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NEWSLETTER

Library Closed:

Friday, April 7th

Friday, April 28th

Monday, May 29th

Notes from the Director

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Hello and welcome to our latest newsletter! Unlike previous newsletters, this one covers the months of March, April, AND May! We're doing this as a way to make sure all our pre-summer programs are fully covered, as well as getting ready for our next big newsletter which will cover the ENTIRE summer! We hope this helps you keep track of all the big events we have coming your way.

We know the recent weather has been challenging, but as we get closer to spring, we're looking forward to clearer skies, warmer temperatures, and no emergency closures! We hope you've kept warm, stayed safe, and used the time to catch up on your reading. There's so much to read out there now, and it's hard to take a chance on a new title or author...but we have a solution. Our Tailored Titles service has an excellent track record of matching readers with books they've enjoyed, and we'd love to do the same for you. Just head over to our website, or grab a paper form at the library, and our book experts will find you 3 new titles we think you'll love, based on your reading history and preferences. It's completely free and only takes 3 days, so please try it out!

Longtime readers of the library newsletter know that our library plans many events, collects a very diverse set of resources, and partners with many local agencies and nonprofit groups to offer a variety of services. There are so many things we can be doing, but of course resources are limited. This is why we embark on a strategic plan every few years. Our strategic plan committee, made up of a diverse cross-section of our community, is hard at work on a survey that we hope to share with you in the near future.

Please help us out by filling this out when available. Your responses will help set the course for our library services for many years to come, and we want to hear from you. Stay tuned for more details.

Read ahead for information on all our kids', teen, and adult programs that are happening March-May. Highlights include crafting events (including painting), special speakers, and of course our popular recurring storytimes, fan clubs, movie showings, and everything else.

On the Friends side of things, we're very excited for our upcoming bus trip to Naperville Illinois to meet bestselling author Kristin Hannah. Space is extremely limited, so if you'd like to travel with us, please drop by the library to save your spot! If you like this event, please consider joining the Friends; it's a wonderful group that helps the library immensely, and you can have a part in planning future fun events.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about Your Library, and please enjoy the newsletter!

March Book Sale

Friends Preview Sale:

Thursday, March 23rd from 4 PM - 8 PM.

(Only \$10 to join the Friends!)

Public Sale:

Friday, March 24th from 9 AM - 6 PM

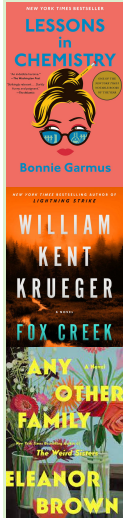
Saturday, March 25th from 10 AM - 1 PM



BOOK CLUBS

PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

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



Wednesday, March 1st: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with—of all things—her mind.

Wednesday, April 5th: *Fox Creek* by William Kent Krueger

The latest in the New York Times bestselling Cork O'Connor Mystery Series follows Cork in a race against time to save his wife, a mysterious stranger, and an Ojibwe healer from bloodthirsty mercenaries.

Wednesday, May 3rd: *Any Other Family* by Eleanor Brown

The New York Times bestselling author of *The Weird Sisters* returns with a striking and intimate new novel about three very different women facing an impossible question: What makes a family?

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

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



Tuesday, March 21st: *The Confusion of Languages* by Siobhan Fallon

A searing debut novel, about jealousy, the unpredictable path of friendship, and the secrets kept in marriage, all set within the U.S. expat community of the Middle East during the rise of the Arab Spring.

Tuesday, April 18th: *Finding Dorothy* by Elizabeth Letts

Finding Dorothy is the result of Letts's journey into the amazing lives of Frank and Maud Baum. Written as fiction but based closely on the truth, it tells a story of love, loss, inspiration, and perseverance,

Tuesday, May 16th: *True Biz* by Sara Novic

A novel that follows a year of seismic romantic, political, and familial shifts for a teacher and her students at a boarding school for the deaf.

THE SHORT STORY BOOK CLUB

Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at Mama T's Italian Eatery

Tuesday, March 28th: *All Summer in a Day* by Ray Bradbury

All Summer in a Day tells the story of a class of schoolchildren living on Venus, where it rains year-round and the sun only appears once every seven years.

Tuesday, April 25th: *The Three Strangers* by Thomas Hardy

The lives of three characters converge in a remote manor house. One of them is a criminal, but which?

