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## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

**Library Closed:**

**May 27**



**O**ur new service desk is installed and we hope to complete our renovations with some new display furniture. Please consider donating to the Matheson Memorial Library Foundation to help us pay for these new additions that have greatly improved our library. You can drop off a check at the desk or donate online at [www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us](http://www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us).

month with the next general meeting on June 26, at 6:00 p.m. Child care is available during the Friends' meetings **IF you call 262-723-9140 in advance to request it.** The Friends will be at Saturdays on the Square on June 8 to help promote our reading program and sell some books. This fun group supports our library in many ways so please consider joining the Friends! They run our ongoing Book Store and semi-annual Book and Bake Sales.

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

Lisa Selje, Library Director

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We have many great programs planned for the summer and all ages can join our Summer Reading Program that kicks off on June 8. The theme this year is "A Universe of Stories." In May, we have a program on Japanese calligraphy and in June you can learn about growing and using herbs or flying a drone! Check this newsletter and our website for more details on these and other programs. We have new landscaping planned on our south side this spring and another garden for kids and adults to participate in growing vegetables, herbs and flowers.



Our Friends of the Library group meets every other

For news on upcoming programs, events, and other library happenings, please follow our Facebook page at

[www.facebook.com/ElkhornLibrary/](http://www.facebook.com/ElkhornLibrary/)



## HELP US KICK OFF THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM WITH A SPECIAL EVENT!

**O**n Saturday, June 8th our adult, teen, and children's summer reading programs will begin! We have lots of exciting programs and prize drawings to keep you reading all summer long; you'll find out all about them in the following pages. To get things off to a good start, local band The Underground Sound Jazz Quintet will be returning for a kickoff concert that will get us ready for a Universe of Stories! They'll be playing from 11:00am to 1:00pm in the Library Community Center, which is also where you can sign up for our adult, teen, and youth summer reading programs. We'll also have some popcorn and soda for you to enjoy while listening to the music and getting ready to read all summer long!



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

At 10:30 you can join Miss Pattie for our Blast Into Summer planting party in the library garden. There will be planting, activities, and hot dogs (while they last). And finally the Usborne Book Sale will be going on in the library lobby so you can buy a book or two to get started reading!

Sign up for the online newsletter at: [eepurl.com/jzOQ1](http://eepurl.com/jzOQ1)



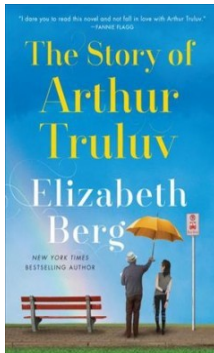
## MAY PROGRAMS

### 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**.

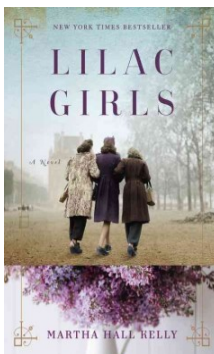
#### May 15th – *The Story of Arthur Truluv* by Elizabeth Berg

*Truluv* is a moving novel about three people who have lost the person they love most, and must find their way back to happiness.



#### April 17th - *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly

On a September day in Manhattan in 1939, twenty-something Caroline Ferriday is consumed by her efforts to secure the perfect boutonniere for an important French diplomat and resisting the romantic advances of a married actor.



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



### LEARN THE ANCIENT ART OF JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHY AT THE LIBRARY!

On **Thursday, May 16th** The Matheson Memorial Library is offering a unique program that will teach you the basics of the beautiful and unique art of Japanese Calligraphy. Taught by Racine Public Library Youth Services librarian Keiko Skow, this program will show you everything from brush selection to how to write your characters on the paper using calm and peaceful brush strokes.



The program is free, but space is limited. Please call the library at **(262) 723-2678** or visit our online calendar at <https://www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us/calendar> to reserve your spot. If spaces do fill, you're still welcome to attend and observe this amazing art form!



## JUNE PROGRAMS

### DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF PLANTS & HERBS TO SUPPORT WELLNESS

Join us on **Saturday, June 15th at 1:00pm** for an interactive workshop on the benefits of cultivating native herbs to promote wellness and cure common ailments. Led by Sam and Jen Oakes, certified husband-and-wife herbalist team, this program brings the magic of herbalism to your family kitchen. They will show you a fun and approachable way to work with plants in our habitat, and instill practical knowledge of plants and their medicinal uses.



As part of the Adult Summer Reading program, all attendants will receive a free entry into our grand prize drawing in August!

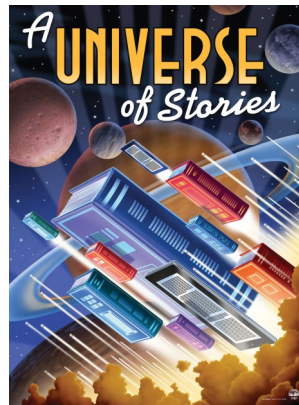
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# SUMMER READING PROGRAM

## EXPLORE THE STARS WITH OUR ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM!

We are very happy to announce that the 2019 Adult Summer Reading Program will begin on **Saturday, June 8th!** Entitled *A Universe of Stories*, this is a great way for anyone age 18 or over to read throughout the summer, attend some fascinating programs, and maybe win some fabulous prizes. Here's how it works:

- Pick up a reading log at the info desk anytime between **June 8th and August 10th**. Every time you read a book record it in the log and bring it in for library staff to initial.
- For the first book you read, you'll receive a collectible book bag with included goodies!
- Each additional book you read and have initialed will net you an entry into our grand prize drawing on **August 12th**. Prizes include gourmet dinners at local restaurants, wine tastings at local wineries, and lake tours!
- You can read anything you like, audiobooks included. Please try to avoid children's books or books below your reading level. Ask a librarian for reading suggestions...we always have a book to recommend!
- You can earn an extra entry for the grand prize drawing for each 2018 Adult Summer Reading program you attend! See the next page for a full list of all our programs this summer.
- The drawing for each of our grand prizes will be on **Monday, August 12th** and we'll announce the winners on the same day. Each prize will have one winner, so you can either put all your tickets toward a prize you really want, or spread them around to maximize your chances of winning something...the strategy is up to you!



