



Matheson Memorial Library NEWSLETTER

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

www.facebook.com/ElkhornLibrary/



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



We had one of our most successful years ever at the library in 2019; I am finishing the annual report to the state of Wisconsin as I write this, and will have an annual report brochure out soon which gives a synopsis of the year for all to see. Our year-end circulation in 2019 was 254,016 items which is our highest ever. Our brochure, available in March, will highlight some of our major accomplishments of the year. So far in 2020, we have updated the AV system in the Community Center and showcased our annual Fridays with Oscar film festival. We have also completed and approved a new strategic plan for 2020-2023. This can be found on the library website, www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us under "About Us." Read all about it!

We have many great programs planned for this year, so continue reading to see what is in store for March and April. We will have musical programs as well as craft and gardening programs. Our Walking

Book Club at Jackson Elementary School has gotten off to a good start and will continue every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. We will be heading outside to walk as the weather gets warmer, but are using the school building for now. Children's programs are listed on our website calendar, or you can stop in and pick up a paper calendar. We will celebrate National Library Week April 19-25 with a variety of events including treats for our patrons on Monday. April is also Food for Fines month. You can bring a non-perishable food item and get \$1 off your overdue fine all month, up to five items.

Consider joining our Friends of the Library group. This group meets every other month with the next general meeting being held on April 22, at 6:30 p.m. We thank the Friends for their continued support! As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns you have about the library (262)723-9140.

Lisa Selje, Library Director



ENJOY AN EVENING WITH AGATHA CHRISTIE! Sponsored by the Friends of MML

Literary history comes to life on **Thursday, April 23rd at 6:30pm**, when the library receives a visit from legendary mystery writer and playwright Agatha Christie! In a unique departure from their previous author events, the Friends of the Matheson Memorial Library will be hosting this one-of-a-kind program in which the past literally comes alive. Portrayed by historical reenactor and local historian Chris Brookes, Mrs. Christie will discuss her life, how she became the world's most popular mystery novelist, and the creation of her famous characters Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple. She might even shed



some light on the real-life mystery she was involved in. This free event is brought to you by the Friends of the Matheson Memorial Library, and is free for everyone to attend.



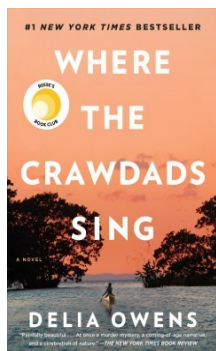
MARCH PROGRAMS

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**.

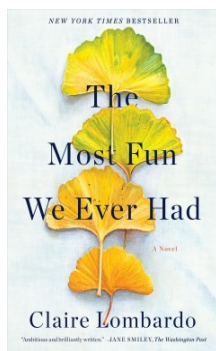
Mar. 18th - *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

Viewed with suspicion in the aftermath of a tragedy, a beautiful hermit who has survived for years in a marsh becomes targeted by unthinkable forces.



Apr. 15th - *The Most Fun We Ever Had* by Claire Lombardo

The four adult daughters of two Chicago parents who have been madly in love for decades recklessly ignite old rivalries, until a long-buried secret threatens to shatter the lives they built.



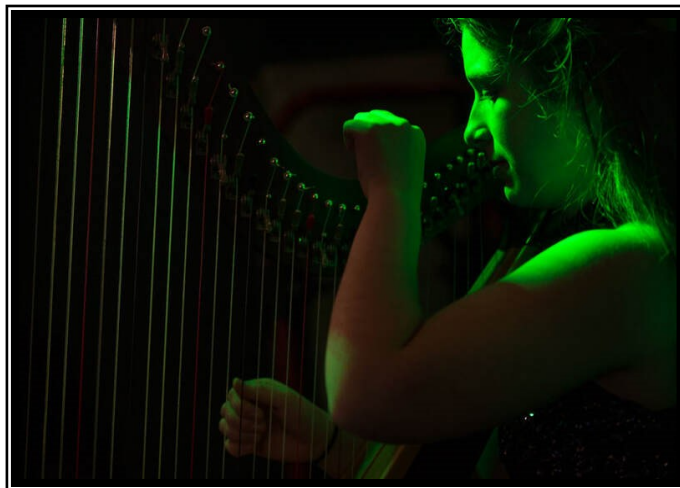
For more information, contact **Lisa Selje** by phone at **(262) 723-9140** or email at **lselje@elkhorn.lib.wi.us**



EMERALD WIND RETURNS OF A CELEBRATION OF CELTIC MUSIC!

On **Thursday, March 5th at 6:30pm**,

talented Celtic music duo Emerald Wind, in what has become a wonderful annual tradition, will be returning to the Matheson Memorial Library for a free concert to ring in the St. Patrick's Day season. They will be playing cherished classic traditional Irish music and some of their own compositions that will get your feet tapping and pull at your heartstrings. Join us for an evening of truly beautiful music performed by a very talented duo of musicians!



EXERCISE YOUR CREATIVITY WITH OUR SILK SCARF PAINTING WORKSHOP!

It's crafting time at the library, and master crafter Wendy Rieves will be showing us how to add your own unique artistic touch to silk scarves with her painting program. On **Saturday, March 21st at 10:00am**, Wendy will show you how to use paint and other materials to embellish your own silk scarf with one-of-a-kind embellishments! This is a free program, but if you want to paint a scarf, you'll need to purchase one from Mrs. Rieves. Scarves can be purchased for **\$10**. Please join us and flex those creative muscles!



