



Matheson Memorial Library

# NEWSLETTER

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**Library Closed:**  
**July 4**

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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](http://eepurl.com/jzOQ1)



## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR



**H**ave you joined our Summer Reading Program yet? It's not too late. Kids will get stickers, coupons, fine forgiveness and lots of fun incentives, and adults have a chance to win some very cool prizes. Adults

have a weekly challenge based on the theme, "Libraries Rock!" and many programs for all ages. Stop in and sign up!

Our outside project was completed in time for us to plant some vegetables in our new garden beds and a new walkway was installed from the story room to the garden. If you want to make a tax-deductible donation to help our garden grow, please make a check out to the Matheson Memorial Library (MML) Foundation.

Starting August 13, construction will begin on the library parking lot. Although a lack of sufficient parking is our biggest complaint at the library, we are not able to provide additional parking spaces in

the small lot we have, but we are going to improve the flow of traffic to allow two-way traffic from both Wisconsin and Washington Streets. Be prepared for big changes as the book return will be moved and traffic will flow differently through the parking lot. During construction there will be some parking on Washington Street. Court Street and Broad Street also have some parking available.

Our Friends of the Library group meets bi-monthly and is a fun group to join. If you love the library and have some free time to work on projects, contact me or Chad at the library and we will find a task that fits your schedule. The Friends' next general meeting will be held August 22, at 6:00 p.m. Child care will be available during the Friends' meetings if you call 262-723-9140 to request it. The Book and Bake Sale will be held August 2-4 this year.

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

Lisa Selje, Library Director



## REACHING OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY

By Jennifer Wharton, Youth Services Librarian

**A**t the youth services department of the Elkhorn library, we like to get outside the library and visit kids where they are. During the school year, we visit four year old kindergarten classrooms, school classrooms, and OPTIONS. Visits may include a storytime or give children the opportunity to check out books from our special outreach collection, Library on the Go. You may run into library staff at a 4K Family Night, checking out books in the reading corner, or at a local event like the Elkhorn Mini Maker Faire or the Get Fit Fest, offering activities and library information.

We also offer field trips to the library, and are lucky to have a great school district whose teachers organize their busy schedules so kids can visit the library. This year we offered field trips to grades kindergarten through fifth grade; students not only got the experience of visiting the library, they each got a special program from scavenger hunts to art programs.

When the librarians can't leave the building, our books are still traveling! We supplement the school

collections with hundreds of books per month. Teachers can sign up for a classroom card and request materials, which are then checked out and sent over on the school delivery van. We love to see all the fun requests and offer suggestions! We've provided multiple copies for classroom book clubs, curated collections based around a subject area, or extra fun books for beginning readers.



During the summer, outreach switches over to Library on the Go. This grant-funded collection offers children who don't have library access the opportunity to borrow easy readers and beginning chapter books with no due dates, fines, or library cards required. You'll see Library on the Go at local daycares, at summer school, and many other

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places in the community.

Sometimes outreach seems more trouble than it's worth. When we've had a field trip with 90 third-graders, done back-to-back storytimes most of the day, hauled books and props all over town, or been gone from the library for hours, with work piling up behind us, we can wonder if we're really making a difference. The answer is, yes! Over the past years, as we have increased outreach we have seen an increase in library visits from kids and families who might not otherwise have visited the library. The kids tell their parents about the librarian's visit or their field trip and then come back to investigate further. They come to visit the gerbils Ms. Jennifer told them about, to check out the video games their friend told them the library had, or to spend more time in the play area. New (and busy) teachers find out more about the library's services and how we can help them by supplying books and other materials. The early literacy programs we take to four year old kindergartens and daycares give teachers new ideas as well as reaching kids who don't have the opportunity to visit the library. Library on the Go offers literacy opportunities to disadvantaged or just plain busy kids.

