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Temporary Hours:

Mon. - Wed.

9am to 5pm

Tues.-Thurs.

12pm to 8pm

Fri. 9am to 6pm

Sat. 10am to 2pm

CLOSED

July 3, 4

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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends, the library has started the reopening process, we are going slowly and making steady progress. Most of our patrons have been supportive and encouraging, Thank You! Many have taken advantage of our curbside service which was very popular during our closure and still is after we have opened. Although our hours and our collections are still slightly restricted, we do now have some evening hours and will be opening more of the collection as we try to keep everything clean. In order to come in and browse, we encourage everyone to wash their hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer before entering. We appreciate all who are wearing masks to keep others safe and healthy.

Sharing between libraries and daily delivery have resumed as usual. You can place holds on any items in the SHARE catalog, although the statewide catalog (Wiscat) is still shut down. Our newest database, Hoopla started in June. Through Hoopla, you can download ebooks, audiobooks, music, movies and more! Unlike Overdrive there is NO WAIT or hold list for any items. However, there is a limit of four downloads per month. Sign up for an

account through our website and start downloading!

The Summer Reading Program has started and is online through Beanstack this year for teens and adults. Kids have a similar program as last year with a monthly calendar, activities and prizes. The theme is "Imagine your Story." Kids can check our Pinterest pages on the website to get reading suggestions and look at new books. Ms. Jennifer also has a form on the Kid's page where you can request materials she picks out and sign up for virtual news. Programs for adults are being offered online so register for those on the website or by calling the library. 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 download magazines using Flipster, stream a movie using Kanopy, and don't forget to check out our newest resources- Creativebug and Hoopla. We have something for everyone!

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, PART II Library Staff during the Closure

From the beginning of the library closure on March 16th up until the return of curbside and limited reopening, library staff were still very busy working from home. Some of the highlights were working on projects for when we would reopen, answering questions on checked-out materials and other circulation issues, and exploring new online services we could implement to serve you during quarantine. For those not able to work online, they spent their time catching up on homework, learning new skills, and getting ready to come back to work. Here are some of the highlights:

Chad: "I made lots of videos for my series, "Things to do on the Internet." These were little vignettes on websites and online activities I found useful and interesting...I hope our patrons did too! Other than that, lots of virtual meetings to get ready for reo-

pening, and made some surgical mask extenders with the library 3-D Printer. And of course, I was able to answer lots of patron questions online...everything from basic reference to book recommendations. Thanks for keeping me busy, glad to be back!"

Miss Jennifer: "I've been busy recording storytimes, creating activity kits and storytime bundles, and making our displays available online. If you're used to finding great new books from our displays, suggestion bookmarks, and talking to staff, you can find all those things on our Pinterest page now! <https://www.pinterest.com/elkhornlibrary/boards>"



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WHILE WE WERE CLOSED, CONTINUED

Miss Terri: “Quarantine Quips: I actually can sleep past 5:30 a.m! I haven't had many mornings in the last several years where I have not had to wake up early for work...well, I actually thought I "couldn't" sleep, but, the quarantine has proven me wrong ;) I joined my first "knit along" group and knit the same project with a group of other knitters...really fun to watch everyone knit the same thing and how different the projects were as a result of different fibers and colors. Mine is a Christmas shawl...so in December I will be able to remember what I knit in March...who knew? ;) I truly enjoyed the change of pace and will try to continue to slow down a bit...I hope you all found some positive ways to reflect on your quarantine days.”

Shelly: “I finished up my spring semester class and then didn't know what to do with myself during the month-long break until my summer class started, so I decided to teach myself how to crochet. Hahaha, good one! My impatience won out (I quit that endeavor!) and I went back to something I know and enjoyed in the past; cross stitch embroidery. I bought some kits, started one of them and find that I still like doing it quite a bit, so that was nice. I also organized some of my school stuff in order to prepare for the final class that I will be taking next spring, with the hope that it will make completing that class a little easier. I binge watched "Anne with an 'E'" (totally enjoyed and recommend!), did some hiking with my daughter, and caught up on a little bit of pleasure reading as well. Now my sum-

mer class has started so free time is limited once again. Also, I was commissioned as a notary public. You can email me at sewilson9503@gmail.com or leave a message at (262) 374-3605 and I can set up an appointment with you. Thanks! Hope everyone is doing well; I look forward to seeing you again soon!”

Jessica: “I have been working on learning all about Beanstack and setting up the Adult, High school, and Middle school programs. When I'm in the library I am working on getting curb side pick ready to go as well as organizing the Kids' Summer Reading Program packs for those who request them. For the summer I'm keeping track of both the High school and Middle school programs and helping with the Kids' when needed.”



Lisa: “We had to transition to working from home so I put a lot of files on a flash drive to take home with me. Our meetings all switched to Zoom or Google Hangouts. We created procedures to start doing curbside pickup at the end of April and new procedures for opening to the public at the end of May. I made a new work schedule for all staff because we changed hours. I was able to do a lot of work outside in the garden. I was also able to read more than normal, which was great! I read *Barkskins* by Annie Proulx which is 717 pages, I never would have done that under normal circumstances! “

NEW ONLINE SERVICES ARE ROLLED OUT

In the absence of in-person programming and regular access to the collection, the library has been rolling out new online services and tools to further our mission of lifelong learning. These can all be found on our digital resources page of our website (<https://www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us/wordpress/programs-databases/digital/>).

