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NEWSLETTER

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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

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Summer is finally here! It's time to enjoy long, warm days and cool late evenings, having fun with friends and family...and, of course, reading. 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!

This summer marks our second annual Community Big Read, and we've selected the modern classic *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr as our Big Read, as well as planned our programming around World War II in particular and honoring our local veterans in general. I hope you stop by to see the many displays we have planned to honor our local heroes, and if you have a veteran in your life, please consider bringing in a photo for us to copy and include in our special summer display. We're looking forward to discussing this amazing title with you, and of course, we can't wait for our big summer tradition of celebrating our Book Clubs at Staller Estate Winery...read on for all the details!

Between our Big Read and 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' time, 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 during the summer for the entire family. 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.

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!

BOOK CLUBS

PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

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



Wednesday, June 5th: *Marmee* by Sarah Miller

A stunning portrait of the paragon of virtue known as Marmee, a wife left behind, a mother pushed to the brink, a woman with secrets.



Wednesday, July 3rd: *The Only One Left* by Riley Sager

Now reduced to a schoolyard chant, the Hope family murders shocked the Maine coast one bloody night in 1929. While most people assume seventeen-year-old Lenora was responsible, the police were never able to prove it.



Wednesday, August 7th: *Good Night, Irene* by Luis Alberto Urrea

In 1943, Irene Woodward abandons an abusive fiancé and joins an elite group of women, nicknamed Donut Dollies, who provide camaraderie and a taste of home to troops going to battle.

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

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



Tuesday, June 18th: *Homecoming* by Kate Morton

An epic novel that spans generations, *Homecoming* asks what we would do for those we love, and how we protect the lies we tell.



Tuesday, July 16th: *Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club* by J. Ryan Stradal

The Lakeside Supper Club has been in Mariel Prager's family for decades, but her mother Florence never took to it. When Mariel inherited the restaurant, skipping Florence, it created a rift between mother and daughter that never quite healed.



Tuesday, August 20th: *The House is On Fire* by Rachel Beanland

A masterful work of historical fiction about an incendiary tragedy that shocked a young nation—told from the perspectives of four people whose actions during the inferno changed the course of history.

THE SHORT STORY BOOK CLUB

Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at Station 20 Pub



Tuesday, June 25rd: *For Esme with Love and Squalor* by J.D. Salinger

For Esme with Love and Squalor recounts an American sergeant's meeting with a young girl before being sent into combat in World War II.



Tuesday, July 23rd: *Beware of the Dog* by Roald Dahl

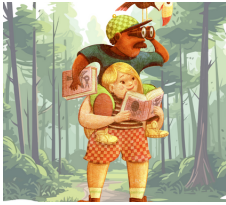
Roald Dahl, one of the world's favorite authors, tells of an injured pilot recovering in hospital who makes a disturbing discovery. This story is drawn from Dahl's own experiences during the Second World War.



Tuesday, August 27th: *Leaf, by Niggle* by J.R.R. Tolkien

Niggle knows he must go on a journey, but he's reluctant to prepare for it. He'd rather focus on finishing his painting: a vast canvas with a huge tree and a background of forest and mountains.

ADULT PROGRAMS



ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Saturday, June 1st - Saturday, August 3rd

Read books of your choice and write the title on your Reading Log. You get a sign-up prize for your first title read, and an entry for a grand prize drawing for each book after that! Each Adult Services program you attend will get you an additional grand prize entry!

MEDITATION WITH MELANIE

Every Wednesday 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

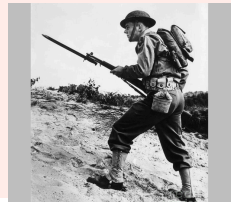
First Friday of every month at 1 PM

We will be continuing our monthly movie club with *Raiders of the Lost Ark* on June 7th, *Honor Flight* on July 5th, and *Parasite* on August 2nd! Popcorn, candy, and soda is provided by the Friends of the Library!

1942: THE YEAR THAT TRIED OUR SOULS

Thursday, June 6th at 6:30 PM

This program, presented by Black Point Estate, vividly recreates the story of America's first year in World War II. This program is also presented on the 80th anniversary of D-Day.