Tuesday, May 23rd: *I Was a Teenage Space Jockey* by Stephen Graham Jones

While on a quest to beat the high score at his local arcade, a sixth grader has an unusual, life-altering experience.



ADULT PROGRAMS



MATINEES AT MATHESON

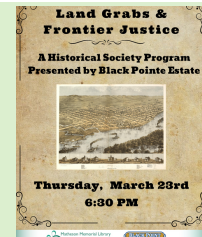
Friday, March 3rd, April 21st (new time!), May 5th at 1 PM

We will be continuing our monthly movie series with the animated film *Loving Vincent* on March 3rd, the romantic comedy *The Princess Bride* on April 21st, and the classic science fiction *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan* on May 5th! Free popcorn and soda provided by the Friends of the Library.

LAND GRABS & FRONTIER JUSTICE

Thursday, March 23rd at 6:30 PM

How did early settlers in southeast Wisconsin "own" land before they could buy it? Take a detailed look at the amazing Walworth County struggle in 1836, years before the Land Office in Milwaukee started selling land! This speaking event is hosted by Michael Rehberg from Black Pointe Estate of the Wisconsin Historical Society.



PAINT-INS AT THE LIBRARY

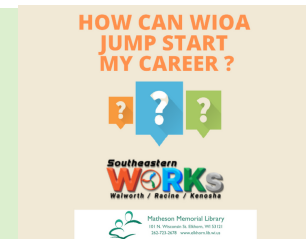
Thursday, March 30th from 6-8 PM and Friday, March 31st from 10 AM-12PM

Enjoy a relaxing painting session at the library! Local artist Sandy Ginner will help you paint a beautiful flower design in this fun and free class. Registration is required - please contact the library at 262-723-2678 for more information.

JOB CENTER ASSISTANCE WITH WIOA

Thursday, May 4th at 6 PM

Looking for help with your career? Look no further than Southeastern Works! They can help you with funding for education and training, provide work experience opportunities, resume and interviewing help, and much, much more!



STARGAZING WITH GLAS

Thursday, April 13th at 6 PM

Tour the night sky with the aid of telescopes to see incredible objects like galaxies, nebulae and star clusters! The Great Orion Nebula, Pleiades star cluster, and Andromeda are some of the best sights in our Winter sky. You can also learn about constellations and how to find your way around the night sky!

DARK SKIES WITH GLAS

Thursday, April 20th at 6 PM

Light pollution is a growing problem even beyond urban areas. Not only are we losing our night sky, but we are affecting our health, the environment and wildlife. Hear from GLAS Education about what these effects are and how you can help!



SOURDOUGH BREAD WITH GOOD OAK FARMSTEAD

Thursday, May 18th at 6:30 PM

Learn about making your own sourdough bread with local farm Good Oak Farmstead! Of course, free samples will be provided!

TEEN PROGRAMS

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Mondays & Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Mondays: Mar. 20, Apr. 17, & May 15 **Wednesdays:** Mar. 8, 22, Apr. 5, 26, May 10, & 17



Anime Club

Bring your friends for an hour of all things anime!



ANIME CLUB

Tuesdays from 4-5 PM: Mar. 7, 21, Apr. 4, 18, & May 2

Bring your friends for an hour of all things anime! For middle & high school students.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

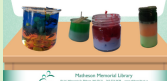
Fridays from 4-5 PM: Mar. 3, 17, Apr. 14, May 12 & 26

Do you love the library? Need volunteer hours?

Join TAB to create fun programs for tweens & teens at the library!



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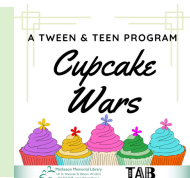
Saturday, March 4 from 10-11:30 am

Grab your friends and family and enjoy a relaxing hour creating candles to delight the senses!

CUPCAKE WARS

Friday, March 24 at 4 pm

Only in this battle will both victory and defeat taste sweet! A tween & teen program.



PROJECT EXPLORE: SPRING BREAK EDITION

Wednesday, March 29 from 10-12 am and 2-5 pm

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

MAKER WORKSHOP: SEWING COSPLAY

Saturday, April 15 from 10 am-12 pm

Do you love costumes? Sign up to get started in the world of sewing cosplay!



MAKER WORKSHOP: STRING ART

Saturday, May 6 from 10 am-12 pm

Tweens, teens, and adults are invited to make unique art with nails and string.

