

Special Events for Families

PRINCESS IN BLACK PARTY

Saturday, September 22, 10:30

Are you a sweet princess or a daring monster fighter? Join the Princess in Black and be both! Come to our party and be prepared to fight monsters, disguise yourself, wear fancy princess clothes, and more! Costumes welcome! Kids of all ages and abilities welcome.



Princess Magnolia and Frimplepants rode into the secret cave. When they came out the other side, they were the Princess in Black and her pony, Blacky.

HOLIDAY CRAFT EXTRAVAGANZA

Tuesday, November 13, 4-6pm

Families are invited to drop by the Storyroom and create a glittery project to celebrate the season.



LIFE-SIZE CANDYLAND

Saturday, December 8, 10:30

Bring the whole family for a journey to Candyland at the library! You can play the game, picking up sweet treats along the way, or join in the activities and crafts in the Community Room while waiting your turn at the giant game board.

All ages and abilities welcome. Please contact a librarian in advance for any allergies. If you would like to volunteer to help with set-up, photo ops, or running the program, please contact Jennifer Wharton at jwharton@elkhorn.lib.wi.us.



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Youth Services Newsletter

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Welcome to the youth services department of the Matheson Memorial Library. We strive to provide informational, educational, and recreational services, in a friendly and supportive setting, to all families, children, and caregivers of the Elkhorn community. These services are available through quality materials and programs offered by a friendly and knowledgeable staff in a comfortable and welcoming environment. The Youth Services Department serves as a family gathering place focused on educating, enriching, and entertaining the families, children, teens, and caregivers of the public. Whether you are new to the area or have been visiting the library regularly, we hope you will find a program, materials, or experiences that are just right for your family.

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Ms. Jennifer has been managing the youth services department for over 10 years. You will often see her at local schools and events or offering programs in the library. She loves to hear from her library families, so if you have suggestions please pass them on!



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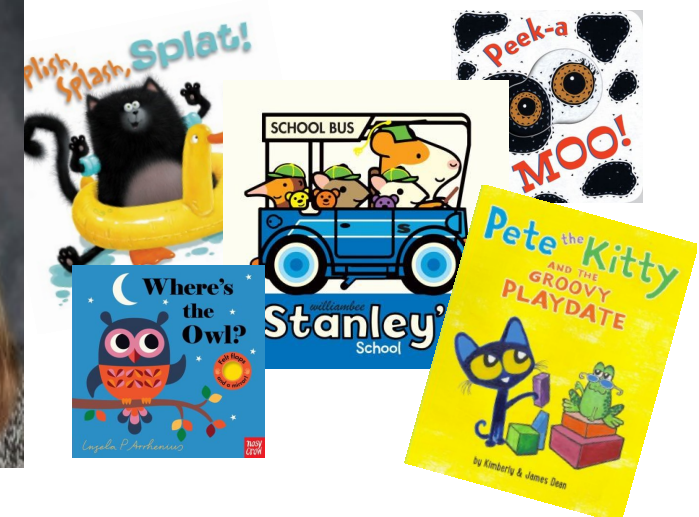
Ms. Terri joined the youth services department in 2017. She offers many outdoor and movement programs for children as well as staffing the youth services desk.



Pattie Woods

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Ms. Pattie offers many programs at the library specifically for ages birth to five as well as resources for parents and caregivers. Follow Parent Connections on Facebook for more community partnerships!



Things to do in the Youth Services Department

WELCOME TO THE PLAY AREA

Play is an important part of every child's development, from infants to school-age children. At the library, we have many opportunities for imaginative, collaborative, and educational play. The play areas are always open when the library is open. In the main play area, you will find a kitchen area, train table, and several stations which alternate but may include tools and a work table, a geo block easel with interchangeable patterns, and a Duplo table.

Next to the youth services desk is a second play area with a magnet and flannel board, puzzles, and an interactive Chicka Chicka Boom Boom tree. Don't forget to visit the library's gerbil friends, Tumtum and Nutmeg here also!