In just one month, we might visit or see anywhere from 50 to 500 kids. We will read stories and learn vocabulary words like "nocturnal" and "oviparous". We will learn how the library is connected to the community and how each staff member contributes. We might learn how to choose a "just right" book from the easy readers or which areas of the library are for being quiet and which ones are for

playing. Children might discover that they do love reading after all, when they check out their first book or find a familiar friend. Outreach allows us to not only support our school colleagues and help them educate Elkhorn's children, but also reach as many families as possible and help children become lifelong library users and lifelong learners.



## EXPLORE ELKHORN HISTORY ON OUR ANNUAL DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR

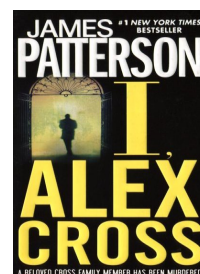
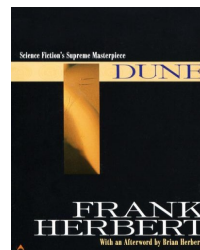
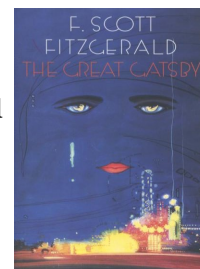
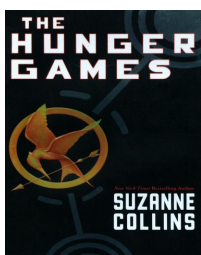
Our annual tradition of leading a walking tour around our city returns on **Tuesday, August 21st at 6:30pm**. This year, we'll be visiting historical city locations, that we haven't previously included on our tour, especially in the downtown area. We'll be using the book, *A Centennial History of Elkhorn* as our guide to iconic city locations, and we'll talk about the businesses and residences that occupied them in days past. This short tour should be accessible to everyone, but please wear comfortable clothes and good walking shoes. In case of inclement weather, please watch our website for cancellation notice. We hope you can join us on our trip back in time!



# CAST YOUR VOTE FOR THE GREAT AMERICAN READ!

At the beginning of this summer, PBS launched *The Great American Read*, an exciting, eight-part series that seeks to find our country's favorite novel. One hundred novels, all from different time periods and representing diverse voices, were selected. Many celebrities, authors, and former public servants hosted the show to feature their favorites nominees, and to convince viewers why they should vote for them. In October the winner will be announced, but voting is still open.

You can participate by visiting the website at [www.pbs.org/the-great-american-read/home](http://www.pbs.org/the-great-american-read/home) and voting for your favorite book. This is a great opportunity to visit (or revisit) some of the great works of literature, as well as recent masterpieces, and see why they've been nominated. You can find all 100 nominees on the website above, or you can grab a free flyer from our *Great American Read* display near the circulation desk. So if you're looking for something new to read, we have 100 suggestions for you! And if your favorite is already on the list, make sure to vote; your favorite book could be the Great American Read!



## LIBRARY STAFF WEIGHS IN ON THEIR GREAT AMERICAN READ PICKS

Library staff all have their favorite books they're rooting for the Great American Read! Here are their choices:

**Jennifer:** "Jim Dale read the audiobook of *Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll. His rich, British voice makes a lovely background to Carroll's fanciful prose and nonsense."

**Lanigan:** "*The Giver* by Lois Lowery. It made me think about the gifts we have in our individuality."

**Kelly:** "*Anne of Green Gables* by L.M. Montgomery. A story that I read and reread in my childhood. I was so captivated by Anne and her adventures."

**Jeff:** *Fifty Shades...*

**Lindsay:** "*Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden. It is a wonderful book to look into Japanese culture and if you enjoyed the movie, the book is better!"

**Gail:** *The Help* was one of my favorites. A very enlightening book that give us a look into what life was like for these southern housekeepers.

**Chad:** This is very tough! I've narrowed it down to 4: *The Great Gatsby*, *To Kill A Mockingbird*,

*Foundation*, and *Dune*. I guess I'll go with *Dune*, because I bet the Sci-Fi novels need all the help they can get!

**Sara:** *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak and *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen. I like historical fiction.

