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**Library Closed:**

**November 24th-25th**

**December 23rd-26th, 30th-31st**

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## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR



**2**016 is shaping up to be our busiest year ever. Please help us beat our 2015 circulation of 251,585 by checking out lots of items these last two months. We can do it! On our Work Day we decided to move

our Large Print and Fiction collections around, so you probably have noticed that already! We shifted our paperbacks, blu-ray movies, video games and adult graphic novels. Change is good, right? Don't hesitate to ask if you can't find something and we will gladly point you in the right direction.

After input from staff, community groups, and our Library Board, we now have finished and approved a Strategic Plan for the library. It is available on our website under 'About Us' and in print form upon request. As we work to implement this plan and reach our goals over the next several years, we hope to make some improvements to our building and services, like new landscaping, better lighting in some of our dark corners, new chairs in our

Community Center and additional meeting room space. Our dream of a children's garden is pending while a fundraising initiative with our Friends of the Library group is underway. We are extending any major groundbreaking to Spring 2018, while we apply for grants and raise funds. We did remove some of the older shrubbery on the West side of the building along Wisconsin Street this fall. A new raised bed for planting has been constructed on the south side along Court Street that we will use next year. When complete, we hope to have new flower beds, a fountain, and benches and seating for outdoor enjoyment. We are also still discussing parking lot improvements with the city. We want to avoid spending money on a new design that will not increase the number of parking stalls in our small lot.

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns you have about the library (262)723-2678, ext. 22.

Lisa Selje, Library Director



## LIBRARY TO SHOWCASE ARTWORK OF JAN CASTLE REED IN DECEMBER

**T**he entire collection of holiday paintings by the late artist, Jan Castle Reed, will be on display at the Matheson Memorial Library throughout the month of December to showcase her incredible contributions to the city of Elkhorn.

Patrons will have the opportunity to see the entire holiday showcase of Castle Reed, who passed away in May at the age of 86. Her paintings continued the legacy of Elkhorn as the "Christmas Card Town" by capturing both the spirit and historic architecture of the city.

The large oil paintings are normally on display in areas throughout the library, but will be available for viewing together for the first time on the main floor throughout the holiday season.

Jan began as a jazz pianist [\[continued on page 2\]](#)



The art of Jan Castle Reed (here unveiling one of her commissioned paintings for the *Janesville Gazette* in 1998) will be on display in December.



[continued from page 1] and singer, playing in hotels and supper clubs across the country. She also recorded a series of jingles and advertising for such clients as Brach's Candy, Speed Queen and Chevrolet.

She didn't pursue her passion as a professional painter until later in life when the Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce commissioned her first painting for the series in 1996 for "A Candle in Every Window".

Every year after brought a new Christmas scene or building captured from around town, including a painting of her own historic home (originally built by Frank Holton at 645 N. Church Street) named "Christmas Morning Greeting". Each piece took over 100 hours to complete and were reproduced as a collection of greeting cards over the years for the Chamber. Favorites are those that capture the joy of the season, children playing in the snow, and surrounded by the scenery that makes Elkhorn special.

Castle Reed became widely known as "Wisconsin's most versatile artist" for her talents and honored as Elkhorn's "Artist in Residence". The paintings were donated to the city and then put on display at the library for all to enjoy. She created a total of 15 paintings for the series until 2011, 14 of which will be part of the upcoming exhibit.

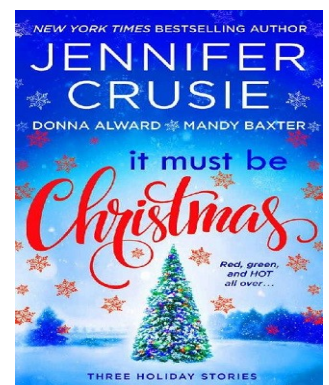
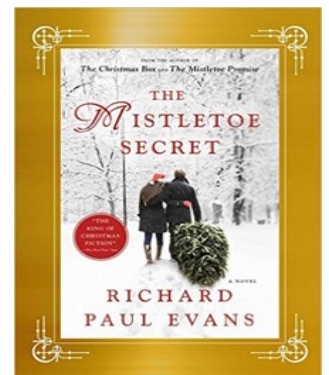
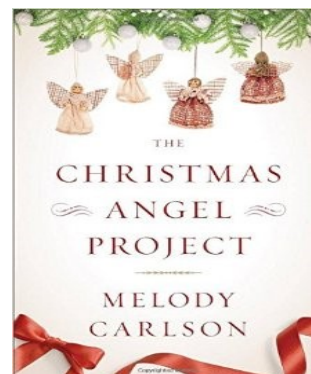
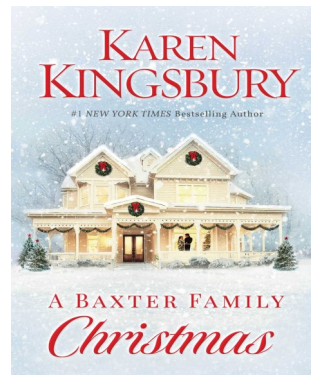
We hope you will take a few moments this holiday season to enjoy the exhibit and appreciate these paintings as much as we do every day. Jan was a terrific artist, remarkable woman, and generous donor for the Elkhorn community. We want to highlight these glimpses of the city she loved so much and recognize her remarkable contribution to our library!

