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Programs with the "R" symbol require advance registration. Please sign up on the library website or in-person.

Sign up for the online newsletter at: eepurl.com/jzOQ1



NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR



In August, we survived eclipse-mania at the library, had our biggest program ever, distributed 1,000 pair of solar eclipse glasses, and fielded an unprecedented number of related phone calls. I think we are relieved there won't be another eclipse for seven years! This month we welcome two new staff members in the youth services department. While we were sad to see Jess leave in July, we hope she enjoys her new home and job in Illinois and we are very pleased to welcome Maria Parks and Terri Dellamaria to the library! Once they are trained, we will be using their talents to capitalize on some new ideas and programming for teens and kids.

Our new landscaping outside is looking better than ever and we have some dedicated Master Gardeners to thank for this. Our vegetable garden is at its peak right now and the bee hotel and butterfly garden outside the children's story room are attracting many bees and other pollinators. September is the month we thank our many volunteers at the library by providing a volunteer

appreciation event. They help us with so many tasks; we wouldn't be the same without them! Our Friends of the Library general meeting will be held October 25, at 6:00 p.m. Their Trick or Trivia fundraiser will be held October 27, see back page of the newsletter.

Children's programs will resume the week of Labor Day, and our after-school clubs will meet on Tuesdays starting in September. As always, registration is not necessary and you can drop in between 3:30-5:30. Our upcoming programs for adults and children are described in greater detail in this newsletter, as well as listed on our calendar of events which you can pick up at the desk. We have many programs for all ages, including a program on the history of the library, a program on fake news, an author visit and much more!

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns you have about the library (262)723-9140.

Lisa Selje, Library Director



UNCOVERING HIDDEN FIGURES

By Chad Robinson, Adult Services Librarian

When I began work here a couple of years ago, a portrait hanging in our Mary Bray room really captured my attention. This large, beautifully realized image of an old, dignified man holding some sort of staff and wearing a red sash looms over the entire room. I just assumed he was perhaps some nameless aristocrat from the old country, his portrait carried over by family starting a new life in Wisconsin, eventually finding its way, as many curiosities do, into a library collection.

Despite his warm expression and bright, friendly eyes, there is the touch of the gothic to the painting, so we often used "the Count" as a decoration at our Friends annual Trick or Trivia fundraiser. And it was through the friends that he was finally identified. Our Friends president, Katie James, a top-notch researcher, found a photo in an old book that gave our Count a name-George Washington Wylie: Civil War veteran, Walworth County Sheriff, [\[continued on page 2\]](#)



George Washington Wylie: not a Count, but a Grand Marshall!



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[continued from page 1] and Grand Marshall of the Walworth County Fair. In life Mister Wylie was a larger-than-life presence in Elkhorn, and a very popular friend to just about every citizen. His leading the Fair opening procession, wearing his Grand Army of the Republic sash and wielding his ornate riding crop, was a welcome annual ritual. Mister Wylie was so popular around town, that when he died in 1903, his obituary took up most of the front page in the *Elkhorn Independent*.

And Sheriff Wylie isn't the only fascinating figure I find as I continued my research. The history of our library is populated by frontiersmen, soldiers, artists, educators, and industrialists. Its story includes elements of achievement, melancholy, a bit of drama and humor, and even a touch of the tragic.

It's really amazing what you find when you start digging. If you've ever been curious about the history of a park, an old structure, or even a musty photo or painting, I encourage you to take the plunge and start researching. The Walowrth County Genealogical Society, the Historical Society, and the library are great resources that can help you start your investigation.

I'm very excited to tell you all about the information I found while I researched our library! I hope you can join me on Thursday, September 7th as we bring our hidden figures into the light.

NEW STAFF

We are very pleased to announce two new staff members to our team. Introducing: Terry Dellamaria and Maria Parks!

Terri will be taking over some of the desk duties at the Youth Services desk, and also working at the Info Desk from time to time. In the winter and spring, she'll be assisting with the Winter Wigglers children's program.

Maria will be doing the bulk of her work with our teen library patrons, including programs for middle school kids. She'll also be helping us out with marketing and updating our social media sites.

Please wish them the best of luck when you see them, and let them know if you need any help!



ITS TIME FOR A MONSTER HUNT!

