

# MATHESON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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## Welcoming Fall & Winter at the Library

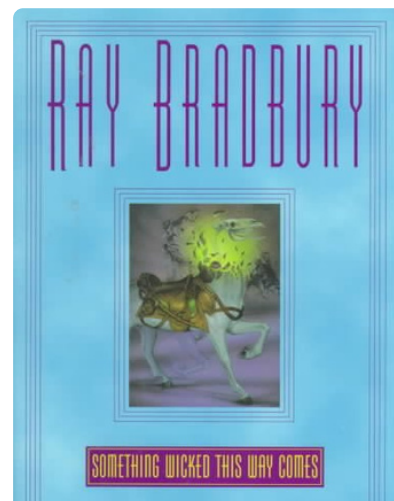
I know it's never easy to say goodbye to the summer, but I hope you made the most of it. And now, here's to cooler weather, wondrous autumn colors, a jack-o-lantern or two, Thanksgiving Turkey, Christmas Carols, and what I consider the absolute best season for reading! We had so many entries for our summer reading program, but thankfully we'll never run out of books to read, so here's to enjoying a good one in a warm, comfy spot.

We're so happy to be fully moved in to the new building after such a long renovation period. And of course, we're doubly-happy to see all of you using the new spaces! Between the new spaces, collections in new homes, or just the new furniture, I hope you've had a chance to enjoy your new library. If not, fall and winter is the best time to visit the library, and maybe enjoy the coziness of our Friends Room or Adult Reading Lounge on the lower level. Of course, the action and activity never stop in our children's and teen area, so even on the coldest day there's still plenty of excitement to be had.

The Friends of MML have really moved into their new bookstore in the library lobby, so if you're looking for some gently-used books to pick up, make sure you visit. They're also busy preparing for our big annual fundraiser, Trick or Trivia, which will be held here in the library Community Center on October 10.



The Friends Room is the perfect place to enjoy a cozy read!



Something Wicked This Way Comes by Ray Bradbury  
This dark fantasy masterpiece is the ideal autumn read!

Competition is fierce, but you and your team could take home the coveted Trick or Trivia trophy, so start practicing that trivia! And of course, when Christmas rolls around, the library is the warmest place to watch the Christmas Card Town annual parade, and the Friends will have free hot chocolate and cookies on hand! If you'd like to show your love for this library, I can think of no better way than joining our Friends...you won't find a better, more friendly, or well-read group around. \$10 gets you an annual membership, and applications are available at our Circulation Desk.

Even though summer is our busiest season, we have plenty to look forward to this fall and winter. Make sure you keep an eye on our online calendar for all the great events and programs we have heading your way. I hope you all have a great autumn and holiday season, and as always, please let me know how we're doing. See you at the library!

# Fall Events & New Offerings at Your Library

## ADULT SERVICES - TANNER ADAMS

The summer may be over, but we have an exciting fall planned for you! Speaking of summer, our winery event was our biggest yet! We had a great crowd, special guests, and lots of great food and wine!



2026 Wine and Book Pairings

If you haven't already, check out our new Library of Things collection in the non-fiction section. We have new board games, puzzles, and sporting equipment available for checkout, and the collection is growing all the time!

We have a wide variety of programs this fall, including (but certainly not limited to) two guitarists, an astronomy lecture about the Sun, our rescheduled History Walk at Hazel Ridge Cemetery, several craft and painting programs, a Mark Twain reenactor, and a showing of the hit documentary *The Librarians* at the Sprague Theater here in town!

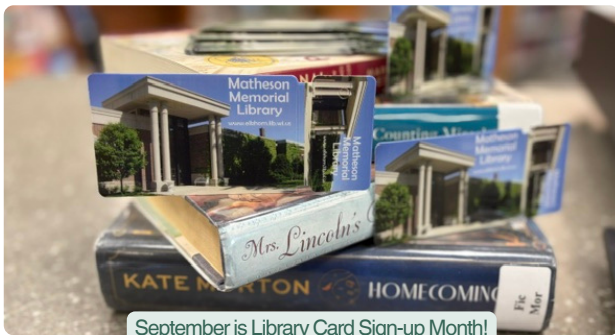
In addition, we always have our monthly movie club, where we watch a movie in a different genre on the first Friday of every month, and our Page Turners Book Club, Afternoon Book Club, and Short Story Book Club each meet once a month, so you're sure to find one that works for you!

All these programs and more are available at your local library, so we hope to see you soon!

## Everything You Need to Know About Library Cards at Matheson

### CIRCULATION MANAGER - SARA KREWAL

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, but any time is a great opportunity to apply for a library card. Matheson Memorial Library has 10,536 Library card holders with 4,892 card holders residing within the city limits of Elkhorn.



In order to apply for a card, patrons 16 years and older need a valid driver's license or state issued identification card. If your ID doesn't have the current address, then proof of address must be provided such as a piece of mail or a rent receipt. Cards can be issued to those under 16 if a parent or legal guardian is present & provides proof of address. Any Wisconsin resident, with the exception of residents of Milwaukee County, are eligible to apply for a card at Matheson.

Out of state residents may also apply for a Matheson library card! In order to be issued a card, out of state residents will be charged a \$50 annual fee.

### DO LIBRARY CARDS EXPIRE?

Yes. Cards are valid for 2 years and will need to be renewed to verify contact information and that the card is still actively being used. At the time of renewal library staff will confirm information such as address, phone number, and email. Library cards not renewed will be deleted from the system after 4 years and patrons will have to apply again for a card.

