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NEWSLETTER

Library Closed:

Friday, July 4th



NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

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Summer is finally here! Let me be the first to welcome you to one of the best times of the year at your Library. Between the summer reading programs, all the great events we have planned, and our annual community Big Read, I guarantee you that something is always happening at the library during the summer!

Our Big Read theme this year is Christmas in July, and to go with that, we've selected Charles Dickens' classic, *A Christmas Carol*, as our title this summer. I know, it is a little unique, but we think you'll get into the holiday spirit even without the snow. You'll notice that many of our programs tie into Dickens, the world he lived in, and this classic tale he wrote. Make sure you grab one of our free copies at the kick-off on June 7th, or at one of our drop-off points at different local downtown businesses. Most importantly, pass them on to friends and family when you're finished reading!

This summer is especially meaningful to us this year, as all of this is happening just before we embark on our grant construction project, which will bring some much-needed improvements to the building, while introducing some significant changes to how our collection is laid out. Throughout the summer, we'll be sharing our plans for the future of the library on our Facebook page, as well as setting up signs showing where things will be located after the project is finished. This is the biggest change to our library since the addition in 2004, and we're very excited to share our vision with our library users. Stay tuned!

Within the pages of this newsletter, you can read all about what's happening at your library this summer. Make sure you don't miss anything! Also, happy reading to you all as we begin our summer reading programs. Best of luck to all of you in winning our awesome prizes, and I hope you have a great summer filled with fun...and reading!

BOOK CLUBS

PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

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



Wednesday, June 4th: *Like Mother, Like Daughter* by Kimberly McCreight

This thrilling and emotionally suspenseful novel about a mother and daughter questions the damaging fictions we cling to and the hard truths we avoid.



Wednesday, July 2nd: *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens

This classic novel is our selection for Community Reads and tells the tale of a miserly old man named Ebenezer Scrooge who is transformed by visits from three spirits who show him the consequences of his past, present, and future.



Wednesday, August 6th: *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore

This gripping and atmospheric thriller follows the mysterious disappearance of a teenage girl from an elite summer camp in 1975, unraveling decades-old secrets within a powerful family and the working-class community around them.

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

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



Tuesday, June 17th: *Everyone Here is Lying* by Sheri Lapena

In a seemingly perfect suburban neighborhood, the disappearance of a young girl unravels a web of lies, secrets, and suspicion—where everyone has something to hide.



Tuesday, July 15th: *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens

This classic novel is our selection for Community Reads and tells the tale of a miserly old man named Ebenezer Scrooge who is transformed by visits from three spirits who show him the consequences of his past, present, and future.



Tuesday, August 19th: *A Happier Life* by Kristy Woodson Harvey

In *A Happier Life*, a woman uncovering the secrets of her grandparents' mysterious disappearance in 1976 finds healing, love, and belonging in a small Southern town and its storied ancestral home.

THE SHORT STORY BOOK CLUB

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



Tuesday, June 24th: *The Hidden Forests of Earth and Mars* by Anna Zmbro

A young woman must decide her future: planting seeds and forging civilization on Mars, or caretaking for future generations on Earth.



Tuesday, July 22nd: *The Signal-Man* by Charles Dickens

A railway signalman tells of the apparition that haunts him. Every time it appears, an awful tragedy is about to happen...



Tuesday, August 26th: *Graham Greene* by Percival Everett

A man is contacted by a 102-year-old woman with an unusual and seemingly impossible request.

ADULT PROGRAMS



ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Saturday, June 7th - Saturday, August 2nd

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 Noon 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.



PERFORMANCE BY THE FORT BEND BOYS CHOIR

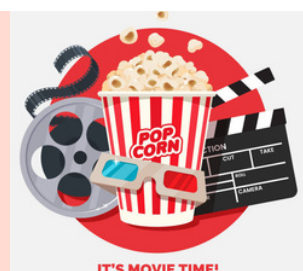
Thursday, June 5th at 6:30 PM

Come watch the twice Emmy-nominated and internationally performing Fort Bend Boys Choir in the library lobby!