**Deb:** *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White. I loved the story as a child and still enjoy it as an adult.

**Stacey:** "*Rebecca*. The writing pulls you in and doesn't let you go."

**Lisa:** "It's hard to pick just one! All-time favorite classic is *Gone With the Wind*. I also loved *The Catcher in the Rye* when I was a rebellious youth!





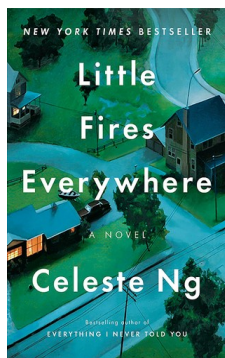
# ADULT SERVICES

## 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**.

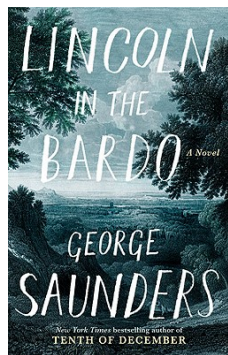
**July 18th – Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng**

*Ugliness seethes under a placid suburban surface in this multilayered novel, in which two families grow too close for comfort.*



**August 15th - Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders**

*This ghostly tale traces a night of solitary mourning and reflection as experienced by the sixteenth president after the death of his eleven-year-old son at the dawn of the Civil War.*



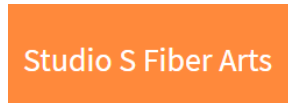
For more information, contact **Lisa Selje** by phone at **(262) 723-9140** or email at **lselje@elkhorn.lib.wi.us**



## A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR 2018 ADULT SUMMER READING DONORS!

What would our adult summer reading program be without the fabulous prizes? We want to give a big thanks to all the restaurants, resorts, and other local business that acted as our community partners and generously supported us. We encourage you to check these places out and give them your business...they're very special to us.

This year we sent out certificates of appreciation to each donor in the hopes that they would prominently display them for their customers to see. If you see one of these certificates, please thank them for their support of the library, and their commitment to promoting literacy and lifelong learning!



# ADULT SERVICES

## JULY & AUGUST PROGRAMS

Remember, each adult program you attend will net you an entry into our grand prize drawing!

- SUMMERTIME CRAFTING**

**Thursday, July 12th at 6:30pm** - Celebrate summer with fun and easy crafts! We'll be making bead suncatchers and fabric cork boards. All materials are provided but registration is required. Please call (262) 723-2678 to register!

- ROCKIN' EATS WITH THE BLACK SHEEP RESTAURANT**

**Thursday, July 19th at 6:30pm** - Chef Kelsey from the Black Sheep in Whitewater will show you how to make some delicious dishes! The program is free, but registration is required. Please call (262) 723-2678 to register!

- REMEMBERING THE U.S.S. INDIANAPOLIS**

**Thursday, July 26th at 6:30pm** - Near its 78th anniversary, historian Jim Gibbons recounts the tragic sinking of the WWII cruiser *Indianapolis*, and the harrowing experiences of the crew who survived the sinking.

- ALL ROADS LEAD TO ELKHORN**

**Thursday, August 9th at 6:30pm** - Join local musicians as they talk about their experiences and musical philosophy, all while performing some of their songs.

## MEET LYNDA!

Lynda.com is a leading online learning platform that helps anyone learn business, software, technology and creative skills to achieve personal and professional goals. Our library is very excited to announce that now you can have free and unlimited access to the Lynda.com video library of engaging, top-quality courses taught by recognized industry experts. All you need is a library card to get in. From there, you can browse the many videos by subject or career track. Even better, you can go through Lynda courses at your own pace, and have it fit your schedule.

You can find a link to Lynda.com on the Digital Resources page of our website. Please call us at (262) 723-2678 if you have any questions. Happy learning!