## COZY UP WITH THESE HOLIDAY READS

Just like stores putting out Christmas items before Halloween, many of the Christmas novels of 2016 were released as early as September. Through the years many authors have become well known for their Christmas fiction and have released new Christmas fiction again this year. Try one of the listed titles below and unwrap a good read!

### 2016 Releases

*A Baxter Family Christmas* by Karen Kingsbury  
*The Christmas Angel Project* by Melody Carlson  
*The Christmas Message* by Anne Perry  
*The Christmas Town* by Donna Vanliere  
*The Mistletoe Secret* by Richard Paul Evans  
*It Must be Christmas* by Jennifer Cruise  
*A Lowcountry Christmas* by Mary Alice Monroe  
*A Shoe Addict's Christmas* by Beth Harbison  
*Twelve Days of Christmas* by Debbie Macomber  
*Winter Storms* by Elin Hilderbrand



# DISCOVER THE MAGIC BEHIND *ELKHORN:* *THE CHRISTMAS CARD TOWN*

In 1952, Elkhorn became famous when it was featured on the television series *March of Time*. Viewers were treated to a close view of a small town in Wisconsin preparing for the annual Christmas parade. More importantly, people around the country got a sense of what a special place Elkhorn is, especially during the holiday season. The episode was repeated for years and Elkhorn became a model for Christmas cards sold all around the country.

Please be a part of a new holiday tradition as we show the entire episode in the library Community Center on **Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30pm**. Local historian and former owner of the *Elkhorn Independent* Frank Eames will be here to introduce the film, and talk about his memories of Elkhorn Christmases past and his father, who was the star of the *March of Time* episode.



## HEAR SOUNDS OF THE SEASON - DEC. 1

The Library is pleased to welcome the Elkhorn High School Choir for their annual holiday visit! Join us on **Thursday, December 1st at 4:00pm** in the library foyer for classic Christmas carols performed by the talented members of the school choir. It's a perfect way to ring in the Holiday season, and to get ready for the big Christmas Parade on Saturday!



## THANK YOU FRANK'S & SENTRY!

A HUGE thank you to Frank's Piggly Wiggly and Sentry for providing the library with a percentage of sales from receipts collected October 2015 to September 2016. They donated:

**Frank's** piggly wiggly. **Sentry**  
**\$1,019.33**      **\$277.56**

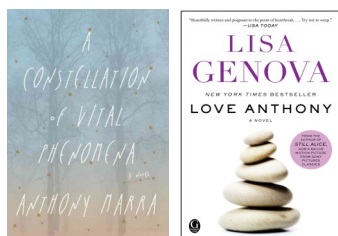
Receipts for Frank's are collected quarterly (Jan.-Mar., Apr.-Jun., Jul.-Sep., Oct.-Dec.) and no longer valid outside of those dates. Sentry receipts must be turned in ASAP and include a special stamp from the cashier at checkout. Thanks to all who helped make these amazing donations happen!



# ADULT SERVICES

## AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

The Afternoon Book Club is a relaxed group of people who just enjoy sharing a great book! They meet on the third Wednesday of the Month at **2pm**.