He's taken you to haunted houses, graveyards, and other dark places in Wisconsin and the Midwest, but this October, Chad Lewis is going overseas to hunt the world's scariest monsters! Please join us on **Wednesday, October 18th at 6:30pm** as paranormal adventurer and author Chad Lewis talks about his trips to Europe and beyond to investigate the lore behind some of the most legendary creatures from folklore, including:

- ◆ Bloodthirsty Vampires and werewolves that haunt the forests of Transylvania
- ◆ The notorious *Chupacabra* of Puerto Rico and Costa Rica
- ◆ The world-famous Loch Ness Monster of Scotland
- ◆ The bizarre *Tata-Duende* of Belize

Chad's books, as well as his Vampire Hunter kit, will be available for sale after the program. Don't miss it!



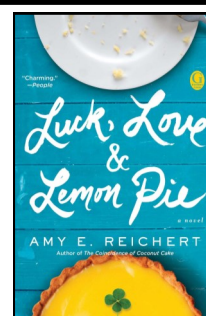
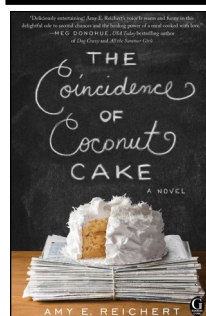


AUTHOR AMY E. REICHERT COOKS UP HEARTWARMING STORIES SEPT. 21

Wisconsin native and novelist Amy E. Reichert will be sharing the stories behind her wonderfully entertaining and heartwarming novels at the Matheson Memorial Library on **Thursday, September 21 at 6:30pm**. Reichert, who received her MA in English Literature from Marquette University, will discuss how she was able to combine her two loves, writing and cooking, into a career.

Reichert creates lighthearted “clever, creative, and sweetly delicious” (Kirkus Reviews) stories set in the restaurants of Milwaukee in her first two books, and moving to a Door County apple orchard in her latest novel, *The Simplicity of Cider*. It’s important to Reichert to set her stories in Wisconsin where she says she can illustrate the depth and character of Midwestern people. Her goal is to write stories that end well with characters you’d want to invite over for dinner!

Reichert will give a brief talk about her background as a wife, mother and amateur chef, answer questions and then host a book signing. The event is free and open to the public, so bring a friend for a fun night out! Books will be available for purchase.



TRY A SPOOKY READ THIS AUTUMN!

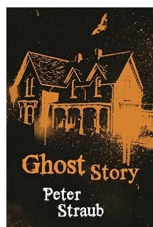
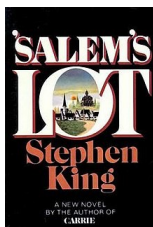
As we head into fall there are signs of the season starting to show up all over the place. The air is getting cooler, the leaves are changing colors, and Halloween decorations will soon be appearing. Along with preparing for the upcoming trick or treaters, find a spine tingly novel to settle down with on these spooky fall evenings!

HORROR FICTION AUTHORS

- Stephen King
- H.P. Lovecraft
- Adam Neville
- Edgar Allan Poe
- Anne Rice
- Dan Simmons

HORROR FICTION CLASSICS

The Call of Cthulhu by H.P. Lovecraft



Dracula by Bram Stoker

Salem's Lot by Stephen King

Ghost Story by Peter Straub

The Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson

Also how about giving these psychological thrillers a try?

Before I Go to Sleep by S.J. Watson

Behind Closed Doors by B.A. Paris

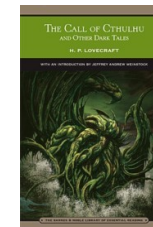
Dark Tide by Elizabeth Haynes

I See You by Clare Mackintosh

Pretty Baby by Mary Kubica

Shutter Island by Dennis Lehayne

Woman in Cabin 10 by Ruth Ware





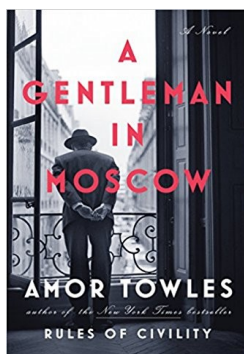
ADULT SERVICES

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**.

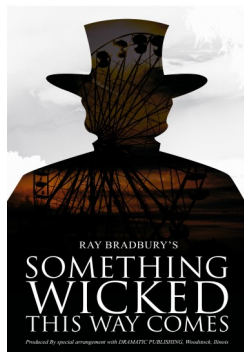
September 20th – A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

This moving novel tells the story of a Russian Count ordered by the Soviet authorities to live in the attic of a grand hotel for life. This leads him to a larger world of emotional discovery.



October 18th - Something Wicked this Way Comes by Ray Bradbury

A strange carnival arrives late in October at a small Midwestern Town, but this is no ordinary carnival. Wishes are granted, terrible prices are paid, and two young boys must face unimaginable evil in this dark fantasy classic.