APRIL PROGRAMS

LISTEN TO THE HAUNTING FOLK MUSIC OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR WITH BATTLEFIELD BALLADEERS

The American Civil War began in April, 1861 and ended in April, 1865. To commemorate this momentous event in our nation's history, the Matheson Memorial Library welcomes **Battlefield Balladeers**, a talented group of musicians who perform the music of the Civil War using period instruments and costumes. The songs they play are the same jigs, ballads, hymns, and love songs that were enjoyed by soldiers on both sides of the disastrous conflict, and will transport you back to the dark days of brother against brother. This free concert will be performed on **Tuesday, April 14th at 6:30pm.**

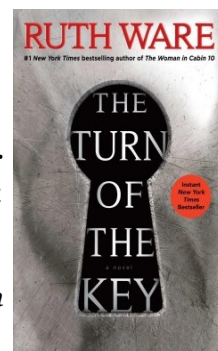


PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

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**

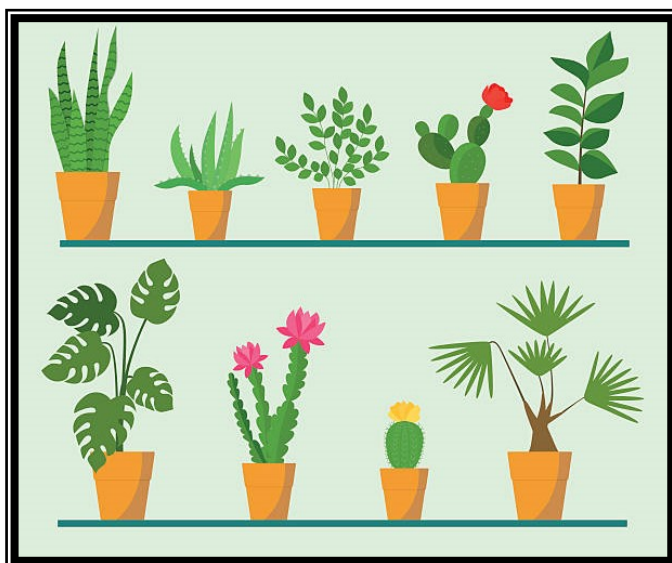
Mar. 4th - *The Turn of the Key* by Ruth Ware

When a high-paying nanny job at a luxurious Scottish Highlands home ends with her imprisonment for a child's murder, a young woman struggles to explain to her lawyer the unravelling events that led to her incarceration.



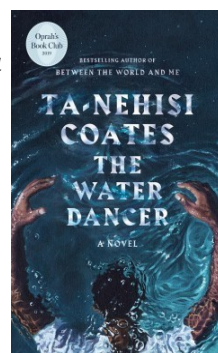
LEARN SOME INDOOR GARDENING TIPS AT OUR HOUSEPLANT PROGRAM!

Need some advice getting your houseplants to thrive and bloom? On **Thursday, April 30th at 6:30pm**, Master Gardener Brenda Williams will give some professional advice and go over the most common problems encountered with houseplants. Also, if you're new to houseplants, she'll give you some expert advice on which plants to buy based on your personality (are you an overwaterer or an underwaterer?). She'll also save time for your questions on how to get the most out of keeping your plants healthy and safe.



Apr. 1st - *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nehisi Coates

A Virginia slave narrowly escapes a drowning death through the intervention of a mysterious force that compels his escape and personal underground war against slavery.



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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

AND THE AWARD GOES TO... EIGHTH FRIENDS FILM FEST!

The Matheson Memorial Library's popular Adult Program completed its eighth Oscar film festival with continued success despite the shorter Academy Award season introduced this year. The show must go on! Host Katie James showcased Oscar winners *Once Upon A Time... In Hollywood*, *Judy*, and *The Joker* before they claimed acting statuettes at the February 9 ceremony.

Longtime Friends of Matheson Memorial Library volunteers Dawn Amby, Maribeth Cousin, Sandy Douglas, and Jane Peck popped popcorn, served drinks and rolled out the red carpet for guests while they enjoyed Academy Award-themed trivia.

More than 190 patrons were able to enjoy the experience with a brand-new 208" screen and 4K projector in the library Community Center that was provided in

partnership by the City of Elkhorn, Friends group and Elkhorn Rotary Club.

Katie James discussed the origins of each film, techniques and acting philosophies to watch for, and why each film was deserving of a golden statuette. James also shared the uncertain future of the "Fridays with Oscar" film festival program due to the rise of streaming services. Both volunteers and Matheson moviegoers have high hopes for a concession next year from at-home studio companies like Netflix and Amazon to grant libraries public viewing licenses on their Academy-Award nominated films.

Stay tuned this fall for an update on the program's sustainability and future!

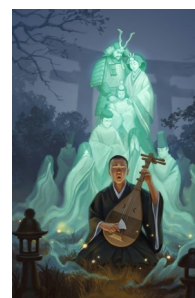


THE SHORT STORY BOOK CLUB

The 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 **Mama T's Restaurant** each 4th Tuesday of the month at **7:00pm**.

Mar. 24th – *The Wizard* by Ryunosuke Akutagawa / *Hoichi the Earless* by Lafcadio Hearn

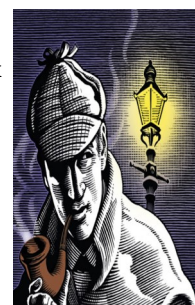
The Wizard: A man will sacrifice anything to learn the secrets of magic.



Hoichi the Earless: A blind musician entertains the ghosts of long-dead samurai with the ballad of their defeat.

Apr. 28th - *The Reigate Puzzle & A Scandal in Bohemia* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Join us as we look into two of the most famous Sherlock Holmes stories of all time.



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