BARDS & BOOKWYRMS II

Sunday, June 9th at 1 PM

We're celebrating Lake Geneva's legacy as the birthplace of Dungeons & Dragons at the Bards & Bookwyrms gaming convention at Horticultural Hall!

KEN BURNS DOCUMENTARY: THE WAR

Every Monday, June 10 to July 29 at 1 PM

Watch the Ken Burns documentary *The War* in its entirety this summer! *The War* is the story of the WWII through the personal accounts of a handful of men and women from four American towns.



PATRIOTIC PAINT-IN AT THE LIBRARY

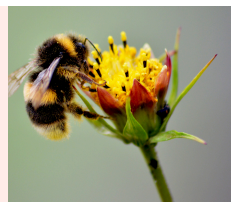
Thursday, June 20th at 6 PM and Friday, June 21st at 10 AM

Enjoy a relaxing painting session at the library! Space is limited, and registration opens Monday, June 10th. Contact the library at 262-723-2678 for more information.

POLLINATOR POWER

Saturday, June 22nd at 10 AM

Learn about how native plants can reduce watering and weeding and the importance of the pollinators for the environment with our local Master Gardeners!



ADULT PROGRAMS



EXHIBITOR EXHIBITION

Thursday, June 27th at 6 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!

"BLOODY BUNA: THE 32ND DIVISION'S BAPTISM OF FIRE IN WORLD WAR II"

Thursday, July 11th at 6 PM

Enjoy an informational program about Wisconsin's legacy in WWII: The Wisconsin Veterans Museum presents a program about the 32nd Division's role in the Pacific Theater!



COUNTY FAIR HISTORY WALK

Thursday, July 18th at 6 PM

Learn about the history of the Walworth County Fair just in time for its 175th anniversary!

Note: We are meeting at the Fairgrounds at 411 Court Street, not at the library.

MML BOOK PAIRINGS WITH STALLER ESTATE WINERY

Friday, July 26th at 5:30 PM

Celebrate with us our various book groups' favorite titles with wine and food pairings at Staller Estate Winery in Delavan (W8896 County Rd A, Delavan, WI 53115). Registration for this event is required, so call (262) 723-2678 to register over the phone. Registration opens Monday, July 8th.

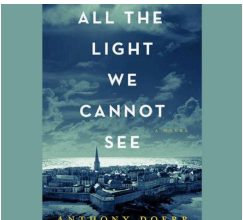


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COMMUNITY READS DISCUSSION: *ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE*

Tuesday, July 30th at 6:30 PM

Join us for a discussion of our Community Reads title: *All the Light We Cannot See*!



BLUEGRASS WITH PIPER ROAD SPRING BAND

Monday, August 19th at 6 PM

Enjoy an unplugged bluegrass performance from Piper Road Spring Band, with a Q&A session with band members to follow!



SEWING SOS

Tuesday, August 20th from 1:30-3:30 PM

Need help with a sewing project, or just starting out? We can help! Bring in your existing projects or just come with ideas and we can help you with your sewing goals.

TEEN PROGRAMS

SUMMER READING KICK-OFF

Saturday, June 1 from 9:30 AM-1 PM

Get ready for a summer of adventure at the Matheson Memorial Library!



TEENS AFTER HOURS

Friday, June 7 from 6-7:45 PM

Tweens & teens take over the library!

Get ready for fun and games while the library is closed!

BARDS & BOOKWYRMS

Sunday, June 9 from 1-5 PM

Join the Quest: Bards & Bookwyrms Gaming Convention Invites You to Adventure!



PROJECT EXPLORE

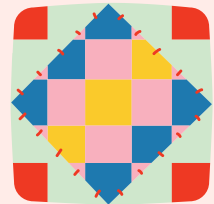
Select Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 PM: June 13, 20, & July 25

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

SEWING WORKSHOP: SCRAPPY QUILTS

Thursday, June 27 from 3-5 PM

Kids and teens are invited to drop in and start their own quilt project.



SEWING WORKSHOP: UPCYCLED CLOTHES

Thursday, July 11 from 3-5 PM

Kids and teens are invited to drop in upcycle their clothes.

MAKER WORKSHOP: CANDLEMAKING

Thursday, July 18 from 5-7 PM

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



KID'S EVENTS



PAWS TO READ

Weekly on Mondays at 4:15 PM: June 10, 17, 24, July 8, 15, & 22

Join some special furry friends and volunteers from the Lakeland Animal Shelter. Live animals will be present and confined to the Storyroom.