For more information, contact **Lisa Selje** by phone at **(262) 723-9140** or email at **lselje@elkhorn.lib.wi.us**

HIDDEN FIGURES: A HISTORY OF THE MATHESON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Since its founding, the people of Elkhorn have always valued having a community library, but the road to having a permanent institution had plenty of twists and turns. Please join us as we present the fascinating history of the Matheson Memorial Library, and the remarkable men and women who helped make it a reality.

This is a full history of how the library came to be, with particular emphasis on the unsung heroes who helped create it, told through portraits and photographs from the library's collection. It will be held on **Thursday, September 7th at 6:30pm**.



DOLLAR-A-DAY BOYS: A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO THE CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS

Michigan based author/songwriter Bill Jamerson will present a music and storytelling program about the Civilian Conservation Corps, a federal works program created by President Franklin Roosevelt in the heart of The Great Depression. Jamerson will share stories about the CCC, read excerpts from his novel, show a video clip from his PBS film and sing original songs with his guitar. He has performed at CCC reunions around the country and at dozens of CCC built national and state parks. His presentation is about people both ordinary and extraordinary, with stories of strength, wit and charm. The program will be held on **Friday, September 29th at 2:00pm**.



ADULT SERVICES

FAKE NEWS: DISCERNING WHAT'S REAL

Fake News! Everyone complains about it and we're all negatively affected by it, yet as informed citizens, how can we recognize and deal with this increasing phenomena?

Join Dr. Eric Loepp, UW-Whitewater Professor of Political Science, as he discusses guidelines on how to discern truth in this post-truth political reality we now find ourselves in.

Whether online or in print, there's a sea of alternate "facts," misleading statements, questionable source and lots of downright lies out there. Come to this program to gain some tools to stay anchored in reality. This program is graciously brought to you by the American Association of University Women, and will be held on **Thursday, October 12th at 7:00pm.**

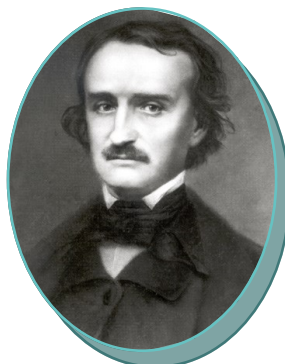


ENJOY A FUN TRIP THROUGH LITERATURE WITH *GATEWAY TO THE GREAT BOOKS!*

Gateway to the Great Books is a terrific discussion group we started a few months back. It's purpose is to discuss great works of literature and philosophy, but in a fun, laid-back, and accessible way. The group is open to everyone, and the readings are short stories and excerpts from longer works; they're never more than 30-40 pages in length. The stories are available as print-on-demand at the info desk...here's what we have coming up:

- ◆ **Monday, September 25th at 6:30pm:** *The Hero as King*, by Thomas Carlyle
- ◆ **Monday, October 23rd at 6:30pm:** *The Masque of the Red Death*, by Edgar Allan Poe

We hope you can make it to one or both. If you give them a try, we think you'll have a great time. Plus, you can impress your friends with all that newfound literary knowledge!

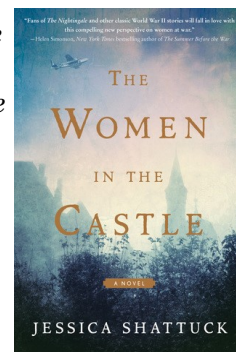


PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

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**

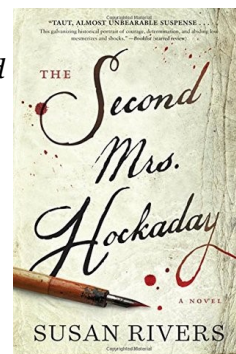
September 6th - *The Women in the Castle* by Jessica Shattuck

The story of three women and their children who take refuge in the ruins of a Bavarian Castle at the end of World War II.



October 4th - *The Second Mrs. Hockaday* by Susan Rivers

A dark and suspenseful tale set during the Civil War, in which a young mother is accused of bearing, and murdering, a child out of wedlock while her husband is away serving in the war.



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



YOUTH SERVICES

BOOK CLUBS

Bookaneers

1st-3rd grade
1st Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30

Rock 'n' Read

3rd-5th grade
2nd Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30

Book Explosion

*** NEW! ***

5th-6th grade
3rd Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30

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 or at the library. For more information, contact Jennifer Wharton.

No School? Visit the library!

