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**Current Hours:**

Mon. 9am to 8pm

Tues-Fri. 9am to 6pm

Sat. 10am to 2pm

**CLOSED**

Jan. 1st.

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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/)



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](http://eepurl.com/jzOQ1)

## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR



**H**appy New Year! We hope that you had a happy holiday even if it was celebrated in a different way. We are glad 2020 is behind us and we plan to hunker down the next few months while the vaccine is rolled out and

hope that we can safely keep the library open. Library staff is diligently cleaning on a regular basis and following CDC guidelines. All items are being quarantined upon return and back-dated at check-in to avoid fines. We encourage everyone to wash their hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer before entering the library, wear a mask, and keep your visit brief. The end is in sight!

Programs for adults and kids will be on hiatus during these dark winter months but we are offering a winter reading challenge for kids (November 30-March 20) and an adult winter reading program on Beanstack. If you are not participating yet, stop in and ask us how to join. Check our library website for resources that are available 24/7 like Hoopla, Flipster for magazines, and Creativebug. We have something for everyone!

The Friends of Matheson Memorial Library are

taking a break from their usual fundraising, but are keeping the ongoing Book Store in the library open for shopping. Do you want to help the library but can't join the Friends group right now? There are two ways you can help that won't cost you a thing! Bring in your Frank's Piggly Wiggly receipts and the Friends will earn money. There is a box near the self checkout machine by our entrance or you can put them in an envelope and drop them in our book return. The second way to help is through **AmazonSmile**. If you shop on Amazon, all you have to do is go to your Account and click on AmazonSmile Charity Lists. Type in Friends of Matheson Memorial Library in the search box and once you select your charity the library will receive 0.5% of your eligible purchases. It's that easy!

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

Lisa Selje, Library Director

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## BEHIND THE SCENES - TECHNICAL SERVICES

**W**e may be behind the scenes, but the Technical Services department is essential to the library's operation. Contrary to popular belief, our department doesn't deal with the inner workings of computers! Instead, we work to get items to patrons as quickly as possible by cataloging, processing, and repairing library materials.

One of the best parts of working in Tech Services is receiving and unboxing all of the new items! After new materials are unpacked, they are added to the library's catalog and assigned a location in the library's collection. This allows them to be easily searched and found by patrons. Next, they are processed with barcodes, labels, and dust jackets before reaching the public's hands.

In addition to adding new materials to our collection, we also repair damaged library items. Our staff is trained to assess whether or not an item should be repaired or withdrawn, and if it is withdrawn, it is recycled or donated to the Friends of the Library organization. The Technical Services Department shares a space with the Friends' book store items. These donated materials include books, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks that are added to the Friends Book Store every week. Technical Services is a busy place!

*Lindsay Barnes, Technical Services Librarian*





# READING RECOMMENDATIONS

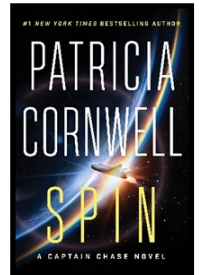
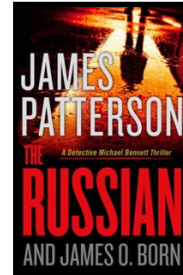
## NEW YEAR, NEW BOOKS!

**H**appy 2021! There are many books coming out that can be added to your reading list for the New Year. Here are just a few titles that will be released in January and February. You can place holds by visiting the SHARE catalog or by calling the library at **262-723-2678**.

Want to be one of the first on the list for your favorite authors? Take a look at the Favorite Author Club through the SHARE Catalog. You can find it under *My Account-Favorite Author Club* tab. Check the box next to the author's name, choose your pickup library, and click submit. Your name will be automatically added to the hold list for new titles by those authors.

