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A NEW CHAPTER FOR OUR LIBRARY

CHAD ROBINSON, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Happy Summer—what a difference a year makes! This time last year, we were just beginning our long construction journey and had many challenges ahead of us.

As we get ready for this summer, we're celebrating the successful completion of construction and getting back to being a library again. Thank you so much for your patience during the project—I think this day was definitely worth waiting for.

We're also celebrating a new format for our library newsletter. Over the years, the newsletter has morphed in a lot of different ways, but we're eager to bring it back to its original intention: to get to know us, what we're working on, and the many different ways you can use your library.

In that spirit, you'll find articles from all our managing librarians, with perspectives on their work, and what they're excited to share with you this coming summer. I hope you enjoy it as much as we enjoyed writing it. Let us know what you think, and be sure to give us suggestions for future articles!

This summer feels like we're turning the page to a new chapter of our library story, and in that spirit, we're offering a special fine-forgiveness program, running from the grand reopening on June 6 to June 13. If you have any fines on your account, we'll forgive them on request just for visiting us and seeing our new construction! Certain restrictions apply, but on the whole, this is a great way to start fresh alongside your newly renovated library.

This is going to be a summer like no other, and we hope you'll come along for the ride with us. Make sure to join us on Saturday, June 6, for our grand reopening and open house, where you can see all the different community groups who work with the library, how they can help you, and how you can help them.

In addition, it'll be the kickoff of our all-ages summer reading programs, along with all the terrific programs and great prizes we're known for.

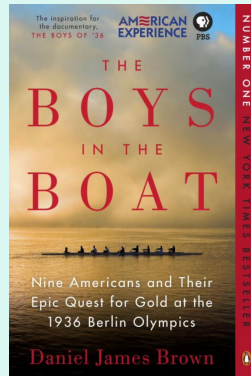
And finally, pick up a copy of this year's Community Read, *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown, and get ready to read along with us!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your library, don't hesitate to reach out to me. Bring on the Summer!





For our Community Reads pick this summer, we have free copies of *The Boys in the Boat* available at the library for you to pick up, read, and return at the library or one of several community drop-off locations.



EXCITING EVENTS, PRIZES, AND COMMUNITY READS AWAIT!

Adult Services

TANNER ADAMS

We have a lot of things planned for the Adult Summer Reading program this year! As always, we have reading logs available Saturday, June 6 through Saturday, August 1.

You can earn raffle tickets towards one of our fabulous prizes, donated from local businesses, by attending Adult Services programs this summer, by finding weekly Scavenger Hunt items, or simply reading books!

We also have a ton of exciting programs this summer, including movies, historical talks, painting classes, the history walk, and, as always, our summer ends with a bang at our annual Book & Wine Pairing at Staller Estate Winery!

All these programs and more are available for free at Matheson Memorial Library this summer!

WELCOME TO THE CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT!

Circulation Corner

SARA KREWAL

My name is Sara Krewal, I have been at the library since 2002 and have been the Circulation Manager since 2023. I've seen a lot of changes through the years, including the 2004 addition, and most recently was a part of the Ad Hoc Committee for the newly completed renovations.



Our Circulation team includes 1 Associate, 5 Assistants, 2 Aides, and 2 Subs. We are here to welcome you to the library, set up library card registrations, and assist you with your library account needs.

Behind the scenes, we are busy processing the van delivery, checking in returns, pulling requests, shelving, putting together displays, and helping out the other departments in the library with various tasks.

At the height of summer our team is handling and checking out over 20,000 items per month! Need help looking for a book? We are ready to make some great recommendations to assist you in finding your next read. We'll see you at the Circ Desk!

MEET THE TECHNICAL SERVICES TEAM!

Technical Services

LINDSAY BARNES

Do you ever wonder about the journey a library book takes before it lands in your hands? It doesn't just jump from the delivery truck to the shelf! Behind the "Staff Only" doors, the Technical Services team is hard at work making the magic happen.

Lindsay, our Department Head, is responsible for bringing order to our ever-growing collection. She handles the cataloging for each new arrival and puts those Dewey Decimal skills she's been practicing since elementary school to good use! By deciding exactly where every item lives, she ensures that when you search for a title, you can actually find it.



Lisa, our Technical Services Associate, arms our materials with protective covers, sturdy tape, and those essential labels to ensure they survive countless checkouts. She's also our "book doctor," repairing damaged items and making the tough calls when a book is finally ready for retirement.

We may work behind the scenes, but we love being the first to welcome new stories to the library!



WELCOME TO THE NEW YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Youth Services

JENNIFER WHARTON

We are very excited to officially open our new department. When I found out that we were moving upstairs, the first thing I thought about was how we could keep the elements the community loved from our old space while offering improvements.

With help from donors, we were able to make our popular play spaces better than ever! Our new space includes three play areas, one with our kitchen and barn, one with cozy reading chairs and a road/track mat for playing with vehicles, and a Construction Corner with Legos, Magnatiles, and blocks.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS SUMMER IN THE YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT?

With a new space comes new programs! We are excited to offer more drop-in programs this summer so that even the busiest of families can enjoy all that the library has to offer.

From June 6 to August 21, we will have playgroups, open activities, and game nights for families as well as making our summer reading program accessible during all library open hours.

We're also partnering with EASD Parent Connections and the Elkhorn Recreation Department to offer events around the community and at the library. Plant the Seed of reading, exploring, and building community this summer at the library!





FRIENDS BOOKSTORE COMING SOON!



NOTES FROM THE

Friends of the Library

At the time of publishing, if all has gone as planned, the Friends Bookstore is open and operational. The Friends group is very excited to have the final home of the bookstore officially completed!

During our April Friends meeting, we elected and welcomed the new Board of Directors of the Friends of Matheson Memorial Library.

Book donation dates may also be in our future. With the remodel of Matheson Memorial Library and limited storage space, the Friends have paused book donations, but our hope is to schedule one, possibly two donation dates this summer. Make sure to "Follow" the Friends of Matheson Memorial Library's Facebook, to stay updated. Please review the Friends page of the library's website for our current donation policy for acceptable donation items.

The Friends will also have tables set up at the library's Grand Reopening Celebration on Saturday, June 6. Swing by and chat about the Friends group and how to support the library we love. We are always happy to welcome new Friends!

If you would like to join us in closer support of our library, please fill out this application, include the fee, and drop it off at Matheson Memorial Library.



What's happening at the library?

Scan the QR code or
visit our calendar at
elkhorn.lib.wi.us!



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Sat: 9 am-2 pm

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