ESCAPE ROOM

Friday, May 19 from 4-5 pm

Sharpen your wits and get ready to meet the challenges of the library's Teen Advisory Board!



KID'S PROGRAMS

PAWS TO READ

Mondays at 4:15 PM, Mar. 6, 13, 20, Apr. 3, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, & 22
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: Mar. 7, 14, 21, & 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, & 23

Thursdays: Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, & 25



POKEMON CLUB

Tuesdays from 4-5 PM: Mar. 14, 28, Apr. 11, 25, May 9, & 23

Catch all the Pokemon fun at the library!



WE EXPLORE NATURE

Wednesdays at 10 am: March 1, 8, 15, 22, April 5, 12, 26, May 10, & 17

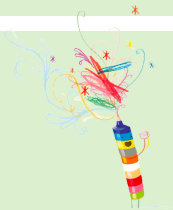
Explore the natural world through stories and hands-on activities.



PROJECT EXPLORE

Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30 PM: Mar. 1 & 15, Apr. 12, & May 3

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



BOOKANEERS BOOK CLUB

Thursdays at 4:30 PM: Mar. 2, Apr. 6, & May 4

Late Bookaneers Thursdays at 6 PM: Mar. 16, Apr. 20, & May 18

Become a Bookaneer and get started on an exciting journey into the world of reading!



FACT FINDERS BOOK CLUB

Thursdays at 5 PM: Mar. 9, Apr. 13, & May 11

Do you love facts? Join our nonfiction book club and become an expert!



I LIKE TO MOVE IT!

Fridays at 10 AM: Mar. 10, & Apr. 14

Get moving with Miss Esther! Children of all ages are welcome. for all ages!



KID'S PROGRAMS

KIDS MAKE IT! LET'S SEW

Fridays from 3:30-5:30 PM: Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, & May 12

Kids and teens are invited to drop in between 3:30 and 5:30
and learn or improve their sewing skills



RESILIENCE BOOK CLUB

Wednesday at 6 PM: Mar. 22, Apr. 26, & May 24

Register online at elkhorn.lib.wi.us to join the monthly Resilience Book Club at the Matheson Memorial Library, led by Senta Holmes, the Community Resiliency Outreach Coordinator for the Elkhorn School District!



MAKER WORKSHOP: CANDLEMAKING

Saturday, March 4 from 10-11:30 am

Grab your friends and family and enjoy a relaxing hour creating candles to delight the senses!

LET OFF STEAM! : DISCOVER NATURE

Monday, March 6 at 10 am

Naturally Curious about Nature!



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STARGAZING AT MATHESON MEMORIAL

Thursday, April 13 from 6-9 PM

Look at and learn about the stars with the Geneva Lake Astronomical Society!



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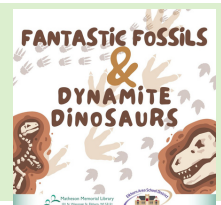
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FANTASTIC FOSSILS AND DYNAMITE DINOSAURS

Wednesday, April 19 from 10 am-12 pm

Get ready to roar with the dinosaurs!



Notes from the Friends of the Library

Over this past year, there has been a lot of concern about peoples' mental health and happiness. Did you know that volunteering boosts mental health because it makes people more satisfied with life leading to better mental health over those who do not volunteer?

Researchers who study volunteering have shown the following four benefits:

- **Volunteers meet other people and make new friends**
- **Volunteers learn new skills**
- **Volunteers can advance careers**
- **Volunteers feel happier, healthier and improve mental health**

Consider increasing your happiness and overall mental health by volunteering for one or more of the following Friends of the Library events in March and April:

- **The next Movie Matinees are March 3rd and April 21st at 1:00 p. m. Volunteers can help make popcorn, set up the popcorn bar, and put away any leftovers after the movie.**
- **The semi-annual Book and Bake Sale will be March 23-25, 2023. The preview sale for Friends members is on March 23 and sale for the general public is March 24-25. Volunteers are needed to bake food to sell and also to work at the tables to serve customers. For the Book Sale, volunteers are needed to help set up the books, work at the tables to serve customers and to take down the tables and box books after the sale on Saturday.**
- **The next General Meeting is April 26th at 6:30 p. m. where the election of officers for 2023-2024 will be held. Consider volunteering to be one of these officers.**

The other major event that will take place in March is the "Have Book will Travel" bus tour to Naperville, Il to hear the author Kristin Hannah speak and sign copies of her book 'The Four Winds'.