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Curbside Pickup:

**Monday - Friday
9am to 5pm**

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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



Since our last library newsletter much in our world has changed. I never imagined that in two short months the library would be closed to the public and we would have to rethink entirely how to serve our community. As we all worry about our health and safety during this global pandemic, we also see the struggles of so many who have lost their job and must cope with financial worries, children home from school, and so much more. There is much fear and uncertainty about the future. Let us all try to do what we can to be kind to others, help our neighbors and be thankful for what we have as we follow the recommended guidelines of health professionals and our leaders.

On April 27, we resumed our curbside pickup to great demand. We are trying to keep up with your requests! During the month of May, as the whole state continues to shelter at home, we will have three library staff working from 9-5:00 so we can answer the phone, find and check out material requested and make them available for you to pick up. You can now go online and place holds on items found in our library collections. Sharing between libraries and delivery has not yet resumed. As we wait to hear new recommendations after May 26, we anticipate the transition from Safer at Home to Phase 1 of the Badger Bounce Back Plan which will allow gatherings of up to ten people. We are taking

steps to allow the safe return of the public coming into the library. At this point, we anticipate this will be by appointment to begin with.

We are planning a Summer Reading Program this year that, although entirely different from previous years, we hope will be fun and you will consider participating. Since large gatherings are discouraged, Storywagon has been canceled and most other in-person programs, but we are trying a new online program called Beanstack to keep track of books being read, that will be available in June. We also have three adult programs offered online where registration is required; they are described in this newsletter. Call the library to register or go to our website calendar. Check our library website, www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us for more information and for other resources available 24/7. On our Digital Resources page, you can read magazines using Flipster, research your genealogy using Ancestry.com, stream a movie using Kanopy, download an eBook or Audiobook using Overdrive, or take a job skills course using Gale Courses, just to name a few things.

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns you have about the library.

Lisa Selje, Library Director

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WHILE WE WERE CLOSED... Library Patrons during the Closure

From March 25th, when we had to discontinue curbside service, to now, library patrons had no access to our collection or services outside of our online resources. It was a pretty rough time for both us and our friends! We talked to Carole Lange and Alice Wylie, two of our regular patrons about how they coped:

How has life been for you during the quarantine?

Carole: During the quarantine I kept myself busy—accomplished downsizing project reorganizing entire house, organized new address book along with iPad class notes and prepared for next class. I read three books, enjoyed doing five jigsaw puzzles and increased my three mile power workout to four miles a day.

Alice: Believe it or not, I've been busy. I have outdoor work being done on the house, that was scheduled a year out. So I've been staining outside and painting inside - most of the time with a book on tape going as...



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AVOID THE SUMMER SLIDE!

Like so many things now, summer is looking very different. It's uncertain if kids will be able to participate in sports, summer school, or camp and unlikely that it will be safe to go on vacation or participate in public activities in general. However, before parents start dreading the "I'm boooooored" blues, remember that the library is here for you!

It's as important as ever to prevent summer slide and not allow kids to lose ground developmentally and academically, but there are plenty of simple and free! – ways to prevent this using the library's resources. This is great news for kids who have, finally, gotten more than enough time online!

The easiest way to get kids what they need during the summer is to visit the library and take full advantage of our many resources and programs.

While we are uncertain if we will be able to safely have in-person programming, we will be offering activity packs, maker kits, and other challenges to help kids develop problem-solving skills, creativity, and initiative. You can encourage kids to be active - both physically and mentally - by letting them organize their summer fun! Check out the nonfiction section at the library and encourage kids to make a list of projects they want to try over the summer. They'll practice writing, reading instructions, and learn to follow directions, adapt recipes, and more!

Finally, reading! The library's summer reading program is designed for both enthusiastic and reluctant readers. Allowing kids to pick their own books is also a great way to get them interested in reading. Let them check out fiction and nonfiction, and don't worry if they pick books below their reading level - these are still beneficial to maintaining reading skills.

