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Matheson Memorial Library

NEWSLETTER

Library Closed:

Wednesday, November 26th

(early closure at 5:30pm)

Thursday, November 27th

Friday, November 28th

Wednesday, December 24th

Thursday, December 25th

Thursday, January 1st, 2026

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2025

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Chad Robinson, Director
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I hope everyone had a great fall this year. For us here at the library, I can safely say it was a fall unlike any other! Between all the disruptions of our construction project, moving collections and furniture, relocating staff work areas, and prepping for the opening of our Youth Services department on the upper level, it's been pretty intense. However, I'm happy to report that we're still on track to finish in the spring of 2026, and our initial reactions to the new Youth Services area have been overwhelmingly positive.

Despite the ongoing construction, we remain committed to providing the community with as much library service as possible, including programming. Within the pages of this newsletter, you can see what we have coming up and, most importantly, the location of our offsite programs. We hope that our offerings will be a great addition to your holiday season!

I'd like to thank you once again for your support during the project, and for the overwhelming response we've received when we called for volunteers to help us move. In addition, the City has been a great support, particularly in loaning us the expertise and hard work of the Public Works Department. If you would like to help us, please stay tuned for more opportunities. In the meantime, the best way to help is to get involved with our Friends group! These wonderful people have been working with us all through construction, keeping their bookstore in its new home fully stocked. They've also been doing a great deal with our fundraising, with the goal of building a permanent Friends Bookstore. Grab an application at our info desk; \$10 gets you a year's membership, and a lot of new Friends!

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns about your library. I hope you have a wonderful holiday season, with lots of fond memories, time well spent with friends and family, and of course, some great reading!

BOOK CLUBS

PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

Meets 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Teen Area of the Library



Wednesday, November 5th at 6:30 PM: *We Would Never* by Tova Mirvis

Inspired by a true story, this intellectual mystery is a whodunit exploring family dynamics that asks “How far would you go to protect the ones you love?”



Wednesday, December 3rd: *The Heart of Winter* by Jonathan Evison

The Heart of Winter is about a married couple in their golden years, from when they met across big ups, deep downs, and survive-it-all, opposites-attract love.

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Meets 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2 PM at the Teen Area of the Library



Tuesday, November 18th at 2 PM: *A Wild Heavenly Place* by Robin Oliverira

Poignant and lyrical, this novel is an ode to the Pacific Northwest, to those courageous enough to chase the American Dream, and to a love so powerful it endures beyond distance, beyond hope.

Tuesday, December 16th: No Meeting

THE SHORT STORY BOOK CLUB

**Note new date due to Thanksgiving holiday! Meets at The Bunker Grill
N6246 Hwy 12/67 in Elkhorn (located at Evergreen Country Club)**



Tuesday, November 18th: *The Gift of the Magi* by O. Henry

The story tells of a young husband and wife and how they deal with the challenge of buying secret Christmas gifts for each other with very little money.

Tuesday, December 23rd: No Meeting

ADULT PROGRAMS

Note: all Adult Services programs will be at Sunset Park (200 Devendorf St., Elkhorn, WI 53121) with the exception of the Thursday art class, which will be at the Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce (203 E. Walworth St.).



MEDITATION WITH MELANIE

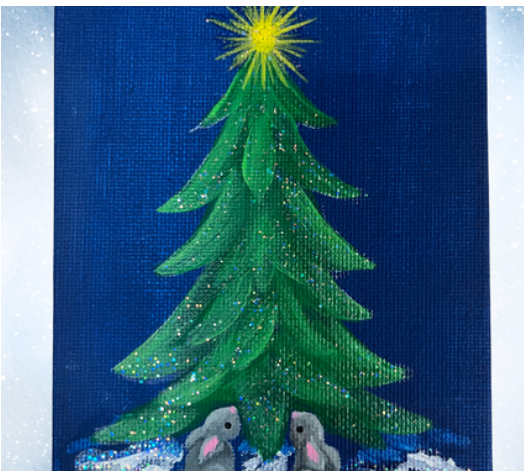
Every Wednesday at Noon at Sunset Park

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: CHARIOTS OF FIRE (1981, PG)

Friday, November 7th at 1 PM

Join us the first Friday of every month for Matinees at Matheson! Free popcorn, soda and candy provided by the Friends of the Library!



PAINT-IN AT THE LIBRARY **Wednesday, November 12th at 6:30 PM** **Thursday, November 13th at 10 AM**

Enjoy a relaxing painting session at the library! Due to limited space, registration is required, and opens on Monday, November 3rd.

The Wednesday class will be at Sunset Park, and the Thursday class will be at the Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce.

