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NEWSLETTER

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Friday, March 29th

Friday, April 26th

Monday, May 27th

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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

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Coming out of our strange, mixed-up, warm winter, it's easy to take spring for granted. But spring is worth celebrating, and so the spring spirit is strong in the library!

Here at the library, springtime is traditionally time for us to start planning our various summer reading programs, and this year is no exception. We're looking forward to a very special summer here at the library, with events to match. Stay tuned for much more information in the near future, including the announcement of our Big Community Read title, as well as the variety of fun, informative programs we'll be delivering for all ages.

As you get ready to read for summer, it pays to make a reading list that will keep you engaged. However, 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!

Spring is a time for things growing, especially in our library garden and the surrounding grounds. If you have a green thumb, or are interested in learning all about gardening, please consider joining our group of garden volunteers. Led by Wisconsin Master Gardeners, our team did an amazing job of making the library as beautiful outside as it is inside, and we're very thankful for their efforts. Ask us at the Info Desk if you're interested in helping too.

Read on for all the amazing programs and events we have to look forward this spring. As always, please contact me for any questions or concerns about Your Library. Happy Spring!

BOOK CLUBS

PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

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



Wednesday, March 6th: *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict

A novel about the extraordinary partnership between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune.



Wednesday, April 3rd: *A Woman is No Man* by Etaf Rum

Silence becomes a suffocating veil as Isra and her daughter Deya navigate oppressive traditions and familial expectations, grappling with the weight of secrets and the quest for autonomy in a world dictated by marriage and societal norms.

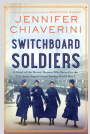


Wednesday, May 1st: *Still True* by Maggie Ginsberg

In a small Wisconsin town, Lib Hanson's buried secret resurfaces when her abandoned son appears at her doorstep, testing her marriage's stability and revealing hidden truths.

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

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



Tuesday, March 19th: *Switchboard Soldiers* by Jennifer Chiaverini

A bold, revelatory novel about one of the great untold stories of World War I—the women of the U.S. Army Signal Corps, who broke down gender barriers in the military.



Tuesday, April 16th: *Go as a River* by Shelley Read

Set amid Colorado's wild beauty, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story of a resilient young woman whose life is changed forever by one chance encounter.

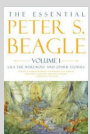


Tuesday, May 16th: *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano

Hello Beautiful is a profoundly moving portrait of what is possible when we choose to love someone not in spite of who they are, but because of it.

THE SHORT STORY BOOK CLUB

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



Tuesday, March 26th: *Mr. McCaslin* by Peter S. Beagle

Neighborhood kids help an elderly neighbor avoid a family curse.



Tuesday, April 22nd: *Chivalry* by Neil Gaiman

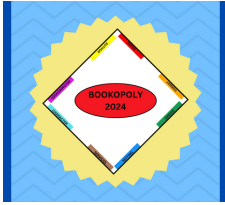
A lonely elderly woman finds herself in possession of the Holy Grail, and receives an offer of purchase from a legendary figure.



Tuesday, May 28th: *Atrophy* by Edith Wharton

A desperate woman risks all when she hears of her lover's fatal illness.

ADULT PROGRAMS



BOOKOPOLY

Monday, January 15th - Saturday, March 30th

Bookopoly is back! Pick up your winter reading program game board at the front desk on or after Monday, January 15th and read for a chance to win a gift certificate to a local business!

Prize winners will be notified the first week of April.

MEDITATION WITH MELANIE

Every Tuesday at 12 PM in the Friends Room

Meditation can help with stress reduction, self-awareness, patience, 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.



MATINEES AT MATHESON

First Friday of every month at 1 PM

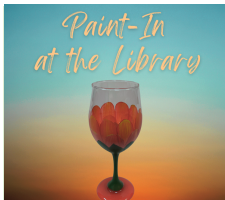
We will be continuing our monthly movie club with *Fantastic Mr. Fox* on Friday, March 1st, *Ghostbusters* on Friday, April 5th, and *Jurassic Park* on Friday, May 3rd! Free popcorn and soda provided by the Friends of the Library!

TABLETOP ROLEPLAYING FOR GROWN-UPS

Saturday, April 20th and May 18th from 9 AM - 12 PM

Tuesday, April 16th and May 21st from 6 - 8 PM

Join us on one Tuesday and Saturday per month for Adult Roleplaying Games!



