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NEWSLETTER

Library Closed:

- Thursday, Nov. 23rd and Friday, Nov. 24th
(Library closes at 5:30pm on
Wednesday, November 22nd)
- Monday, Dec. 25th and Tuesday, Dec. 26th.
- Monday, Jan. 1st and Tuesday, Jan. 2nd (2024)

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2023



NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

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Happy Holidays from Matheson Memorial Library! This has been a very busy year for the library, but the holidays are a time to slow down, look back, celebrate your accomplishments, and count your many blessings. We're so thankful that we're able to serve such a wonderful community, and are very blessed that we can rely on your support. We're thankful for our large and diverse body of volunteers who serve, either on the Library Board, the Friends of MML, the Library Foundation, or by coming in weekly to make sure everything looks great. And I'm very, very thankful to have such a wonderful staff to work with, who care so much about helping everyone pursue lifelong learning.

We've had a great programming year, both for kids and adults. From arts & crafts and cooking, to programs on science and local history, we've been able to offer something for everyone. Of course, the year isn't over yet, and we have a wide variety of holiday programs and events happening soon. Please read all about them in the pages ahead.

As we enter the new year, please keep an eye on our calendar; we have even more planned for 2024! Speaking of New Year, if you want to pursue a new hobby, explore a new interest, or learn about anything, let us be your first stop in 2024! We have something in our collection to satisfy any curiosity, and if you don't see what you want on the shelf, just ask and we'll find it for you.

Just a reminder, this is your library. Our collection and services are for everyone, and represent a spectrum of thought as diverse as our community. Everyone is represented here, and everything in our building is here to help you, wherever you are in life.

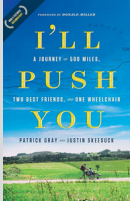
As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about Your Library, and please enjoy the newsletter. From all of us here at MML, we wish you the Happiest of Holidays, and a wonderful New Year!

BOOK CLUBS

PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

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

Wednesday, November 1st: *I'll Push You* by Patrick Gray and Justin Skeesuck



Two best friends, 500 miles, one wheelchair, and the challenge of a lifetime: *I'll Push You* is the real-life story of this incredible journey. A travel adventure full of love, humor, and spiritual truth, it exemplifies what every friendship is meant to be and shows what it means to never find yourself alone.

Wednesday, December 6th: *Comfort and Joy* by Kristin Hannah

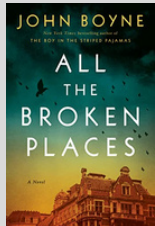


In this modern-day fairy tale, New York Times bestselling author Kristin Hannah gives us a very special gift: the heartwarming story of a woman at a crossroads, caught between two lives, who finds a second chance at happiness.

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

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

Tuesday, November 21st: *All the Broken Places* by John Boyne



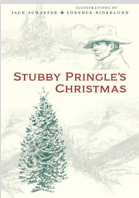
Gretel has lived in London for decades, never speaking of her childhood in Nazi Germany as the daughter of a concentration camp commandant. Her life is upended when a new family moves in next door whose circumstances force her to confront her own past.

No December meeting. Enjoy the holidays!

THE SHORT STORY BOOK CLUB

Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the Friends Meeting Room

Tuesday, November 28th: *Stubby Pringle's Christmas* by Jack Shafer



A young cowboy discovers the true meaning of Christmas when he helps a pioneer family on a cold Christmas Eve on the range.

No December meeting. Enjoy the holidays!

ADULT PROGRAMS



MATINEES AT MATHESON

Friday, November 3rd at 1 PM

We will be continuing our monthly movie series with the 2015 boxing movie *Creed* on Friday, November 3rd! Free popcorn and soda provided by the Friends of the Library!

MEDITATION WITH MELANIE

Every Tuesday at 12 PM in the Friends Room

Meditation is a universal practice that can help with stress reduction and management, focus, increased self-awareness, patience, tolerance, and restoring calm and inner peace among many other benefits.



TABLETOP ROLEPLAYING FOR GROWN-UPS

Saturday, November 18th from 9 AM - 12 PM

Join us on one Wednesday and Saturday per month for Adult Roleplaying Games! No prior experience, dice, or character sheets required – just be ready for fun!

COOKING WITH THE COMMUNITY: PIE BAKING

Monday, November 6th at 10 AM and Thursday, November 9th at 6 PM

Learn to make your own homemade pie crust at Matheson Memorial Library just in time for Thanksgiving! Registration for this event is required, so please contact the library at (262) 723-2678 to register.



PROTECTING OUR YOUTH IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30 PM

Join us for an important discussion on the threat of Human Trafficking. Presented by Dawn Heath-Fiedler, this presentation will discuss social media's role in human trafficking and how to keep your children safe online. This program is brought to you by Join the Movement Events (JTME).

ADULT PROGRAMS

RESEARCHING YOUR OVERSEAS ANCESTORS

Thursday, November 16th at 6:30 PM

Learn how to find your immigrant ancestors' information in U.S. records, in over-seas on-line genealogy databases, and in other resources! This program is presented by Vicki Ruthe Hahn, founder and creator of Stateline Genealogy Club.