Nov. 16th – *A Constellation of Vital Phenomena* by Anthony Marra

Dec. 21st - *Love, Anthony* by Lisa Genova

For more information, contact **Lisa Selje** by phone at (262) 723-2678 or email at [lselje@elkhorn.lib.wi.us](mailto:lselje@elkhorn.lib.wi.us)

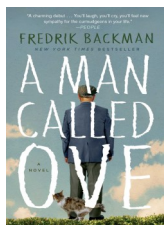
## PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

The Page Turners choose moving and poignant stories to highlight the human condition. They meet on the first Wednesday of the month at **6:30pm**

*Stumbling on Happiness*



DANIEL GILBERT



Nov. 2nd - *Stumbling On Happiness* by Dan Gilbert

Dec. 7th - *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman

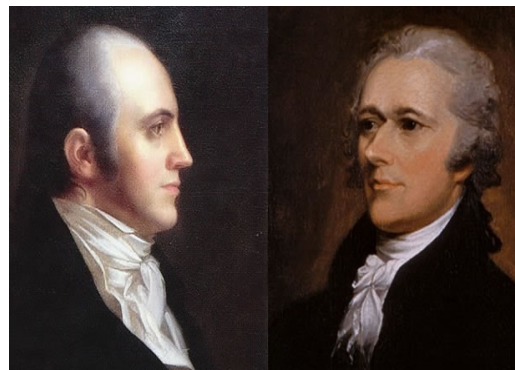
For more information, contact **Kelly Stech** by phone at (262) 723-2678 or email at [kstech@elkhorn.lib.wi.us](mailto:kstech@elkhorn.lib.wi.us)

## DISCOVER THE BRUTAL HISTORY OF U.S. ELECTIONS

Believe it or not, nasty and contentious presidential elections are nothing new. Throughout our nation's history there have been bitter, mudslinging campaigns, candidate controversy, and too-close-to-call voting results. Join educator Dennis Bulat on **Friday, November 4 at 3:00pm** as he takes us through the history of our dirtiest elections, and how they mirror our current situation. You'll hear about:

- **The Deadlocked Tie of 1800**
- **The "Corrupt Bargain" of 1824**
- **Rampant voter fraud in the 1876 election**

Admission is free, but space is limited...please register on the online calendar, or call us at (262) 723-2678.

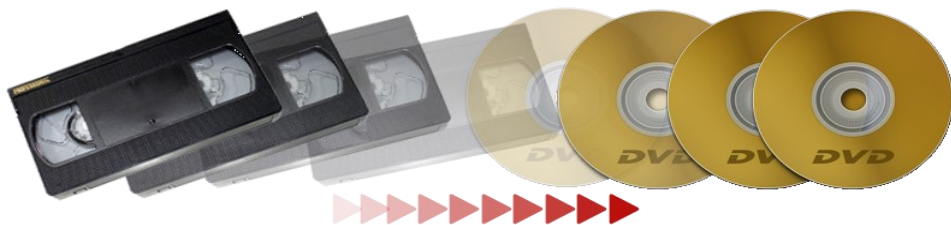


## VHS/DVD CONVERTER AVAILABLE IN NOVEMBER

This November we're happy to welcome back the VHS to DVD converter, courtesy of the Lakeshores Library System! Patrons will have the opportunity to change their old family videotapes into a playable format for today. Surprise loved ones with those forgotten memories this holiday season—it makes for an inexpensive and wonderful gift!



Patrons provide their own blank DVD discs (or buy them here for \$1.00 per disc), and convert your home videos into digital copies that will last for years to come. Drop by and use it on a first-come, first-served basis, or call us at (262) 273-2678 to schedule an appointment.



# ADULT SERVICES

## MAKE YOUR OWN GIFTS & CARDS THIS SEASON!

Come spend the evening learning how to make memory tiles, which make great and memorable, long lasting gifts. We'll be providing you with 2 tiles to create and get you started, but you will walk away knowing how to make many more gift tiles for family and friends!



Please bring 3 to 6 family photos that are 3x5 or 4x6 in size with you. (these will be cut up, so if you want to keep the photos, a good alternative is to photocopy the picture on nice 30 to 60 lb. paper weight. Any thicker, will not result in good quality tiles). We'll have a lot of fun, and you'll leave knowing how to make decorations you'll cherish for years to come!

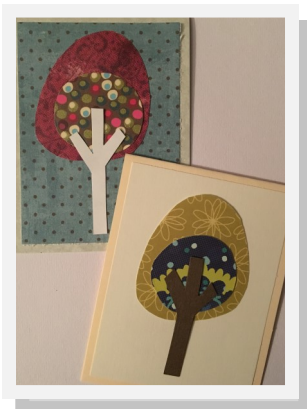
The program will be held on **Thursday, November 17 at 6:00pm.** All supplies will be provided, admission is free, but registration is required. Please call us at (262) 723-2678 to register.