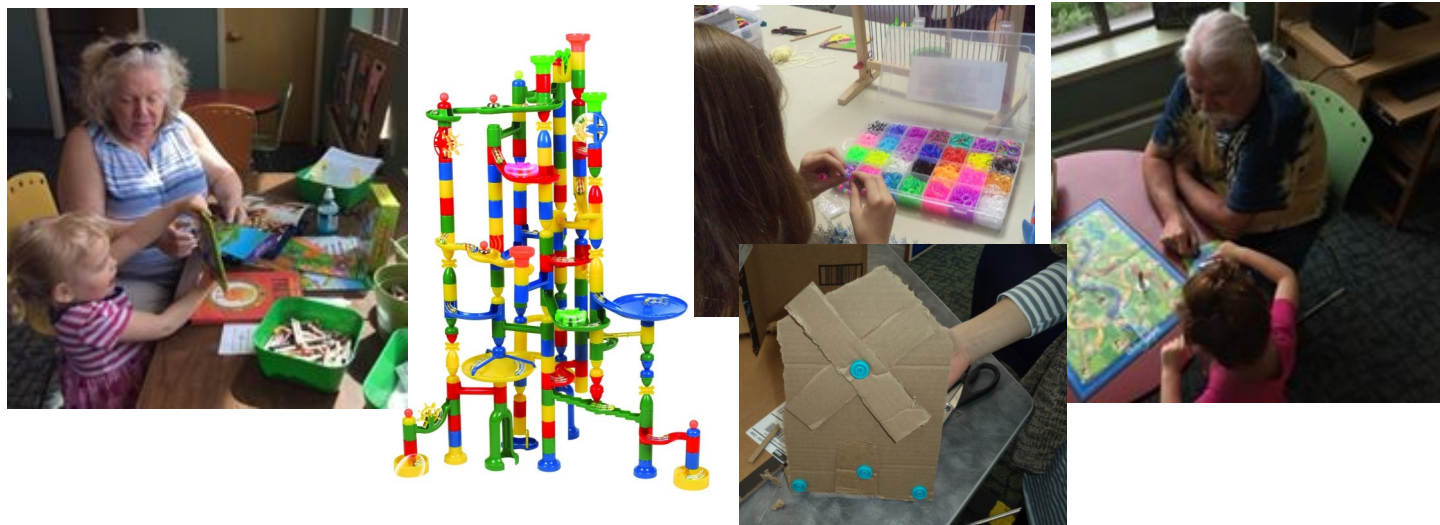


SCHOOL-AGERS CAN HAVE FUN TOO!

We have several areas designated for school-age or elementary children. Younger children are welcome in these areas as well, but the activities are designed for a slightly older audience.

Visit the literacy center, at the end of the easy reader shelf, and discover free work sheets and literacy activities. As you venture down the windowed aisle by the juvenile fiction, you will find an activity table with a new, interactive activity each month. Activities may include scavenger hunts, coloring, science activities, and more. You will also find two public computers in this area that are available for use by both children and their parents and caregivers. Check out the maker space shelf at the very end of the juvenile nonfiction to find a wide variety of board games from popular favorites like Candyland to cooperative games from HABA that encourage learning and fun.

You will also find a notebook which includes our school-age maker space materials. Just fill out a card, bring it to the youth services desk, and borrow an item for use in the library. The school-age maker space includes looms, a microscope, Magna-Tiles, a marble run, art materials, and more.



Programs for School-Age Kids

MAKER WORKSHOP SEWING MACHINES

Fridays, Oct 19, Nov 2 and 9, 4:30pm

Kids, teens and adults are invited to join us for a maker workshop with sewing machines. You can register for one session or all three. Please be aware that the library has a limited number of sewing machines. If you are bringing your own machine, please note it in your registration.

Registration is required and space is limited, so if you are unable to attend please let the library know. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn basic sewing machine skills as well as choosing and completing a simple project.

Attendees must have the required skills listed below.

- Ability to work independently and wait patiently for assistance when needed.
- Can safely use sewing implements with minimal supervision (needles and sharp scissors)
- Ability to thread a needle (needle threaders will be provided) and knot the end.
- Ability to safely use a sewing machine with limited supervision
- Have sufficient motor control to use a foot pedal



MAKER WORKSHOP MINIATURES

Friday, October 5, 4:30pm

Kids and teens will have the opportunity to use their creativity to create miniatures. We will be using cardboard, recycled materials, wood, and more.

Registration is required and space is limited, so if you are unable to attend please let the library know. There is no age restriction, but you must have the following skills to attend:

- Ability to work independently and wait patiently for assistance when needed.
- Ability to safely use hot glue gun, x-acto knife, and heavy-duty scissors

BOOKANEERS **1st Thursday of the month, 4:30pm, Sep-May**

Arr mateys, here be a treasure trove of books! If you are in first, second, or third grade you are invited to join our book club! Whether you can read alone or need a little help, this club is for you. Join us for fun crafts, tasty snacks, and talking about our favorite books. You can join at any point during the school year!

ROCK 'N' READ **2nd Thursday of the month, 4:30pm, Sep-May**

Are you a rockin' reader? If you are in third, fourth, or fifth grade you are invited to join our book club! Whether you love to devour chapter books or like to pick up a quick comic now and then, this club is for you. Join us for fun crafts, tasty snacks, and talking about our favorite books. You can join at any point during the school year!