MATINEES AT MATHESON

First Friday of every month: November 3rd and December 1st at 1 PM

We will be continuing our monthly movie series with the 2015 boxing movie *Creed* on Friday, November 3rd and the Christmas comedy *Elf* on Friday, December 1st! Free popcorn and soda provided by the Friends of the Library!

TABLETOP ROLEPLAYING FOR GROWN-UPS

Wednesday, December 20th from 6 - 8 PM

Saturday, December 16th from 9 AM - 12 PM

Join us on one Wednesday and Saturday per month for Adult Roleplaying Games! No prior experience, dice, or character sheets required - just be ready for fun!



COOKING WITH THE COMMUNITY: WHOLE GRAIN BREAD

Thursday, December 7th at 5 PM

Join Health and Human Services dietitians Chetney and Daniel as we learn about and make whole grain bread (to be baked at home). Please call the library at 262-723-2678 to register for the program as space is limited.

TEEN PROGRAMS

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

Monday at 6:30 PM: Nov. 27

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

Kids younger than 8 must have an adult with them.



TEEN FANDOM CLUB

Tuesday from 4-5 PM: Nov. 7

Meet friends, hang out, and celebrate your favorite fandoms!

PROJECT EXPLORE

Wednesday from 3:30-5:30 PM: Nov. 8

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



FAMILY CRAFT NIGHT

Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 PM: Nov. 15 & 29

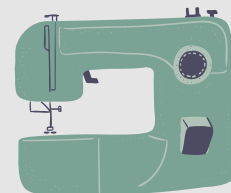
Bring your friends and family and enjoy an evening of crafting!

Please register online or by calling (262) 723-2678.

KIDS MAKE IT! SEWING

Thursday from 3:30-5:30 PM: Nov. 9

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



TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Fridays from 4-5 PM: Nov. 3, 17, Dec. 1, & 15

Need volunteer hours? Want scholarship opportunities?

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

ALL AGES FANDOM CELEBRATION

Tuesday, December 5 from 4-5pm

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



KID'S EVENTS



PAWS TO READ

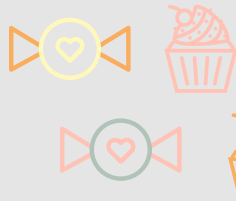
Mondays at 4:15 PM: Nov. 6, 13, & 27

Join some special furry friends and volunteers from the Lakeland Animal Shelter. All ages are welcome to interact and play, listen to stories, and read to the animals. Live animals will be present and confined to the Storyroom.

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT

Monday from 1 - 3 PM: Nov. 27

Homeschool families are invited to a casual drop-in program.



ITTY-BITTY BOPPIN' BAKERS

Monday at 10 AM: Nov. 20

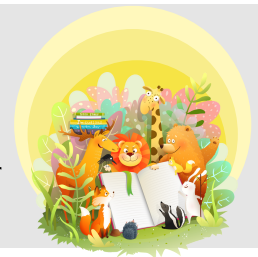
Get boppin' with Miss Esther and bakin' with the chefs from Seeds of Hope!

FAMILY STORYTIME

Tuesdays at 9:30 AM: Nov. 7, 14, 28, Dec. 5

Thursdays at 9:30 AM: Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30, Dec. 7

Children of all ages are invited, from babies to movers and groovers, to join Miss Esther for songs, stories, and more!



POKEMON CLUB

Tuesday from 4-5 PM: Nov. 14

Bring your friends for an hour of crafts, cards, and movies in the Community Room. Kids are welcome to bring their own cards to play or share, but staff cannot supervise trading.

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WINTER WIGGLERS

Wednesdays at 10 am: Nov. 1, 8, 15, & 29

Get out your winter wiggles in a fun, interactive program for all ages!

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FACT FINDERS

Thursday at 5 PM: Nov. 2

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



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HOLIDAY COOKIE PARTY

Wednesday, December 6 from 6-7 pm

Join Miss Esther and the Elkhorn 4K teachers in celebrating the season with a festive cookie party.



TRICK OR TRIVIA 2023



The Friends of Matheson Memorial Library celebrated a decade of Trick-or-Trivia success on October 28, raising over \$8,500 to fund the 2024 Adult & Children's programming. Over 100 people attended the event held at the Elkhorn library that was again hosted by Bob Kordus of America's Pub Quiz. Guests worked in teams of eight players to answer general knowledge trivia.

The top prize of the night went to four-time champion team, The Smartinis, sponsored by Leece & Phillips, SC, who clinched the win by correctly putting Harrison Ford films in order of their release. Another highlight came when the group remembered long-time Friends member Barb Fischer with the presentation of a plaque to hang in the library and the auction of a special halftime question hint that was purchased by John Johnson of Genoa City to raise additional funds in Fischer's name.

Costumes played a big part of the event too. The best team theme went to Halverson Door LLC for their Dungeon & Dragons-themed costumes and 10-foot long dragon. Best couple's costume and donated handmade quilt went to Jamie and Amy Schamper of Byron, IL dressed as the Burger King and "Rhonda" McDonald. Schamper also won the \$630 50/50 raffle prize and donated it back to the event.

The Trick-or-Trivia committee was thrilled with the events' success at the library, but acknowledged a larger home will need to be found for all of their regular players to attend again in 2024. "We're just so grateful for these folks who come back year after year to help our library and we want to make it better for them each time," co-chair Katie James said. "The event was a blast and we're already talking through ideas for next year!"