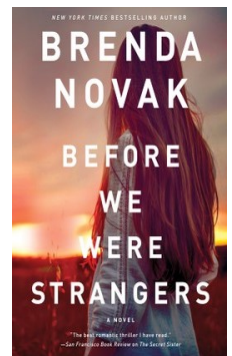
In addition to our grand prize competition, we will also have a weekly challenge to either test your knowledge of outer space-themed music. Each Monday we'll have a **Universe of Stories** sheet that challenges you to either complete the lyrics to a famous song that deals with space, astronomy, or other out-of-this world subjects. Let's get ready for Blast Off!

### 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**

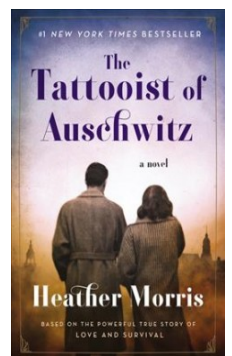
#### May 1st - *Before We Were Strangers* by Brenda Novak

*A woman reeling from a traumatic loss returns to her childhood hometown to uncover the truth about her mother's mysterious disappearance years earlier.*



#### April 3rd - *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris

*This true story of an Auschwitz-Birkenau survivor traces the experiences of a Jewish Slovakian who uses his position as a concentration camp tattooist to secure food for his fellow prisoners.*



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# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

## GREETINGS FROM THE NEW FRIENDS PRESIDENT

**M**y name is Cynthia (“Cindy”) Matz, and I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am very pleased and honored to be the 2019/2020 President for the Friends of the Matheson Public Library, especially because I have such experienced, active and committed board members to work with me.

I am a Milwaukee native, but have lived in many places – Platteville (WI), Madison (WI), Kansas City (MO), Indianapolis (IN), Danville (IN), and Macungie (PA). I moved back to Milwaukee about 10 years ago to take care of Mom and Dad, and then moved to Elkhorn 3 years ago after taking a job with Walworth County. I currently

work in the Public Works Department at Walworth County, and I LOVE Elkhorn!

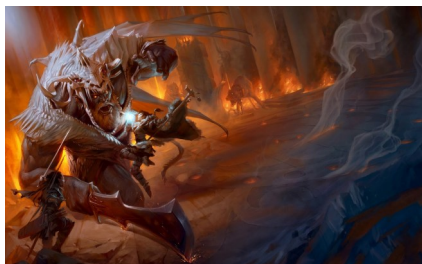
As you may have guessed, I got a library card every place I moved to, sometimes before getting an updated driver’s license!

I want to invite you to support the library and join the fun! Our next Friends Meeting is June 26, 2019 at 6:00pm in the Community Center, and we have lots of great things on the horizon. Join us!



## LEARN TO PLAY DUNGEONS & DRAGONS DURING OUR ALL-DAY D&D EVENT!

**D**ungeons & Dragons, the legendary role playing game, is hotter than ever today. The library has a very active D&D group that have been meeting for about a year, but we want to spread the fun around! **On Saturday, June 22nd at 10:00am**, we’ll be offering an introductory class on how to create your own character, which you can then take on an adventure! We’ll have several open games running for you to jump right into and begin defeating monsters and finding treasure! To keep you fueled and ready for battle, we’ll also have free soda and snacks on hand...adventuring is thirsty work!



## LEARN ALL ABOUT DRONE PILOTING WITH A PRO!

**H**ave you ever wondered what it takes to become a drone pilot? Join Dr. Chris Johnson, president and co-founder of Unmanned Aircraft Systems Advocacy Network as he talks all about the exciting world of drones: what they are, what they can do, and what the law says about flying them. Dr. Johnson, a retired Air Force Colonel, professional pilot, and flight instructor will show you what the future holds for drones and, if you’re interested, what you need to do to pilot one! As part of the Adult Summer Reading program, all attendants will receive a free entry into our grand prize drawing in August!



## THE SHORT STORY BOOK CLUB

**T**he Short Story Book Club is a fun group that saves time by only discussing short stories! We have games, trivia, and a discussion, and we meet offsite at **Not Too Far Away Pub & Grill** each 4th Tuesday of the month at **7:00pm**.

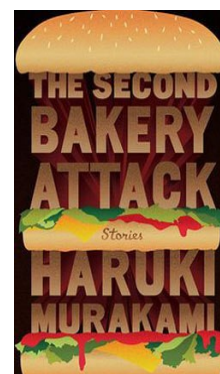
**May 22nd –Bartleby the Scrivener by Herman Melville**

*A Wall Street lawyer hires a new clerk who, after an initial bout of hard work, refuses to make copy or do any other task required of him, with the words "I would prefer not to."*



**June 25th - The Second Bakery Attack by Haruki Murakami**

*A husband attempts to explain how the gunpoint robbery of a McDonald's in Tokyo with his wife, happened outside of his control.*



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