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DUNGEONS & DRAGONS FOR ADULTS

Saturday, November 15th from 9 AM - 12 PM

Saturday, December 13th from 9 AM - 12 PM

Join us for a game of Dungeons & Dragons for just the grown-ups! Space is limited, so please RSVP by emailing Tanner at tadams@elkhorn.lib.wi.us.

MATINEES AT MATHESON: IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE (1946, PG)

Friday, December 5th at 1 PM

Join us the first Friday of every month for Matinees at Matheson! Free popcorn, soda and candy provided by the Friends of the Library!



CHRISTMAS CARD TOWN PARADE

Saturday, December 6th starting at 1:30 PM

Check out the annual Christmas Card Town Parade from the comfort of the library!



FAMILY EVENTS



PAWS TO READ

Weekly on Mondays from 4-4:45 PM: Nov. 3, 10, & 17
Drop by the library for storytime with a furry friend from Lakeland Animal Shelter.

FAMILY STORYTIME WITH MS. ESTHER

Weekly on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM: Nov. 4, 11, 18, Dec. 2, 9
Weekly on Thursdays at 9:30 AM: Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11
At the Elkhorn Rec. Center (200 Devendorf St., Elkhorn, WI)

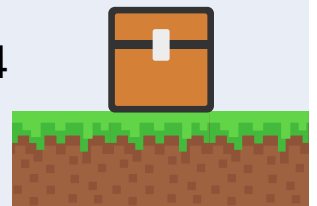


POKEMON HANGOUT

Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 PM: Nov. 6, & 20, Dec. 11
Catch all the Pokémon fun at the library!

MINECRAFT HANGOUT

Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 PM: Nov. 13 & Dec. 4
Build the possibilities at the library!



TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Fridays from 3:30-4:30 PM: Nov. 7
Join TAB and make a difference in YOUR library!



Flexible Facilities Grant

We're thrilled to have been selected out of the many applications in Wisconsin. A big thank you to the City of Elkhorn for supporting our application, and to the Wisconsin Department of Administration for selecting us.

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TRADING SPACES

The Youth & Adult areas are switching!

- Upstairs will be the new Youth Area, including a Young Adult room and program spaces.
- Downstairs will be the Adult Fiction, Non-Fiction, Local History, Computers, Audio Books, CDs, and DVDs.

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MOVING SPACES

- New Mary Bray Room (Tech Services)
- New Friends Room (Fireplace area)
- Friends Book Store (Lobby)
- Storyroom (Old Audio book room)

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STUDY ROOMS

- Three upstairs for families.
- Eight downstairs of various sizes.

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NEW SPACES

- New Adult Lounge
- Telehealth room
- Youth Maker Space
- Youth Activity Room

What is this grant about?

The primary objective of the Flexible Facilities Grant is to support projects that provide new, renovated, or expanded facilities and digital connectivity equipment, enabling remote access to work, education, and health monitoring activities.

Partnerships!

We're looking forward to increasing our partnerships with community organizations, including the Open Arms Free Clinic & the Walworth County Literacy Council.

- Open Arms Free Clinic offers comprehensive primary medical, dental, behavioral health, laboratory, and medication services at no cost to qualifying residents.
- The Walworth County Literacy Council educates and partners with adult learners to reach their literacy goals, thereby empowering themselves, their families and their communities.

Posters & Displays in the library!

Posters & displays are distributed throughout the library explaining the relocation of various collections.

RENOVATION UPDATE

Our contractors, volunteers, and staff are hard at work making sure your new library is better than ever as we move through the first phase of our renovation plan!



Notes from the Friends of the Library

Friends of Matheson Memorial Library (FMML) Newsletter
(November-December 2025)

Happy Holidays to You!

Big Heartfelt Thank you to all Volunteers

Thank you to Shelly Robinson, who organized the Culvers Fundraiser in September, and to all who delivered orders, cleaned tables, and purchased food. Shelly and her committee also organized, planned, and set up the venue for Trick or Trivia on Saturday, October 25th, and special thanks to all who volunteered that evening to make it a success.

Events for November:

There are no events scheduled because of the library renovation. Have a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends! As we celebrate Veterans Day this month, we want to send a big thank you for your service to all veterans who are Friends members as well to all those in the community at large.

Events for December:

The only event for December is the regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 17th at 6:30 PM at the Chamber of Commerce (Uncle Hunk's Junk). Starting at 6:00 PM, there will be a cookie exchange for all who wish to bring their favorite Holiday Cookies to share.

Have a joyous holiday season, whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or any other tradition! Also, have a Happy New Year as we begin 2026!

Meeting Places for Friends Events during Renovation:

If any of you know of places that can host FMML events during the first half of 2026, please notify Pat Reid (billpat85@aol.com). Thank you!