### 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**

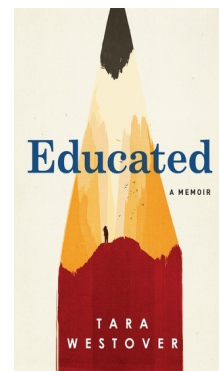
**July 4th - No Book Club Meeting**

*Have a safe & happy July 4th!*



**August 1st - Educated by Tara Westover**

*The amazing true story of the daughter of extremist survivalists who, against all odds, worked her way through a university education.*



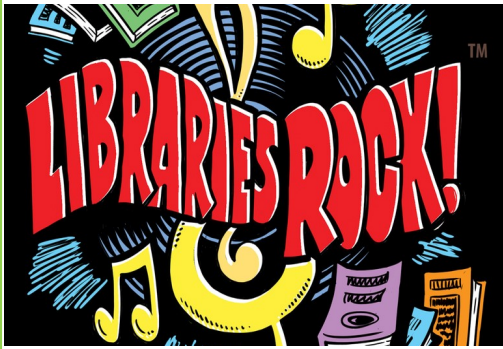
For more information, contact **Kelly Stech** by phone at (262) 723-2678 or email at [kstech@elkhorn.lib.wi.us](mailto:kstech@elkhorn.lib.wi.us)





# YOUTH SERVICES

## MISS JENNIFER'S CORNER



### Storywagon Schedule

**Tuesdays @ 1:30**  
 July 10th—Kidsplay  
 July 17th Moogician  
 July 24th—Snake  
 Discovery

There's still lots of time for fun at the library this summer! Join us for one of our many fun programs in July; storytimes for all ages, art programs, gardening, and awesome performers. On July 14th, we'll have a special day open to kids of all ages - Kids Make! Kids will be able to try lots of different crafts and activities, from sewing to sculpture, art to science.

It's not too late to join the summer reading program! Join at any time until our ending date on August 11th. We have summer reading programs for ages 0 through fifth grade, middle school, and high school. All are easy, low-stress, and fun!

The fun doesn't stop in August. We have several Maker Workshops scheduled and lots of easy, drop-in activities. Stop by on Tuesdays for Craft-o-rama or Fridays for Free Lego Building days.

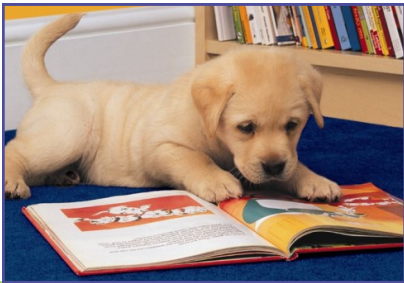
We will be offering limited programs and drop-in activities during August. Check out the online calendar for dates and times of Craft-o-Rama and Free Lego Building, among other things. You can also visit the library any time to enjoy our play areas, maker space kits, and more.

Programs will resume in September after school begins. We will be offering your favorite storytimes with Ms. Pattie again as well special events, after school clubs, and more fun for all ages. Kids in 1st through 6th grade are encouraged to join a book club, meeting monthly on Thursday afternoons.

Jennifer Wharton, Youth Services Librarian

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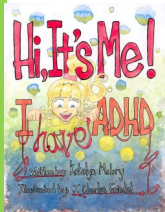
**Paws to Read @ 4:00**  
 Mondays in July: Read a book with a furry friend



Friday, August 10th @ 4:00pm

-Katelyn Mabry

Listen to Author and Early Childhood  
 Early Education Educator talk about



five ways to  
 help your  
 busy learner.



## TEEN PROGRAMS



**July 13th at 3:30pm: Anime Club**

- This is for everyone who loves to talk about their favorite Anime, Manga, Graphic Novels!, and Asian pop culture in general!

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**July 27th & August 17th at 6:00pm—8:00pm Teens After-Hours**

- Ever wondered what the library's like after the doors closed? Well, now you can! Middle and High schoolers are invited to a special event after the library closes...there'll be lots of games and snacks! Please call us at **(262) 723-2678** to register, or sign up on our website calendar.



