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NEWSLETTER

Library Closed:

Closing at 5:30 PM Wed. November 27th

Thurs. & Fri. November 28th - 29th

Tues. & Wed. December 24th - 25th

Tues. & Wed. December 31st - January 1st

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2024

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

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How time flies, this year's autumn really went fast! However, we're in our new season now, so let me be one of the first to wish you Happy Holidays! As we enter the season of giving thanks and counting our blessings, I'm so happy to acknowledge what a wonderful staff, Friends group, volunteers, and patrons we have at the Matheson Memorial Library. Thank you all for making us a part of your lives, and for taking the journey with us through the past year.

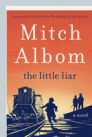
One of the greatest things we have to give thanks about this year is our library's selection as one of the recipients of the 2024 Flexible Facilities grant. This gift of \$2.1 million will allow us to replace much-needed infrastructure, as well as pursue new construction that will change the library for the better in many ways. Please keep an eye on our future newsletters and our website to be the first to hear about the changes we're enacting. We're also very thankful for another Trick or Trivia fundraiser, which our Friends of MML work tirelessly on to make it better each year. I'm happy to report that this year we were able to raise over \$6000, which we will use for 2025 adult and youth programs. Thank you, Friends! Of course, if you'd like to help, this December will see the return of our annual Giving Tree, where each ornament is a gift that our library staff could use to enhance our services. If you'd like to show your appreciation, and you feel that we're on the nice list, this is a great way to show us some holiday love!

Even though we're busy planning for a great 2025, we still have plenty coming up for the rest of this year. Within the pages of this newsletter, you can see all the events and programs we have planned to make your holiday seasons merry and bright, so read on! Again, have a wonderful holiday season, and we'll see you at the library.

BOOK CLUBS

PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

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



Wednesday, November 6th: *The Little Liar* by Mitch Albom

The Little Liar is a powerful novel of hope and forgiveness that moves from a coastal Greek city during WWII to America in the golden age of Hollywood.



Wednesday, December 4th: *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan

Small Things Like These is an award-winning novel; a tale of one man's courage and a remarkable portrait of love and family.

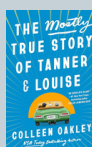
AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

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



Tuesday, November 19th: *The Spectacular* by Fiona Davis

When an anonymous bomber targets Radio City Music Hall, Marion's glittering new life reveals a dangerous dark side and she is flung into the search for a killer.



Tuesday, December 17th: *The Mostly True Story of Tanner & Louise* by Colleen Oakley

An unforgettable pairing of a college dropout and an eighty-four-year-old woman on the run from the law in this story full of tremendous heart, humor, and wit.

THE SHORT STORY BOOK CLUB

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday (special dates for November and December) at 7 PM at Station 20 Pub



Tuesday, November 19th: *Aunt Susanna's Thanksgiving Dinner* by L.M. Montgomery

In this story, Agnes and her three artistic sisters must fill in for strict, judgmental Aunt Susanna and cook a Thanksgiving Day Dinner for several guests.



Tuesday, December 17th: *A Christmas Tree* by Charles Dickens

A Christmas Tree is an elderly narrator's reminiscence of holidays past, each incident inspired by the gifts and toys that decorate the traditional tree.

ADULT PROGRAMS



MATINEES AT MATHESON: REMEMBER THE TITANS

Friday, November 1st at 1 PM

We will be continuing our monthly movie club with *Remember the Titans*! Free popcorn, candy, and soda provided by the Friends of the Library.

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.



TABLETOP ROLEPLAYING FOR GROWN-UPS

**Saturday, November 9th and Saturday, December 14th
from 9 AM - 12 PM**

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

SEWING SOS

Tuesday, November 19th and December 10th from 1 - 3 PM

Thursday, November 7th and December 19th from 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Have some sewing questions? Sewing SOS can help you with that! Sewing machines will be available, but please bring your own if you have one.



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CRANBERRIES WITH AAUW

Thursday, November 14th at 6:30 PM

Dr. Leslie Holland, Assistant Professor & Extension Specialist in the department of Plant Pathology at UW-Madison will share the origins of cranberries in this informative lecture!

PIE BAKING

**Thursday, November 21st from 6-8 PM
and Friday, November 22nd from 10 AM - 12 PM**

Learn to make your own homemade pie crust at Matheson Memorial Library just in time for Thanksgiving! Space is limited, and registration opens on Monday, November 4th. Contact the library at (262) 723-2678 for more information.