### Holiday Crafts - Make your Own Decorative Christmas Cards!

**Wednesday, December 7th at 6:00pm**

Please join us for a unique class on creating your own beautiful Christmas cards to send to friends & family, or to display around your house. Danielle Schumer of Elkhorn Middle School will be showing us how to cut, paste, and decorate your cards the easy way using only common household materials. This program is free and all materials will be provided, but registration is required. Register here, or call us (262) 723-2678 to sign up over the phone.



### COMMUNITY CONVERSATION CIRCLE

The Community Conversation Circle is a fun and open group of people who like to share their interests. It's like a book club without a book...although we sometimes talk about books. They meet the third Monday of the month at **6:30pm.**

**Nov. 21st - Random Acts of Kindness**

**Dec. 19th - Christmas Memories**



For more information, contact **Chad Robinson** by phone at **(262) 723-2678** or email at **crobenson@elkhorn.lib.wi.us**

### TECH CORNER

This Holiday season we're celebrating in a high-tech way! We'll be hosting the 3D printer all of December, and we'll be

decorating a special Christmas tree using only ornaments we can make on the printer. Drop in anytime and watch our progress!





# YOUTH SERVICES

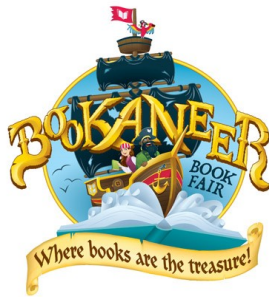
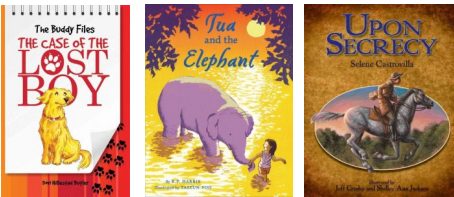
## Bookaneers

**1st Tuesday of the month at 4:30  
for 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders**

## Rock 'n' Read

**2nd Tues. of the month at 4:30  
for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders**

We will have tasty snacks, fun crafts, and talk about our favorite books. Don't forget to bring your library card! To get reminders of book club meetings, register online.



## Scholastic Book Fair

**December 1, 2, and 3**

**Thursday, Friday, and Saturday**

**Times TBA**

If you are interested in being a volunteer, contact Jennifer Wharton. We especially need volunteers for covering the cash register while the book fair is open.

## MS. JENNIFER'S CORNER

**W**e are looking ahead to an exciting holiday season at the library. We will be offering some fun, traditional programs like Santa's Kitchen and the Toddler Cookie Party as well as new favorites like the Fairy Tale Adventure.

We're also excited to offer a Scholastic Book Fair this year. All proceeds will go towards the free books we give away for our reading programs.

Please check the online calendar for our winter break in programming—we'll be back in January with more fun for all ages!

If you can't make it to a program, drop by the library for fun in-house activities, check out our circulating toys and maker kits, or just hang out and read a story or two together.

Jennifer Wharton, Youth Services Librarian

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## Give-a-Gift Holiday Teen Program



**A**re you a teen who needs a gift for this holiday season, but are short on cash? We've got you covered! Matheson Memorial Library is hosting a give-a-gift event where you will be able to make a gift for FREE!

Choose from four projects: A wood ornament, animal key chain, sharpie art, or string art. With so many great choices you will not want to miss this event! It's fun, free, and easy to do. Just follow the steps below and you will be that much closer to having your holiday shopping list complete!

1. Choose a gift that you would like to make from our four choices.
2. Register online! While registration is not required, it is strongly encouraged so we know how many teens to prepare for. Materials will be handed out on a first-come-first served basis and will be available as long as supplies last.
3. Come with ideas and be prepared to work. Your gifts are as unique as you make them!
4. Gift wrap your creation or take it to go.

# YOUTH SERVICES

## **FAIRY TALE ADVENTURE**

**S**aturday, November 5th at 10:30am. Come dressed as your favorite clever princess, brave prince, hideous monster, or magical animal friend and be prepared for a fairy tale adventure! Enter the enchanted forest and create your own fairy wings, battle balloon monsters, and try out fun crafts in the Gingerbread House. Don't forget to quest for your shield!