FAMILY STORYTIME

Weekly on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM: June 11, 18, 25, July 9, 16, & 23

Weekly on Thursdays at 9:30 AM: June 13, 20, 27, July 11, 18, & 25

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



POKEMON CLUB

Monthly on Tuesday from 4-5 PM: June 11 & July 9

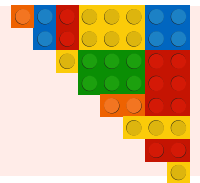
Bring your friends for an hour of crafts, cards, and movies in the Community Room. Kids are welcome to bring their own cards to play or share, but staff cannot supervise trading.

LEGO DAY

All day Wednesdays: June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24

All day Saturday: August 3, 10, 17, 24

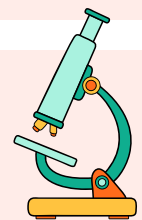
Kids and families are invited to drop into the Storyroom and build with Legos.



PROJECT EXPLORE

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STEAM CHALLENGE

Tuesday from 4-5 PM: June 18 & July 16

Drop by the library for some fun STEAM experiments. All ages welcome; caregivers are encouraged to attend with and supervise young children.



SEWING WORKSHOP

Scrappy Quilts: Thursday, June 27 from 3-5 PM

Upcycled clothes: Thursday, July 11 from 3-5 PM

Kids and teens are invited to drop in to quilt & upcycle their clothes.

ART WORKSHOP

Tuesday from 4-5 PM: June 25 & July 23

Drop by the library for some art fun. All ages welcome; caregivers are encouraged to attend with and supervise young children.



FIREFIGHTER STORYTIME

Wednesday at 10 AM: June 26, July 24, August 21

Join the Elkhorn Fire Department for a fun and educational storytime.

KID'S ONE-TIME EVENTS



SUMMER READING KICK-OFF

Saturday, June 1 from 9:30 AM-1 PM

Get ready for a summer of adventure at the Matheson Memorial Library!
Meet live animals with Gee Funny Farm from 9:30-11 am.

DRIVE-IN TO SUMMER

Wednesday, June 5 at 6 PM

Drive into summer with Miss Esther at the library.



ZACK PERCELL OF TNZ MAGIC

Friday, June 21 at 10 AM in the EAMS cafeteria

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

SNAKE DISCOVERY

Friday, June 28 at 10 AM in the EAMS cafeteria

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



MAD SCIENCE

Friday, July 12 at 10 AM in the EAMS cafeteria

Satisfy your curiosity with live science experiments, including vortexes, hot air balloons, and more!

LITTLE MISS ANN

Friday, July 12 at 10 AM

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



MAKER WORKSHOP: CANDLEMAKING

Thursday, July 18 from 5-7 PM

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

FOX & BRANCH

Friday, July 19 at 10 AM in the EAMS cafeteria

Get ready for an immersive folk music experience.



FAMILY CAMP-IN AT THE LIBRARY

Friday, July 26 from 6-7:30 PM

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

Notes from the Friends of the Library



Summer is no longer coming; it's here! It's the busiest time of year, and at the library, it's no exception. We focus quite a lot on trying to have something fun and educational almost every day of the week so that families have a place to go to learn, cool off, and most importantly, have fun.

The Friends of the Library have several events planned in addition to our summer reading programs. I'll let you in on a secret: They have plans for another exciting author visit! More info to come soon!

Hansen's IGA in Elkhorn will continue Frank's tradition with their brat hut, and we have secured two dates this summer: Sunday, June 23rd, and Saturday, July 24th. We will have brats, hot dogs, and burgers contributed by Hansen's, and it will be staffed by library volunteers. All proceeds will go to the Friends of the Library to sponsor library events, upgrades, and upkeep.

Our bi-yearly book and bake sale will be coming September 20th and 21st, and if you want early access, members of the Friends of the Library have their own special preview sale on the 19th. Ask at the front desk how to sign up to join the Friends of the Library and have that early access (and many other benefits!) Joining the Friends also allows you to attend the meetings and share your ideas for programs and library events. The next meetings will be June 26th and August 28th at 6:30 PM. We hope to see you there!