PAINT-IN AT THE LIBRARY

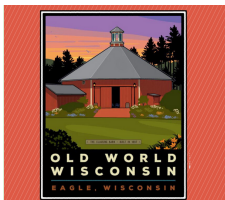
Thursday, March 7th at 6 PM and Friday, March 8th at 10 AM

Enjoy a relaxing painting session at the library! Space is limited, and registration opens Monday, February 26th. Contact the library at 262-723-2678 for more information.

ECLIPSE PROGRAM WITH GLAS

Tuesday, March 12th at 6 PM

Join GLAS Education at Matheson Memorial Library for an exploration of celestial wonders just in time for the total solar eclipse party on Monday, April 8th!



MAKING THE JOURNEY WITH OLD WORLD WISCONSIN

Thursday, March 14th at 6 PM

Old World Wisconsin is going on the road to bring our hands-on history experience to you! Travel back in time and listen to the fascinating stories of real-life Wisconsin immigrants.

DEMENTIA CARE WITH ADRC

Tuesday, March 26th at 6 PM

Jake Sawyer, an ADRC dementia specialist, will overlay a basic introduction as to what dementia is and its various forms, including Alzheimer's Disease.



ADULT PROGRAMS



ECLIPSE CELEBRATION AT SUNSET PARK

Monday, April 8th from 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Grab a front row seat at Sunset Park in Elkhorn for the eclipse, create a solar-themed craft or two, and enjoy food from local food trucks! Eclipse glasses provided at the event!

NO MOW MAY

Thursday, April 11th at 6 PM

The UW-Madison Extension will discuss the recent "No Mow May" movement, what it means for your yard and more impactful alternatives.



MONEY MATTERS: MAKING EVERY DOLLAR COUNT

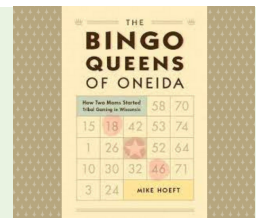
Thursday, April 18th at 6 PM

This presentation is perfect for anyone looking to improve their financial well-being! Attendees will learn practical budgeting techniques and tips for setting and achieving financial goals.

AUTHOR VISIT: MIKE HOEFT

Thursday, April 25th at 6 PM

Join Mike Hoeft, author of *The Bingo Queens of Oneida*, as he tells the story of Sandra Ninham and Alma Webster, the Oneida women who had the idea for the first tribe-run bingo operation.



TREE TROUBLES

Thursday, May 9th at 6 PM

Join the UW-Madison Extension us to learn about the stressors facing oak trees, how to promote healthy trees and options for managing spongy moths in your yard.



CASINO PROGRAM

Saturday, May 18th at 10 AM

Join us for a deep dive into the fascinating world of casinos! In this informative session, we will introduce casino gaming and an overview of the most common games to understand how they operate and are regulated.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN: A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM

Thursday, May 23rd at 6 PM

Abraham Lincoln, portrayed by renowned re-enactor Kevin Wood, relates the history of the USA during his time, from his childhood on the frontier to the turbulent years from 1854 to 1865.



TEEN PROGRAMS

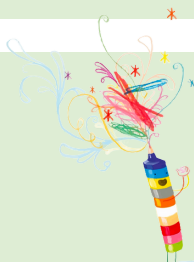


TEEN MAKE IT!

Monthly on Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 PM: Mar. 19, Apr. 23, & May 7
Do you like to make things? Want to create with your friends? This program is for you!

YOUNG FIBER ARTISTS

Monthly on Friday from 3:30-4:30 PM: Mar. 8, Apr. 5, & May 3
Tween and teen knitters, crocheters, and other fiber artists are invited to drop in for a social hour of fiber fun!



PROJECT EXPLORE

Wednesday from 3:30-5:30 PM: Mar. 6, 13, & Apr. 24
Do you like to make things? Families, kids, and teens are invited to drop by our pop-up Makerspace in the Storyroom.

SEWING WORKSHOP

Thursday from 3:30-5:30 PM: Mar. 14, 28, & Apr. 25
Kids and teens are invited to drop in to learn and practice sewing skills.



DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

Monthly on Wednesday from 6-7:30 PM: Mar. 20, Apr. 10, & May 8
Get your dice and come join in the classic game of Dungeons and Dragons!
Kids younger than 8 must have an adult with them.

VOLUNTEER FUN

Monthly on Friday from 3:30-4:30 PM: Mar. 15 & Apr. 19
Calling all past, present, and future junior and teen volunteers, it's time for fun!



TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Monthly on Friday from 4-5 PM: Mar. 1, Apr. 12, & May 10
Need volunteer hours? Want scholarship opportunities?
Join TAB and make a difference in YOUR library!

KID'S EVENTS



PAWS TO READ

Weekly on Mondays at 4:15 PM: Mar. 4, 11, 18, Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, & May 6
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

Monthly on Monday from 1 - 3 PM: Mar. 25 & Apr. 29
Homeschool families are invited to a casual drop-in program.



FAMILY STORYTIME

Weekly on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM: Mar. 5, 12, 26, Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, & 14
Weekly on Thursdays at 9:30 AM: Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28, Apr. 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, & 16
Children of all ages are invited, from babies to movers and groovers, to join Miss Esther for songs, stories, and more!

POKEMON CLUB

Monthly on Tuesday from 4-5 PM: Mar. 5, Apr. 2, & 30
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.



WINTER WIGGLERS

Weekly on Wednesdays at 10 AM: Mar. 6, 13, & 20
Get out your winter wiggles in a fun, interactive program for all ages!

WE EXPLORE NATURE

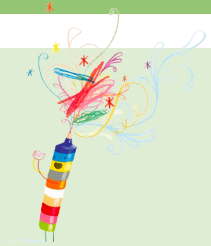
Weekly on Wednesdays at 10 am: Apr. 3, 10, 24, May 1, & 8
Explore the natural world through stories and hands-on activities.



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BOOKANEERS

Monthly on Wednesday at 5 PM: Mar. 27 & May 1
Become a Bookaneer and get started on an exciting journey into the world of reading!

FACT FINDERS

Monthly on Thursday at 5 PM: Mar. 7, Apr. 11, & May 2
Do you love facts? Join our nonfiction book club and become an expert!



SEWING WORKSHOP

Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 PM: Mar. 14, 28, & Apr. 25
Kids and teens are invited to drop in to learn and practice sewing skills.

ITTY-BITTY BOPPIN' BAKERS

Monday, Mar. 4 at 10 AM
Get boppin' with Miss Esther and bakin' with the chefs from Seeds of Hope!



VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR DAY

Monday, Mar. 19 from 10 am - 12 pm
Celebrate reading with the Very Hungry Caterpillar!

MUSIC TO MY EARS

Wednesday, April 17 from 9 am - 12 pm
Craft music. Play music. Hear music. Have music FUN!



DEWEY LOVE BOOKS?

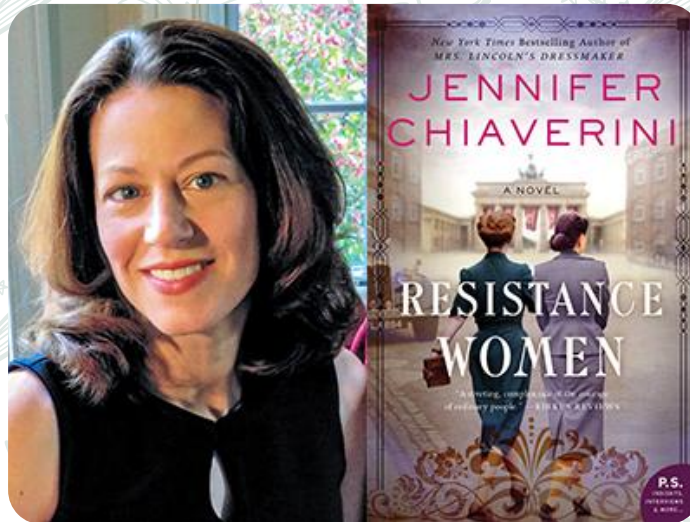
Saturday, May 4 at 10 am
Get ready for a nonfiction festival with hands-on crafts, experiments, and, of course, books!

Notes from the Friends of the Library



There are three big events scheduled for March:

- **Join us on March 7th from 5 - 7 PM. at the Chamber of Commerce for a Meet the Friends Mixer!**
- **Volunteer to bake your favorite treats and to help at the March Book and Bake Sale from March 21 (Friends only 4 to 8 p.m.) through March 23 in the Lobby!**
- **Come hear best-selling author Jennifer Chiaverini speak on Friday, March 22 at 6 PM in the Community Center!**



April will feature two major events:

- **The next Puzzle Contest will be on Saturday, April 20th from 10 AM - Noon.**
- **The next General Meeting is April 24 at 6:30 PM in the Community Center where election of officers for next year will be held.**
- **Support the Friends by running for an office (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Director). Babysitting can be arranged if advanced notice is given.**