? Well, you can, and Mark Lyons, an experienced home cheesemaker, will show you how! In this program, you'll learn about the ingredients, equipment and techniques for making your own cheese. Mark will demonstrate how to make a simple soft cheese and you will also get a chance to sample some of the homemade cheeses that Mark has made.



## LIVE MUSIC: "BLOWIN' IN THE WIND" WITH DAVID HB DRAKE

**Thursday, July 20th at 6 PM**

Come see professional musician David HB Drake perform folk songs from the '50s and '60s! "Blowin' in the Wind" is a celebration of classic folk music memories in a concert of music that affirms the positive messages that shaped our lives. The power and honesty of these songs span the generations.



# ADULT PROGRAMS



## BOOK & WINE PAIRING AT STALLER ESTATE WINERY

**Tuesday, July 25th at 3 PM**

Celebrate with us our various book groups' favorite titles with wine and food pairings. We will enjoy an afternoon at Staller Estate Winery in Delavan. Registration required and everyone is welcome to attend.

## BLACK POINTE ESTATE: HOW TO DRINK A BEER

**Thursday, August 3rd at 6:30 PM**

Get a fresh understanding of where to find the beer flavors you like. Learn to become a "beer connoisseur" and discover the evolution of today's craft brews. Add to your understanding to appreciate beer and its flavor language: pilsner, porter, IPA, IBU, ABV, export, hops, malt, ale, lager, yeast, fermentation, bock, doppelbock, bitterness, esters, fruitiness and more! Unfortunately, there will not be free samples!



## AUTHOR VISIT: INGRID HANSON-POPP

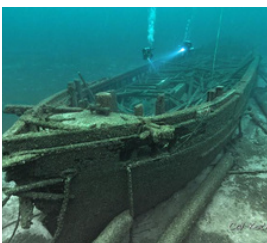
**Saturday, August 5th at 10 AM**

Ingrid Hanson-Popp has been a caregiver and understands the frazzle. In 2022, she banded with 24 other caregivers to create the book, *Becoming an Orphan: Lovingly Letting Our Parents Go*. Written by caregivers for caregivers, they offer stories, help, and hope in bite-sized nuggets to tired caregivers searching for answers. These stories are rays of hope for busy caregivers.

## PAINT-INS AT THE LIBRARY

**Thursday, August 17th from 6 - 8 PM and Friday, August 18th from 10 AM - 12 PM**

Enjoy a relaxing painting session at the library! Local artist Sandy Ginner will help you paint a beautiful design in this fun and free class. Registration is required and will be available one month prior to this event. Please contact the library at 262-723-2678 for more information.



## FROZEN IN TIME - FINDING AND IDENTIFYING THE W.C. KIMBALL

**Thursday, August 24th at 6 PM**

Learn about the thrilling tale of a schooner lost on its maiden voyage in a spring storm on Lake Michigan, how the wreck was found, explored and eventually identified by a team of historians and divers. Listen to one of those divers, underwater photographer Cal Kothrade, tell the tale!

## TAI CHI

**Saturday, August 26th at 9 AM**

Tai Chi is a gentle form of exercise that can help maintain strength, flexibility, and balance, and could be the perfect activity for the rest of your life. Tai chi is often described as "meditation in motion". Join Johnny Packard, President of the United States Tai Chi Community, for this fulfilling class.



# TEEN PROGRAMS

## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

**Tuesdays at 6:30 PM:** June 20 & July 18

Get your dice and come join in the classic game of Dungeons and Dragons!

Please register on our website or by calling (262) 723-2678.



## PROJECT EXPLORE

**Wednesdays from 3:30 - 5:30 PM:** June 14 & 28, July 12, & 26

**Wednesdays from 4:30 - 6:30 PM:** June 21 & July 19

Families, kids, and teens are invited to drop by our pop-up Makerspace in the Storyroom.

## KIDS MAKE IT! SEWING

**Thursday, July 20, 4 - 6 PM**

Kids and teens are invited to drop in to learn and practice sewing skills.



## MAKER WORKSHOP: CANDLEMAKING

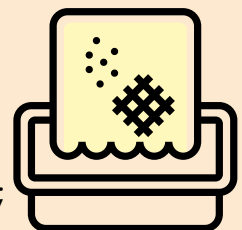
**Thursday, June 22 from 6 - 7:30 PM**

Grab your friends and family and drop in to create a unique candle!

## MAKER WORKSHOP: INK MARBLING AND PAPERMAKING

**Thursday, June 29 from 4 - 6 PM**

Be prepared for some messy art! We will have two hands-on projects available; creating our own paper with pulp and making marbled art with ink.



# TEEN PROGRAMS



## TEENS AFTER HOURS: GAME NIGHT

**Friday, July 7 from 6 - 7:30 PM**

Tweens & teens take over! Find fun and games around every corner with life-sized Pac-Man in the stacks, Mario Kart on the big screen, and more!

## MAKER WORKSHOP: SEW A SKIRT

**Thursday, July 27 from 6 - 7:30 PM**

Kids and teens are invited to sew their own skirt.



## TEENS AFTER HOURS: AMAZING RACE

**Friday, August 4 from 6 - 7:30 PM**

Tweens & teens get ready for the race of your life! It's a battle of wits and speed as you follow a course through the library completing challenges along the way.