## **Santa's Kitchen**

**S**aturday, December 10th at 10:30am. All ages are invited to our annual cookie-decorating and ornament-making program. Get in the mood for the holidays with sweet treats and lots of sparkle! We will be welcoming special guest dancers from Toe to Toe Ballet again this year.

Please register so we have enough cookies for all!



## **After School Clubs**

**Thursday afternoons, drop in from 3:30-5:30**

**November 3rd, Mad Scientists Club: Building Challenge**

**November 10, Lego Club**

**November 17, Messy Art Club: Bottle Cap Art (with paint)**

**December 1, Messy Art Club: Holiday Ornaments**

**December 8, Lego Club**

**See you back in January with more great after school experiments, building, art, and fun!**

## **MS. PATTIE'S CORNER**

### Toddlers 'n' Books

Tuesdays at 10am and 11am  
Suggested age: 18 to 36 months

### Books 'n' Babies

Thursdays at 10am  
Suggested age: 0 to 18months.

### Tiny Tots

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 6:30pm  
Suggested age: Infants to 5yrs

### Playgroup with Pattie

2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 10am  
Suggested age: Infants to 5yrs

### Mooshie Ooshie Gooshie Sensory Playgroup

4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 10am  
Suggested age: Infants to 5yrs

### Toddler Cookie Party

**Dec. 13, 10:30am**

Help celebrate the holidays with a cookie party with Miss Pattie!



For more information contact Pattie Woods, 262-723-3160 ext. 1416 or email

[woodpa@elkhorn.k12.wi.us](mailto:woodpa@elkhorn.k12.wi.us)

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# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

## TRICK-OR-TRIVIA EVENT SCORES BIG FOR LIBRARY FUNDS

The Trick-or-Trivia night fundraiser broke records again on October 28 by raising over \$4,000 to fund the 2017 Adult & Children's library programs. Over 100 people attended the event, which sold out in its fourth year as a Friends fundraiser.

Twelve teams worked together to answer trivia provided by Bob Kordus of *America's Pub Quiz*. The winning trivia team, *Trivial Massacre*, and 50/50 winner, *Peoples Bank*, donated their entire winnings back to the event. Lori Domino of the *ICU Zippernecks* went home with bragging rights for the Best Costume. Ward Phillips pledged additional funds to hit the \$4,000 goal.

A huge thanks to this year's corporate sponsors: **Old World Wisconsin, Leece & Phillips, Pearce's Farm Stand, Elkhorn Wine & Spirits, Frank's Piggly Wiggly, Godfrey, Leibsle, Blackburn & Howarth, Connie Poggensee of The Rauland Agency, and Seymour, Kremer, Koch, Lochowicz & Duquette.**



First-time team *Trivial Massacre* slayed the competition to win the 4th Trick-or-Trivia night fundraiser on October 28.

Another big thank you to the Trivia Night committee for their planning and hard work on another successful event: Sally Delany, Sandy Douglas, Teresa Douglas, Cathy Elliott, Jane Peck, Heather Mielke, Shelly Robinson & Judy Tucker.

Thanks to everyone who participated and we look forward to another spooktacular event next year!

## EXCLUSIVE MEMBER PAINTING PARTY!

**O**pen to Friends members only: Join us for a fun evening of painting, potluck and libations on Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00pm. Create your own 11x14 painting with an instructor from Creative Art & Wine studio for only \$15! Subject TBD. Members may bring one guest. Only 40 spaces available so sign up TODAY! Forms available at the Circulation Desk. Not a Friends member? Become one for only \$10 and you can come too! We'd love to have you. Email [friends@elkhorn.lib.wi.us](mailto:friends@elkhorn.lib.wi.us) for more info.



## FRIENDS BOOK STORE BREAKS \$\$\$ RECORD

**S**ales from the ongoing Friends Book Store skyrocketed this year, raising over \$4,900 to support additional funds and services for the library. The store has been open since 2013 and is run entirely by Friends volunteers who sort through donated materials and keep the store well-stocked weekly with amazing deals. Check it out today!

A HUGE thank-you our volunteers for their hard work and to our shoppers for an incredible year of business.



Friends members Penny Rausch and Judy Tucker worked with staff to create an expanded Friends used book sorting space within the library. The ongoing Friends Book Store is run entirely by volunteers and earned almost \$5,000 for the library this year. Join the Friends today and you can volunteer too!