MATINEES AT MATHESON

Friday, June 6th, July 11th, and August 1st at 1 PM

Enjoy our summer movie selections with *Top Gun* in June, *Glory* in July (note: this will be on the second Friday of the month), and *Hero* in August! Free popcorn, candy, and soda provided by the Friends of the Library!



LAURA F. KEYES AS ABOLITIONIST LUCY PETTENGILL

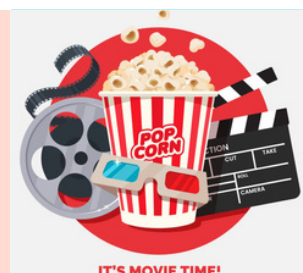
Thursday, June 19th at 6 PM

Learn about abolitionist Lucy Pettengill with a riveting historical portrayal by actress Laura F. Keyes! **PLEASE NOTE:** This event is in collaboration with Aram, Barrett, and Lake Geneva Public Libraries and will be held at 824 E. Geneva St., Suite E, in Delavan.

SUMMER BONUS MOVIES: HARRIET (2019) & A CHRISTMAS CAROL (1999)

Friday, June 20th at 1 PM (Harriet) and July 18th (Christmas Carol) at 1 PM

Watch the historical film *Harriet* and a classic Dickens adaptation as bonus summer movies! Free popcorn, candy, and soda provided by the Friends of the Library!



ADULT PROGRAMS



GET CRAFTY WITH TROPICAL SNOW GLOBES

Thursday, June 26th at 6 PM

As part of our Community Reads "Christmas in July" theme this year, we invite you to join us in making some tropical snow globes! Due to limited supplies, registration is required, and will open Monday, June 9th.

HISTORY WALK AT HAZEL RIDGE CEMETERY

Wednesday, July 2nd at 6 PM

Join us at Hazel Ridge Cemetery in Elkhorn (701 W. Hazel Ridge Road) for our annual history walk with the President of the Cemetery, Dr. John Gunyon!



THE ESSENTIAL CHRISTMAS CAROL

Wednesday, July 9th at 6 PM

In this annotated storytelling lecture, William Pack will perform a 60-minute reading of A Christmas Carol using a script based on Dickens' own 1867 abridged version, accompanied by a recreated magic lantern slide show from Dickens' era.

LINE DANCING CLASS

Saturday, July 19th at 10:30 AM

Shuffle, slide and boogie your way into a fun and free beginner's line dancing class with local instructor Terri Dellamaria! Registration is required, and opens Monday, June 30th.



BOOK & WINE PAIRING AT STALLER ESTATE WINERY

Friday, July 25th 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 is required, and opens Monday, July 7th.

THE PALEONTOLOGICAL HISTORY OF WISCONSIN AND THE UPPER MIDWEST

Monday, August 4th at 6 PM

Journey back into Earth's ancient history and discover the life that once lived in the Upper Midwest with geologist and paleontologist Jason Rehorst!



ADULT PROGRAMS



AI & DISINFORMATION

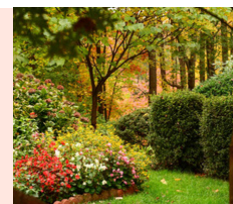
Friday, August 15th at 10 AM

Learn more about how AI (artificial intelligence) can be used to both help and harm in this informative lecture.

FALL GARDENING FOR A WINTER-READY LANDSCAPE

Saturday, August 16th at 10 AM

Join UW-Madison horticulture educator Julie Hill for this overview of gardening practices for pest prevention, plant protection, and garden/lawn preparation.



PAINT-IN AT THE LIBRARY

Thursday, August 21st at 6 PM and Friday, August 22nd at 10 AM

Join us for our next painting class! Due to limited supplies, registration is required and opens on Monday, August 11th.

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT WITH PROF. STEVE SCHOULTZ

Thursday, August 28th at 6 PM

Enjoy an informative lecture about the basics of supply chain management with Professor Steve Schoultz!



FAMILY EVENTS



PAWS TO READ

Mondays at 4:15 PM: June 9, 16, 23, July 14, 21, 28

Drop by the library and read with a furry friend from Lakeland Animal Shelter.