MATINEES AT MATHESON: HOME ALONE

Friday, December 6th at 1 PM

Our last movie of the year is the holiday classic *Home Alone*! Free popcorn, candy, and soda provided by the Friends of the Library.

WINTER PAINTING CLASS

**Monday, December 16th at 6 PM
and Tuesday, December 17th at 10 AM**

Enjoy a relaxing painting session at the library! Space is limited, and registration opens Monday, December 2nd. Contact the library at 262-723-2678 for more information.



TEEN PROGRAMS

PROJECT EXPLORE

Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 PM: Nov. 7, 14, 21, & Dec. 12

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



TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Friday, November 22 at 4 PM

Wednesday, December 18 at 5:30 PM

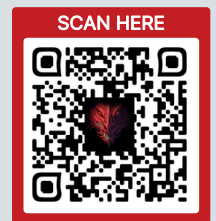
Join TAB and make a difference in YOUR library! TAB members participate in planning and running programs, fundraisers, and more for teens at the library.

YOUTH DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Wednesday, November 6 from 6-7:30 PM

School-age kids and teens are invited to participate in Dungeons and Dragons. To reserve a place in the game, players must register by the deadline on the form.

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KIDS EVENTS

PAWS TO READ

Mondays at 4:15 PM: Nov. 4, 11, 18, & Dec. 2

Families are welcome to interact and play, listen to stories, and read to the furry friends visiting us from the shelter. Live animals will be present and confined to the Storyroom.



POKEMON HANGOUT

Tuesdays from 4-5 PM: Nov. 12 & Dec. 10

Kids are invited to hang out in the Storyroom for an hour of Pokemon fun. Kids are welcome to bring their own cards to play or share, but staff cannot supervise trading.



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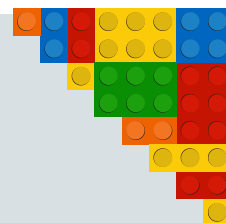
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LEGO DAY

All day Wednesday, November 20

Kids and families are invited to drop into the Storyroom and build with Legos. Meet up with your friends, take pictures of your creations, and hang out at the library!



FAMILY STORYTIME

Weekly on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM: Nov. 5, 12, 19, & Dec. 3

Weekly on Thursdays at 9:30 AM: Nov. 7, 14, 21, & Dec. 5

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

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT

Monday, December 2 from 1-3 PM

Families with homeschooled children of all ages are invited to join us at the library for socializing, activities, crafts, and new books!



ITTY-BITTY BOPPIN' BAKERS

Monday, November 4 at 10 AM



Come wiggle and bop to the music with Miss Esther. Catch your breath with a story, then join our special guest chefs from Seeds of Hope to cook up something special for your tummy!

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FAMILY FUN NIGHT: MAGIC MORGAN & THE BEAUTIFUL LILIANA

Tuesday, November 19 from 6-7 pm

4K students, their families and friends are invited to join Miss Esther for an evening of magic with Magic Morgan & The Beautiful Liliana, featuring a magic show that is ASL friendly.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT: HOLIDAY COOKIES AND CRAFTS

Wednesday, December 4 from 6-7 pm

Join Miss Esther and the Elkhorn 4K staff to decorate cookies and make crafts based on winter holidays around the globe.



CRAFT-O-RAMA

All-day on December 23, 26-28, & 30

Bored over Winter Break? Help us clean out our closets! Stop by the Storyroom to use up our old craft supplies and get ready for the new year by creating something fun!

Happy Holidays from the Friends of Matheson Memorial Library (FMML)

November Special Days: On Veterans Day, please thank those who have or are currently serving in any of the military branches for their service to our country. Remember that Thanksgiving means being thankful for family, friends, and all the good things in our lives and not just the food. *At this time of Thanksgiving, the Board of FMML wish to thank all the Friends for supporting the library.*

December Special Days: Whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas, or Kwanzaa, think of your family and friends and keep them loved, healthy and safe during your celebrations.

December Events:

- Join us on **Thursday, December 5th at 6:30 PM** in the Community Center for a Friends only Floral Arrangement class hosted by the Wishing Well.
- On **Saturday, December 7th**, the Friends will be serving hot chocolate and cookies while you watch the Christmas parade from the library windows facing Court Street. In addition, please come to support the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) who will be selling books as a fundraiser to start collecting money to redo the library Teen Area.
- The December General Meeting will be **Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30 PM** in the Community Center where there will be a Cookie Exchange (bring a dozen, take a dozen). This is a good way to get some different cookies for your holiday celebrations.