BOOK EXPLOSION **3rd Thursday of the month, 4:30pm, Sep-May**

Do you love ALL THE BOOKS? If you are in fifth or sixth grade you are invited to join our book club! No matter what you like to read, you'll find something to love in this explosion of books. Join us for fun crafts, tasty snacks, and a different theme each month, from Pokemon to Harry Potter. You can join at any point!

September 20: Pokemon: Whether you're a fan of the classic television shows or a Pokemon Go player, join us to talk about your favorite characters and create Pokemon-themed crafts.

October 18: Histories and Mysteries with American Girl: Travel through history with the popular American Girl books and have a chance to learn more about different time periods in American history.

November 15: Harry Potter: Harry Potter fans bring your wands, wear your robes, and be prepared to make some magic happen as we discuss this beloved series and try out some other fantasy books.

December 20: Disney: Do you love Disney's Descendants or are you a fan of the classics like Mickey Mouse and Tinkerbell? We'll have fun crafts and a wide range of books for you to explore.

Programs for birth to five and caregivers

STORYTIMES

Toddlers 'n' Books, Tuesdays at 10am and 11am

Fun storytime filled with stories, songs and discoveries followed by a craft. For 18 to 36 months, but all ages and abilities are welcome.

Books 'n' Babies, Thursdays at 10am

Join Ms. Pattie for a fun storytime filled with stories, songs and discoveries followed by open playtime for infants up to 18 months and their caregivers.

Books for Bedtime, 2nd and 4th Mon. at 6:30pm

Join Ms. Pattie for a fun storytime for ages 0-5 filled with stories, songs and discoveries followed by a craft.

Sep 10 & 24, Oct 8 & 22, Nov 12 & 26, Dec 10



PLAYGROUPS

2nd and 4th Mondays 10am-11am

Outdoor Playgroup September 10 and 24, October 8

Come to the Matheson Memorial Garden! We will pick our ripe vegetables and enjoy some wonderful time outdoors playing.

Discovery Playgroup October 22, November 12 and 26

With cooler weather we will bring our playgroup inside. Come and explore with all your senses!

HOLIDAY CRAFTS EXTRAVAGANZA

Tuesday, November 13, 10am-11:30am

There will be no toddlers 'n' books today. Instead, join Ms. Pattie in the Community room for a seasonal crafting event with fun activities for toddlers and their families and caregivers.

GINGERBREAD PLAYGROUP

Monday, December 10, 10am-11:30am

Would you like to make a Gingerbread House? Join Ms. Pattie in the Storyroom to create one!

HOLIDAY COOKIE PARTY

Tuesday, December 11, 10am-11:30am

It's a holiday celebration! Our last toddler storytime of the year will be a sweet delight of cookie decorating and tasting in the community room at 10am. Bring a plate to take home your cookies! All our baby, toddler, and preschool friends are invited!

YEAR-ROUND READING PROGRAMS

Read and Grow: 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Grab a folder from the play area and get started reading to your child and earning stickers!

Reading Explorer: 500 Books Before Middle School

Finished Read and Grow? Want a challenge? Grab a folder and be a Reading Explorer! You'll earn badges along the way and a free book at the end.

Paws to Read

This collaborative reading program is run with the Lakeland Animal Shelter. It is on hiatus during construction.

Read off your Fines

Juvenile cardholders (children under 16) can read off up to \$21 of overdue fines per year.

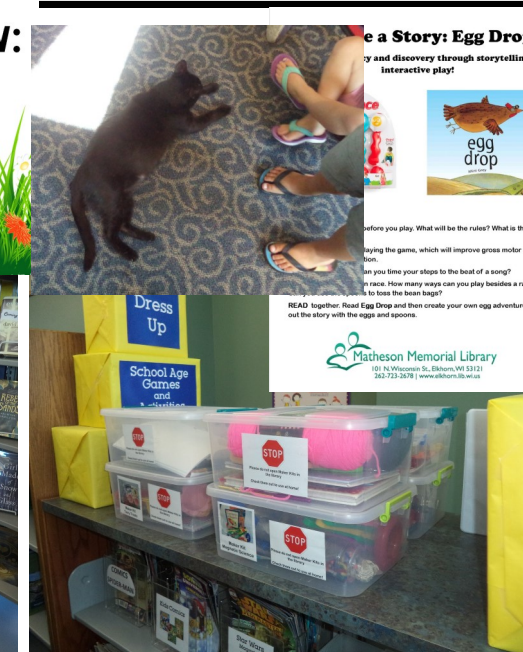
LIBRARY ON THE GO

Has your child brought home a book with the green bus logo? It's a Library on the Go book! There are no due dates, fines, or library cards required to borrow these books and they can be returned to any library at any time. Library on the Go is a grant-funded outreach program.