# KIDS' PROGRAMS

## PAWS TO READ

**Mondays at 4:15 PM:** June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 10, 17, & 24

Drop by the library and read with a furry friend from Lakeland Animal Shelter.



## FAMILY STORYTIME WITH MISS ESTHER

**Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 AM**

**Tuesdays:** June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 11, 18, & 25

**Thursdays:** June 8, 15, 22, 29, July 13, 20 & 27



## WE EXPLORE NATURE

**Wednesdays at 10 AM:** June 21, 28, July 19, & 26

Explore the natural world through stories and hands-on activities.





# KIDS' PROGRAMS



## PROJECT EXPLORE

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**Wednesdays from 4:30 - 6:30 PM:** June 21 & July 19

Do you like to make things? Families, kids, and teens are invited to drop by our pop-up Makerspace in the Storyroom.

## SUMMER BOOK CLUB

**Thursdays at 6 PM:** June 15 & July 13

Kids from kindergarten to middle school are invited to join our summer book club.



## FAN CLUB

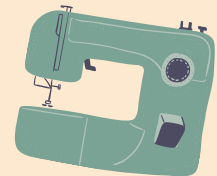
**Tuesdays from 4 - 5 PM:** June 27, July 11, & 25

Meet friends, make crafts, and celebrate your favorite fandoms!

## KIDS MAKE IT! SEWING

**Thursday, July 20 from 4 - 6 PM**

Kids and teens are invited to drop in to learn and practice sewing skills.



## DRIVE INTO SUMMER

**Thursday, June 1 from 5:30 - 6:30 PM**

Drive into summer with Miss Esther at the library.

## MAKER WORKSHOP: CANDLEMAKING

**Thursday, June 22 from 6 - 7:30 PM**

Grab your friends and family and drop in to create a unique candle!



# KIDS' PROGRAMS



## ZACK PERCELL OF TNZ MAGIC

**Friday, June 23 at 10 AM**

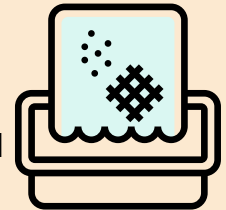
**in the Elkhorn Area Middle School cafeteria**

Get ready to be entertained by a fabulous magic show with Zack Percell!

## MAKER WORKSHOP: INK MARBLING AND PAPERMAKING

**Thursday, June 29 from 4 - 6 PM**

All ages, from toddlers to teens, are invited to drop in and explore the traditional art of suminagashi, or ink marbling and create their own unique paper.



## LITTLE MISS ANN

**Friday, June 30 at 10 AM**

**in the Community Room at the library**

Families with young children are invited to sing along with Little Miss Ann.



## FIGUREHEADS

**Friday, June 30 at 10 AM**

**in the Elkhorn Area Middle School cafeteria**

Get ready to move with Jeremy Bryan of The Figureheads!



## WELTY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER: EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE

**Wednesday, July 12 at 10 AM**

Families with young children are invited to explore the world with Welty Environmental Center.



# KIDS' PROGRAMS

## RACINE ZOO: ANIMALS OF THE WORLD

**Friday, July 14 at 10 AM**

Get up close and personal with live animals from all over the world!



## SNAKE DISCOVERY

**Friday, July 21 at 10 AM**

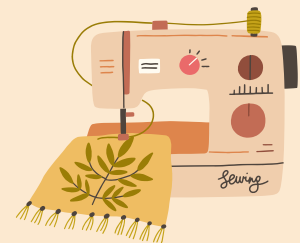
**in the Elkhorn Area Middle School cafeteria**

Slither into the world of reptiles to learn what species call Wisconsin home!

## MAKER WORKSHOP: SEW A SKIRT

**Thursday, July 27 from 6 - 7:30 PM**

Kids and teens are invited to sew their own skirt.



## FAMILY CAMP OUT AT THE LIBRARY

**Friday, July 28 from 6 - 7 PM**

Finish summer reading with an exciting after-hours camp out in the library!

## OUTDOOR SPLASH PARTY

**Saturday, July 29 from 10 AM - 12 PM**

Finish our first phase of summer reading with a splash!



# Notes from the Friends of the Library



**The March Book and Bake Sale took in \$1,890.10. Thank you to all who helped with event: the students from the Alternative High School, Friends members, and library staff. It was a job well done! You can purchase books, DVDs, CDs, and a special vinyl record collection all year in the Friends Bookstore. Feel free to stop by whenever you are at the library!**



**One upcoming event is the Brat Hut on Saturdays June 10th and July 15th to raise money for the Friends. Hansen's IGA will honor Frank's Piggly Wiggly's commitment for use of the Brat Hut. Immigrants from Germany brought their sausage making techniques when they settled in Wisconsin. If you would like to work in the air-conditioned Brat Hut, please contact the Friends. Otherwise, please come and enjoy a brat or two on June 10th and July 15th to support the Friends.**

**Please join the Friends of the Library at the next General Meeting on Wednesday, June 28th at 6:30 PM in the Community Center to help plan upcoming events for later in the summer and fall that include a game night and a jigsaw puzzle tournament. We hope to see you there. Babysitting is available upon request if one week's advance notice is given.**