BEANSTACK - One of our biggest disappointments due to COVID is no live programs! Luckily, there's an alternative. Along with other Wisconsin libraries, we've been using Beanstack to run our adult and teen summer reading programs in the absence of in-person programming at the library. By creating an account, you can keep track of books read this summer, receive achievement badges for attending online programs, writing book reviews, and just reading. Best of all, we'll be using Beanstack to select our 2020 winners, all who will receive gift cards to local restaurants! And just for reading one book this summer, we'll give you this year's summer reading book bag.



CREATIVEBUG - Creativebug is a vast online database of video instruction on a wide variety of craft and hobby projects. For both new and veteran craft enthusiasts, these films will show you materials, tips, and techniques on how to create some amazing objects for gifts, home decoration, or just the joy of making!



HOOPLA - This popular service is a great companion for our Overdrive/Libby users. Much like those services, you can check out titles from a wide variety of eBooks and audiobooks to enjoy. Unlike Overdrive/Libby, these materials are available on-demand...no waiting lists! Also, Hoopla includes access to movies, music albums, and graphic novels, all with 4 checkouts a month.



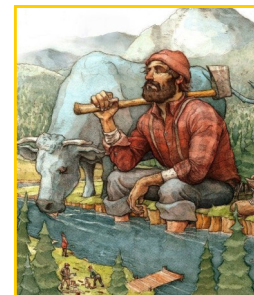


UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAMS

We have lots of programs coming up for the rest of the summer, all presented online! You can read more about each program, and register for your free invitation at our online calendar: <https://www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us/wordpress/calendar>. Unless otherwise noted, all programs will be held using the Zoom meeting app.

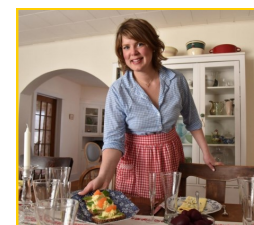
TUESDAY, JULY 7TH, 6:30PM - Wisconsin Lumberjack Legends & Lore with Chad Lewis

From Paul Bunyan to the Hodag, this program is filled with all of the Lumberjack traditions, superstitions, and legends of Wisconsin. Filled with tall tales of mysterious creatures lurking in the woods, boasts of supernatural feats, and every yarn told in between, this program celebrates our lumberjack history.



TUESDAY, JULY 14TH, 6:30PM - Around the Farm Table Cooking Demonstration with Inga Witscher

Learn all about the techniques and benefits of cooking farm to table with this special online program featuring Inga Witscher, host of the PBS series, "Around the Farm Table".



TUESDAY, JULY 21st, 6:30PM - Modern Calligraphy and Hand-Lettering Class with Chelsey Bjorge

Learn a new craft this summer with our Modern Calligraphy Class! Summer is a great time to learn a new craft; let us show you how to embellish your letters and correspondence with elegant and simple calligraphy techniques! Taught by professional crafter and educator Chelsey Bjorge of Sweet Sawyer Creations, this class will show you the materials, techniques, and tricks of how to add those special touches to all of your letters, invitations, and other paper projects. Materials will be provided on a limited basis for the first 30 registrants, and can be picked up at the library starting on July 13th.



TUESDAY, JULY 28TH, 6:30PM - A History of Polka Music in Wisconsin with Mike Schneider

One of the great Wisconsin musical traditions is polka, but did you know of its amazing history here and abroad? Join us for a journey through the story of Polka music brought to you by the legendary Mike Schneider of the Mike Schneider Band!



TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 6:30PM - Spanish Guitar Concert featuring Gladius

This one-of-a-kind musical experience features the intricate, amazing guitar music in the classic Spanish & Flamenco style. Gladius will astound you with his amazing technique on both acoustic and electric guitars.





FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

MEET THE NEW FRIENDS PRESIDENT!

Hello, my name is Stephen Glick and I'll be serving as the president of the Friends of Matheson Memorial Library for 2020. I would like to thank the Friends of the Library for the opportunity to join this worthy cause. A few months ago I received the e-mail seeking new members. I wanted a way to give back to the community. This seemed like a great fit.

My wife and I live in Elkhorn. We are transplants from the opposite side of the state, the Hudson Wisconsin area. We moved here three years ago to be much nearer our daughter and son and his family. In my previous life I was a store manager for Wall-Mart Corporation.

May of 2016 I suffered and survived a stroke. Thus beginning my second life. I love to read, but I am guilty that I stay focused on the mystery and horror genre. Which, I also write. I have since my stroke read over three hundred books and written three. My days are filled with a regiment of reading for hours and writing the same. I look forward to meeting many of you.



FRIENDS BOOK STORE REOPENING

The Book Store inside Matheson Memorial Library will reopen on July 15! We know that our patrons have missed shopping at our Book Store and so we are restocking it now to reopen. We are asking everyone who browses this area to either wash their hands with soap and water first or use hand sanitizer before entering the Book Store and touching items. This will minimize the risk for others. Books all sell for either 50 cents or \$1, so it is a great deal and there are movies and CD's as well. We welcome you back and it is a great way to support our Friends' group, since they are unable to host other fundraisers this year.

Starting July 15, we will accept donations of good quality books and movies from the public once again.

Our summer book and bake sale will undergo a big change this year due to COVID-19. Our wonderful bake sale of homemade goodies will be dropped this year. Although there will be no bake sale, the Friends will set up an ongoing book sale with some modifications. Instead of having a big sale for three days, we will set it

up to start August 31 and continue through the month of September. It will still be \$5/bag and tables will be spread out for social distancing. Shoppers will get their bag and pay inside the library with staff behind the desk.