FAMILY STORYTIME

Weekly on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM: June 17, July 15, 22, 29

Weekly on Thursdays at 9:30 AM: June 19, July 10, 17, 24, 31

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



POKEMON HANGOUT

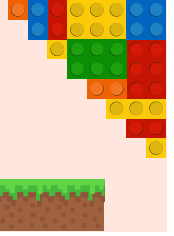
Tuesdays from 4-5 PM: June 10, 24, July 8, 22

Catch all the Pokémon fun at the library!

FAMILY EVENTS

CONSTRUCTION HANGOUT

Wednesdays from 9-5 PM: June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Calling all minecrafters and young engineers – come build in 3-D at the library!



WE EXPLORE

Tuesdays at 9:30 AM: June 3, 10, 24, July 1
Thursdays at 9:30 AM: June 5, 12, 26, July 3
Explore your world in storytime. This storytime is intended for toddlers and preschoolers, but all ages and abilities are welcome.

PROJECT EXPLORE

Thursdays from 3-6 PM: June 12, 26, July 10, 24
Do you like to make things? Families, kids, and teens are invited to drop by our pop-up Makerspace in the Storyroom.



FIREFIGHTER STORYTIME

Wednesdays at 10 AM: June 18, July 23, August 6
Join the Elkhorn Fire Department for a fun and educational storytime.



DRIVE IN TO SUMMER

Wednesday, June 4 from 6-7 PM
Drive into summer with Miss Esther at the library.



MAKER WORKSHOP: CANDLEMAKING

Tuesday, June 17 from 5-7 PM
Grab your friends and family and drop in to create a unique candle!

BOLLYWOOD GROOVE

Friday, June 20 at 10 AM in the EAMS cafeteria
Learn about the Holi Festival through a unique blend of dances and stories. Please note that this program will be held at the Elkhorn Area Middle School cafeteria, accessed via the middle school parking lot and is open to the public.



FAMILY EVENTS



FOX & BRANCH

Friday, June 27 at 10 AM

Families with young children are invited to sing along with Fox & Branch.

NOVEL MOTION CIRCUS

Friday, June 27 at 10 AM in the EAMS cafeteria

Please note that this program will be held at the Elkhorn Area Middle School cafeteria, accessed via the middle school parking lot and is open to the public.



INCREDIBLE BATS

Tuesday, July 8 at 9:30 AM

Explore the amazing world of bats! Live animals present.

SNAKE DISCOVERY

Friday, July 11 at 10 AM in the EAMS cafeteria

Slither into the world of reptiles to learn what species call Wisconsin home! Please note that this program will be held at the Elkhorn Area Middle School cafeteria, accessed via the middle school parking lot and is open to the public.



SCIENCE HEROES

Friday, July 18 at 10 AM in the EAMS cafeteria

Please note that this program will be held at the Elkhorn Area Middle School cafeteria, accessed via the middle school parking lot and is open to the public.

FAMILY CAMP-IN AT THE LIBRARY

Friday, August 1 from 6-7 PM

Bring your blankets, flashlights, and pajamas and get ready to camp out in the library!



Notes from the Friends of the Library

Make this the summer that you volunteer to help with FMML activities where you will make new friends and help support the library!

Events for June

- The next Book Donation Day is scheduled for June 21st from 10 AM to 1 PM. Please volunteer to help decide what books to add to the bookstore.
- The General Meeting is on June 25th starting at 6:30 PM in the Community Center. Join the FMML to discuss upcoming events and volunteer to work at Brat Hut in July and August!

Events for July

- Brat Hut Fundraiser on July 19th from 10 AM to 2 PM at Hansen's IGA. Bring your family and friends for lunch to support the library. Volunteer to help to assemble brats, hot dogs, and hamburgers, be a cashier to take money, or be a barker to entice shoppers to support the library.

Events for August

- Brat Hut Fundraiser on August 17th from 10 AM to 2 PM at Hansen's IGA. Bring your family and friends for lunch to support the library. Come help to assemble brats, hot dogs, and hamburgers or be the cashier to take money or be a barker to entice shoppers to support the library.
- The General Meeting is on August 27th starting at 6:30 PM in the Community Center. Join the FMML to meet new people and to discuss upcoming events for the Fall.

Future Events to be discussed at General Meetings in June and/or August

- Possible Bake Sale
- Future Author Visit
- Fundraisers at Culvers and Pizza Ranch