All ages are welcome. Drop in for as little or as long as you want!

Craft-o-Rama
All the crafts!
All the fun!

**October 2nd &
October 30th**
10am to 5pm

Ms. Jennifer's Corner

The summer is over and it's time for fresh beginnings and changes in the youth services department! In July we said goodbye to Jess Rebella. She will be teaching in Illinois for lucky middle school students. In September we welcome two new staff members, Terri Dellamaria and Maria Parks! We look forward to seeing their smiling faces at the desk and offering new programs.

Another change that's coming is to our programming schedule. After school clubs will be moving to Tuesdays and book clubs to Thursdays. Ms. Jennifer will also be offering a third book club, Book Explosion, for 5th-6th graders. Look for new Wednesday morning programs as well; Garden to Kitchen with Kids will use our outdoor gardening space and the Storyroom to introduce preschoolers to healthy food, science, and gardens. We Explore Favorite Artists will continue from the summer with new and old favorites.

We've had a lot going on behind the scenes in August and we are excited to bring an updated Read and Grow: 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten and Reading Explorer programs starting in September for year-round reading fun. We'll also be offering new activities in the school-age area, updated activities and kits for the teen maker space, and more!

Stop by the library this fall and ask about all our great new (and old) programs, services and materials. We're off to a great start for the new school year and we want you to join us!

Jennifer Wharton, Youth Services Librarian

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Sewing Machine Workshop Series

October 6, 13, and 20 at 4pm Register online for a special series of Maker Workshops! We will be learning to use a sewing machine in a cumulative series of three workshops. You must sign up and attend all three! We will start with basic sewing machine skills—threading a machine, controlling the foot pedal, and following a line. Attendees will also learn to follow a pattern, create an item, and finish with hand sewing techniques. There is no age requirement, but kids must be able to safely use a sewing machine with limited supervision, have enough motor control to use a foot pedal, and be able to follow directions. For more information, please contact Jennifer Wharton.

Registration is required for all Maker Workshops.
You can register online or in person at the library.

YOUTH SERVICES

We Explore Favorite Artists

This special storytime series introduces great children's illustrators and authors to young children. You will be able to try out lots of fun and interesting art techniques, styles, and materials, as well as enjoy storytime and snacks. All ages welcome!

Selected Wednesdays at 10:00

September 13th: Katherine Tillotson

October 11th: Lois Ehlert

October 25th: Beth Krommes

After School Clubs

All ages welcome! Drop in between 3:30 and 5:30 on Tuesdays

September 5th: Lego Club

September 12th: Messy Art Club: Puppetry

September 19th: Mad Scientists Club: Science Tricks

September 26th: Lego Club

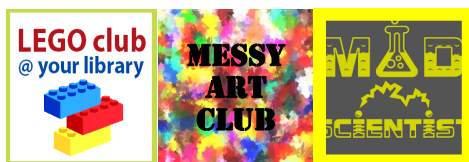
October 3rd: Messy Art Club: Pointilism

October 10th: Lego Club

October 17th: Mad Scientists Club: Marble Run

October 24th: Messy Art Club: Embossing

October 31st: Mad Scientists Club: Goo



Read with Pearl

Mondays

4:00 - 4:45

Join us in the storyroom to read with Pearl the dog. Reading with Pearl is a fun and relaxing way to practice your skills, enjoy some good books, and spend some time with a wonderful pup!



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.

Garden Playgroup

September 11th & 25th
October 9th & 23rd
at 10am
Suggested age: Infants to 5yrs

Tiny Tots

September 11th & 25th
October 9th & 23rd
at 6:30pm
Suggested age: Infants to 5yrs

For more information contact Pattie Woods, [262-723-3160 ext. 1416](tel:262-723-3160) or email

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Matheson Memorial Library Fundraiser

Trick-or-Trivia

October 27, 2017
7:00pm



Winning team earns a \$200 cash prize!

Ticket includes admission, two drinks (beer, wine, soda) plus snacks.
Cash bar available. Attendees must be 21 years or over.

Costumes are encouraged, but not required.

Trivia services graciously donated by Bob Kordus of *America's Pub Quiz*.

Individual Tickets \$25
Individuals will be assigned to a team

Business Sponsor \$100
Recognition at event and in the library newsletter

Reserved Table of Eight \$200
Fill your own table with a scary-smart team!

Business Sponsor/Table of 8 \$300
Library recognition and reserved table of 8

Contact Name: _____

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Return form and contribution to:
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SOLD OUT three years in a row, so sign up TODAY!
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