### DID YOU KNOW THAT ONCE YOU HAVE A CARD FROM MATHESON, YOUR CARD IS VALID AT ALL THE LIBRARIES IN THE SHARE LIBRARY SYSTEM?

Your card can be used at the libraries in Walworth, Racine, Kenosha and Rock counties! You can also place holds on items from these libraries and pick them up here at Matheson. Our system van delivery operates 5 days a week transferring items between the libraries.

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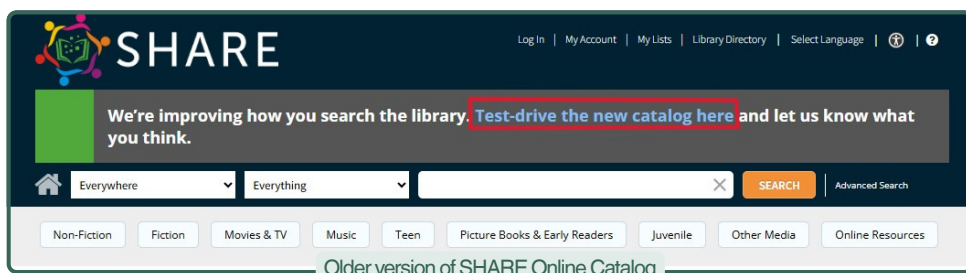
New library cards issued in June 2026!  
Add library cards to your school supply list!

**47%**

Elkhorn city residents have a library card!  
Encourage family and friends to apply for a card!

## Our Catalog Is Starting a New Chapter!

Early this fall, libraries across the SHARE consortium will launch a redesigned catalog interface, but you don't have to wait to see it! You can test-drive the new catalog today by clicking the link at the top of the current catalog homepage.



The new interface features our signature library green, larger buttons, and a simplified design that makes it easier to find what you're looking for. You'll still find the same great books, movies, and more, just in a catalog that's easier to use.

One of my favorite new features is the ability to jump directly to WISCAT from your search. If WISCAT is new to you, you may be surprised by what you can find. Simply change the search drop-down to "in WISCAT." If SHARE doesn't own the book, movie, or other item you're looking for, there's a good chance another library does, and we can often borrow it for you!



With nearly 15 million resource-sharing transactions each year, WISCAT is the second-busiest resource-sharing network in the country. We've borrowed materials for our patrons from across the nation—from Ivy League universities and medical libraries to public libraries large and small.

So the next time your search comes up empty, don't give up! Try switching your search to "in WISCAT" or ask us for help. Your next great read—or that hard-to-find movie, CD, or audiobook—might be waiting at another library.

## Library Resources for Kids & Teens

YOUTH SERVICES - JENNIFER WHARTON

### What will programming look like in our new department?

We've had a whole summer to experiment and we're ready for a new semester of programming! The Youth Department offers three types of programs; Storytimes, all ages activities, and teen programming and volunteer opportunities (open to middle and high school students). You can see events on our website calendar but teens especially are encouraged to sign up for our monthly or weekly email news.

One thing you won't see on the calendar is our Create Space open hours - the Teen Advisory Board will be running our Create Space when they are available, so if you stop by the library in the afternoon don't forget to check if it's open!



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## Highlighted Resources

Did you enjoy our drop-in STEAM activities this past summer? These came from our themed activity calendars which include early literacy tips, science and art projects, and themed book lists. They're a great resource for at-home activities as well as classroom learning and our September - December edition is available now!

Do you want to keep up with what's new in kids books at the library? Sign up to receive our monthly new book spotlight - a selection of new books from board books to teen titles, chosen by Ms. Jennifer. In addition, if you need suggestions for a struggling reader, new series for the kid who's read everything, or just feel overwhelmed by all the options, you can sign up for Ms. Jennifer to give you reading suggestions and for new books in your favorite genres and series.

## Friends of the Library News

The Friends of the Library are excited to announce that our new bookstore is now open! Thank you to everyone who helped make this project a reality, especially Marybeth, our bookstore manager, for her dedication in reorganizing and restocking the shelves. We invite you to visit and explore our great selection of gently used books, puzzles, and more.

Book Donation Days take place on the third Saturday of each month in the library lobby. The next donation day is Saturday, August 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. September's event, on Saturday, September 19, will include our popular Friends Bake Sale. We welcome your donations of baked goods—please bring them to the library on the morning of Friday, September 18. Clearly labeling your items is appreciated and helps us during the sale.



We're busy planning our annual Trick or Trivia fundraiser, happening Saturday, October 10. This year's event will feature a new Silent Auction! We welcome donations of auction items, event sponsorships, and volunteers—especially for tallying silent auction items and assisting with computer tasks before the event. To help, please contact us at [friends@elkhorn.lib.wi.us](mailto:friends@elkhorn.lib.wi.us).

Thank you for your continued support of the Friends of the Library. Your generosity and volunteer spirit make our programs possible. We hope to see you at our next meeting on Wednesday, August 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center!



STEAM Activity



Friends of the Library Book Store



## What's happening at the library?

Scan the QR code or visit our calendar at [elkhorn.lib.wi.us](http://elkhorn.lib.wi.us)!



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M-TH: 9 am-8 pm  
F: 9 am-6 pm  
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