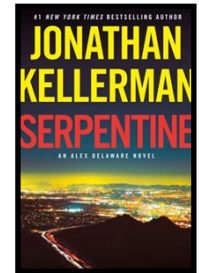
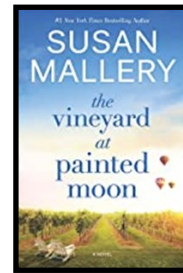
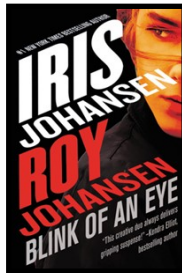
### January Releases

- *The Children's Blizzard* by Melanie Benjamin
- *Our Darkest Night* by Jennifer Robson
- *The Paradise Affair* by Bill Pronzini
- *The Russian* by James Patterson
- *Spin* by Patricia Cornwell



### February Releases

- *Blink of an Eye* by Iris & Roy Johansen
- *Flowers of Darkness* by Tatiana de Rosnay
- *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah
- *Serpentine* by Jonathan Kellerman
- *The Vineyard at Painted Moon* by Susan Mallery



## CHILDREN'S WINTER READING PROGRAM

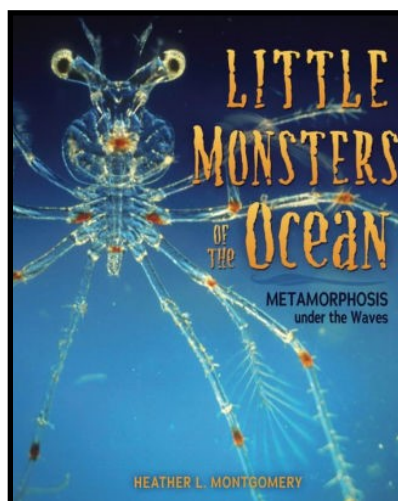
**I**t's been a few years since we've had a winter reading program for kids, and this seemed like a great year to revive that tradition! We've got something a little different - weekly nonfiction challenges for kids of all ages, running from

December to March. Sign up on **Beanstack** or by filling out a snowflake in the library, and get reading. Each week we'll pick a different nonfiction subject, from unusual animals to sports, and kids are encouraged to read or listen to books on that subject. Fill out a review slip for the books you've read (or had read to you) on Beanstack or in the library and get virtual or real pins. Once you've collected 10 pins, you get a free book!

For book recommendations, sign up for our weekly virtual newsletter or follow us on Facebook for a video and more suggestions for each week's reading.

Jennifer Wharton

Youth Services Librarian



Here are some picks for our upcoming weekly challenges

# UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAMS

## JOIN US FOR OUR ADULT WINTER READING PROGRAM: MASTER OF MINUTES!

**Y**ou've read about our Youth Services winter reading program...now here's what we have for the adults! Entitled *Master of Minutes*, this program sets the goal of reading at least 20 minutes a day throughout the month of January. Using our **Beanstack** app for tracking, participants will log in to record their reading times and receive badges as they make progress. For those who are able to read the minimum time each day of the month we'll be offering a special grand prize drawing for a gift card to a local business! You'll also be able to share what you've read and write reviews, just like in the summer. We hope that you'll find this to be a fun and exciting incentive to keep reading all month long!



## DO SOME WINTER GARDENING WITH OUR NEW TAKE-HOME KIT!

**D**uring the long winter days, how about taking up gardening? You can grow many different things indoors, including healthy sprouts, seeds, and beans to enjoy even during the coldest cold spell!

In February we'll be offering a free take-home kit that includes a jar, a special **Broccoli & Friends** seed sprout mix, and the cheesecloth and rubber bands you'll need to start growing. We'll also provide you with detailed, step-by-step instructions on how to get started, take care of your grown plants, and how to harvest when all the growing's done.

Trust us: the entire process is easy and very simple. Before you know it, you'll have your own healthy sprouts and beans to put in your salad or accompany your meal!

Please drop by the info desk in the library anytime we're open to pick up your kit. Supplies are limited, so come on in and get your kit before we run out!





# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



## THANKS TO FRANK'S!

**T**he Friends of Matheson Memorial Library, the Matheson Memorial Library Staff, and all patrons of the library send a heartfelt Thank You to Frank's Piggly Wiggly for their generosity in giving back to the community through the Share Program. In this year of the COVID-19 pandemic when all fundraisers had to be cancelled, the funds generated through the collection of grocery receipts from Frank's Piggly Wiggly have brought in money to help support some of the library programs and purchases of library materials. Although this is known as the season of giving, it can also be the season of thanking you again for your community support.