# YOUTH SERVICES

## We Explore Favorite Artists

Friday, July 13th @ 10:00 -Denise Fleming



Wednesday, July 18th @ 2:00 -Lois Ehlert

Friday, July 27th @ 10:00 – Michael Hall



## MS. PATTIE'S CORNER

**Outdoor Play Group**  
Monday July 9th, & 23rd  
@10:00a.m.

**Tiny Tots @ 6:30 pm**  
July 9th & 23rd

**Toddlers 'n' Books**  
Tuesday, July 10th, 17th & 24th, 10:00 and 11:00a.m.  
Suggested age: 18 to 36 months

Programs are sponsored by the EASD Parent Connections and the Matheson Memorial Library

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

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

## We Explore OUTDOORS!

Join us @ 2:00 outside the library for some outdoor fun!

Wednesday, July 11th & 25th Learn about BUGS and BEES and paint a garden BUG rock & make a BEE HOUSE.

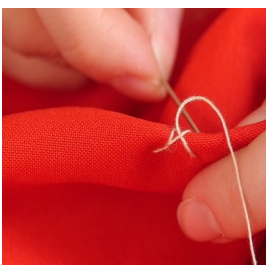


Wednesday, August 1st & 8th Explore the WATER Cycle & BUTTERFLIES and make a sprinkler & a feeder for your backyard.



## MAKER WORKSHOPS IN JULY

Thursdays @ 4:30 \*Must Register\*



July 12th & 19th: Hand Sewing— Learn basic sewing skill & sew a crafty creature. There are 2 sessions.

July 26th: Brushbots— Make a mini robot and learn some basic electronic skills.





# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

## SUPPORT THE FRIENDS AT THE ONGOING BOOK STORE!

The Friends Book Store is open year round whenever the library is open. Since we put a sign in the lobby asking for donations we have seen many great donations come in and most go right into our Book Store. We encourage you to drop off your gently used books, DVD's, music CD's and audio books any time throughout the year. The Friends work diligently to put out hundreds of new items every month.

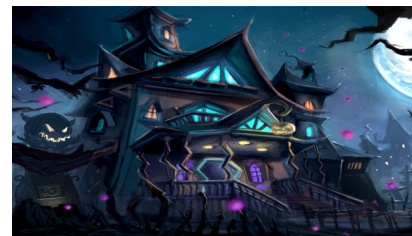
There are children's books, paperbacks, fiction and non-fiction selections to choose from. Prices are very reasonable and you can pay for your purchases at the Circulation Desk. In addition to our ongoing book store, we have a book and bake sale twice a year. The next one is very close...look below this column!

## LOTS OF THINGS ON THE HORIZON FOR THE FRIENDS!

The Friends have a lot going on this year, and we're excited to share a few with you!

First off, our summer Big Book & Bake Sale is coming up very soon. You can see the times and dates right below this article; get ready to stock up on some great reads and some delicious treats! If you'd like to get first dibs at our offerings, please consider joining the Friends to gain access to our Thursday preview sale. You can join at the door that evening too!

This Fall we're getting ready for a big annual tradition, a truly fun evening, and a major fundraiser: Trick or Trivia 2018! Our Halloween-themed trivia competition/masquerade



*Trick or Trivia 2018 is coming!*

party/big blowout celebration is a real hoot each year, and we want you to be a part of it. Registration info will be in the Fall newsletter issue. Get your team together and get ready for a spooky trivia challenge!

And finally, we're actively planning more events for the fall and winter. Why not help us out? This is a great time to join the Friends and help us support the library. Pick up an application at the checkout desk today!

# BROWN BAG BOOK & BAKE SALE



ALL THE BOOKS YOU CAN STUFF IN A BAG FOR ONLY

**\$5**

**Aug 2 4-6:00pm**

**Friends Members-Only Preview Sale**

**Aug 3 9-6:00pm**

**Aug 4 10-1:00pm**

**WE'LL SUPPLY THE TREATS & BOOKS, YOU FILL THE BAGS!**