Brought to you by Matheson Memorial Library

Read and Grow: 1,000 Books before Kindergarten



WHAT CAN YOU BORROW FROM YOUTH SERVICES?

Check out for three weeks:

- Board books, picture books, easy readers, fiction and nonfiction chapter books
- Parenting books and developmental aids, children's books in Spanish, and picture books for a variety of holidays
- Audiobooks on cd, mp3 cd, and playaway as well as music cds

Special materials check out for three weeks:

- Maker kits (include tools and consumables, i.e. fabric, beads, candy flavoring, etc.)
- Storytime kits (perfect for home or classroom use)
- Toy bags for infants, preschool, and school-age with puppets, manipulatives, and early literacy information
- Audio bags with cds and books

Check out for one week

- movies on dvd and Blu-ray; video games (adult area)
- magazines and comics

Programs for Families and Kids of All Ages

ART WORKSHOP

Do you love to be creative? Do you like to mess around with art? Kids of all ages and abilities are invited to drop by the Storyroom between **4 and 6pm** on selected Tuesdays to try out an art technique and create a project.

- **September 11:** 3-D Paper Collage.

We will be using paper, paint, and glue to create a folded art collage.

- **October 2:** Marbling.

Learn techniques to create beautiful marbled paper and cloth with ink.

- **October 9:** Mini cardboard city.

Use paint, scissors, and your own imagination to create a city.

- **October 23:** Mini watercolors.

Explore the medium of watercolors by creating mini splashes of color.



STEM CHALLENGE

Do you love to experiment? Do you like to mess around with science? Kids of all ages and abilities are invited to drop by the Storyroom between **4 and 6pm** on selected Tuesdays to try out a science experiment.

- **September 18:** Build a structure.

Using only marshmallows and toothpicks, how tall and wide can you build?

- **October 16:** Ozobots.

Learn to code with colors - any age can do this fun robot activity.

- **October 30:** Catapults.

Choose a design and create a catapult, illustrating the use of force and motion. Projects for a variety of skill levels will be available.



FREE LEGO BUILD

Friday, Sep 7, 14, 21, 28; Oct 5, 12, 19; Nov 2, 16, 30; Dec 14, 21

Looking for something to do? Drop by the Storyroom for Free Lego Build! Tons of Legos will be available and all ages and abilities are welcome to drop in and build something.

CRAFT-O-RAMA

Monday, October 1

Looking for something to do? Drop by the Storyroom for Craft-o-rama! Crafts, art supplies, and more will be available and all ages and abilities are welcome to drop in and create something.

Programs for Families and Kids of All Ages

WE EXPLORE

We Explore Art

This special storytime series introduces great children's illustrators and authors. Kids will have the opportunity to try out at least two different art techniques as well as enjoy storytime and snacks. This program series is ideal for toddlers with short attention spans, homeschoolers exploring art education, and kids of all ages and abilities who enjoy creating art and listening to stories.

Wednesday, Sep 12 @10am: Eric Carle. Use paint, paper, scissors, and glue to recreate the works of one of the most beloved children's illustrators.

Wednesday, Oct 3 @10am: Put together your own Melissa Sweet-inspired story with colored pencil art and collaged words and colors.

Wednesday, Oct 10 @10am: Ed Emberley. With bright colors, scissors, and stamp pads, recreate the charming thumbprint and collage art of Ed Emberley.



We Explore Outdoors

Join Ms. Terri for a special outdoor storytime and activity on selected Wednesday afternoons. Open outdoor playtime will be held after the program. All ages and abilities welcome. (rain location - Storyroom)

Wednesday, Sep 19 @2pm: Harvest. Learn all about the things we harvest and eat and search for tasty treasures in the library garden.

Wednesday, Oct 17 @2pm: Bats. Learn about these helpful creatures and how they fit into our ecosystem.



We Explore Preschool Adventures: **Wed. Sep 19 and Oct 17 at 10am**

This program is geared for 3 and 4 year olds. We will have stories, rhymes, projects, and special themes.

We Explore Fall: **Wed. Sep 26 and Oct 24 at 10am**

Come join us for fun fall activities! Painting and more! Newborn to five year olds and their families or caregivers.

FAMILY FORT NIGHT

Friday, October 12, 6-8pm

4K families, join us at the library for a family fort night! Bring a sheet or blanket and a flashlight and create your own cozy reading fort (extra sheets will be available!). Explore the library after hours, participate in fun activities, and enjoy a sweet treat.

Sponsored by EASD Parent Connections, Step Ahead, Lakelands Little Learners, The Learning Curve, and the Matheson Memorial Library.