This summer, try some of these tips for preventing the summer slide. Encourage your kids to have active minds and bodies and visit the library, virtually if not in-person, often!



By Jennifer Wharton - Youth Services Librarian

While We were Closed, continued..

...my close companion, only sometimes 6' away!

Were you able to use curbside before it ended? Are you looking forward to it returning?

Carole: I was not able to use curbside before it ended but I am READY to give you my list of requests!!

Alice: Yes, luckily, I was able to stock up on my books on tape...but my supply is getting perilously low! Yikes, Help!

What did you miss most about the library?

Carole: I missed the always present warm camaraderie with every member of the library staff. Smiles, laughter, expertise—
-A Good Thing. I look forward to that!!

Alice: Obviously, I miss picking up my new batch of books, but mostly I miss the smiling, welcoming faces of all the librarians. Plus, I always enjoyed seeing what new outside activity was being held either in the foyer area or in the big conference room; bake sales, after school Legos, craft night etc...and of course popping in a piece or two of the jigsaw puzzle in the books on tape area.

What do you look forward to the most when the quarantine is over?

Carole: I look forward to seeing everyone resuming their daily lives, especially in the library. I can't wait to see everyone again!

Alice: I look forward to the hustle bustle of everyday life...Getting rid of the face masks - Being able to see smiles and smiling back....although I've seen many a twinkling eyes above the masks!





UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAMS

THURSDAY, MAY 7TH, 6:30PM - Climate Change: the Science & Solutions

Join us for our first-ever online adult program! Master Naturalist Doug Marconnet of the Climate Reality Project will talk the local and global effects of climate change, as well as what we can do to help create a better future for the planet. Registration is required; please call us at (262) 723-2678, or visit our online calendar to register. Registrants will be provided with a secure link to a Zoom presentation via email shortly before the program.



TUESDAY, JUNE 16TH, 6:30PM - Declutter Your Life! With Maria Ewings

Has sheltering in place left you with a chaotic house. Join life coach and declutter expert Maria Ewings, owner of This Organized Space for a fun and informative program on easy, everyday things you can do to organize your home, your possessions, and your life! This program will be presented online...stay tuned for details!



TUESDAY, JUNE 23RD, 6:30PM - Alexander Hamilton: the American Rags to Riches Story

Join educators and professional reenactors HFK presents for this exciting program that will bring American history to life. Join the Founding Father Alexander Hamilton for an exploration of his amazing life, how he helped create our nation, and the exciting times he lived in. This program will be presented online...stay tuned for details!



TUESDAY, JUNE 30TH, 6:30PM - Virtual Library Sensory Garden Walk

Join library staff for a stroll through the library garden where we will explore the colors, textures and scents of various plants. Be prepared for some surprises, can you find the plant that smells like chocolate? like popcorn? or the one as soft as lamb's ears? After we point out the plants you can come and ask for a map the next time you're at the library and take your own self-guided tour! This program will be presented online...stay tuned for details!





FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS PRESIDENT

The Friends of the Library are still active! As with many group gatherings, we've had to make a few adjustments.

Our April 22nd Friends of the Library meeting has been rescheduled. The reschedule date is May 27th at 6:30pm at the Library. The reschedule date is tentative in that we are assuming things will be somewhat back to normal by then.

At the next meeting, we will be electing our Friends of the Library officers for 2020-2021. Please welcome the following individuals as our candidates:

Officer Candidates for 2020-2021:

- **President:** Jaclyn Cain, Stephen Glick
- **Vice President:** Tom Porter
- **Secretary:** Pat Reid
- **Treasurer:** Maribeth Cousin

Other planned events for this year include:

Summer Reading Program online events

8/6/2020 - 8/8/2020 - Book/Bake Sale

10/24/2020 - Trick or Trivia

Please mark your calendars for **May 27th at 6:30pm** for our next Friends of the Library meeting. I hope to see you all there!

