



Matheson Memorial Library NEWSLETTER

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Current Hours:

Mon. 9am to 8pm
Tues-Fri. 9am to 6pm
Sat. 10am to 2pm

CLOSED

April 2nd
April 23rd

SECTIONS:

- **New Maker Kits:**
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- **Fridays with Oscar Returns!** (sort of)
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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



It seems like it's been a long, cold winter so I am looking forward to spring, whenever it arrives! We hope that March and April will slow down the COVID-19 virus even more and bring a greater supply of vaccines to our area. Most of our staff will be getting their vaccine soon. The library has been able to remain open and library staff is still diligently cleaning surfaces on a regular basis. 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. AARP Tax Aide volunteers are diligently working to help file as many taxes as they can in a safe manner. Due to changes in place because of COVID, it will be "no contact" and therefore they will be unable to process as many as previous years. Call the library now for a possible appointment.

Programs for adults and kids will be on hiatus this spring, but we are offering maker kits to take home weekly. Check our library website, www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us for resources that are available 24/7 like Hoopla for eBooks and e-audios, and Creativebug to inspire your creative side. We have something for everyone!

The Friends of Matheson Memorial Library will hold their winter book sale beginning March 15. As we did last September, the sale will be held in the lobby for several weeks. You can stop in, purchase and fill a bag for \$5.00. It will be on a somewhat smaller scale due to limited table space but books will be refilled weekly until we go through the stock we have. Read the rest of this newsletter to find out about Fridays with Oscar, 2021! 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 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 - ADULT SERVICES

Adult Services, what does that mean? It might seem that, if youth services covers everything for children, the adult services means the rest of the library, but it's actually a little more complex than that. Here at MML, adult services is responsible not only for developing the nonfiction collection, and doing traditional library reference work, but we also come up with all the programs, events, outreach efforts, workshops, and everything else the library puts on that are aimed at helping adults.

What all that means is that adult services is here to help you answer questions and show you how to do things. The questions could be just to satisfy curiosity, or it could be how to learn a new skill or hobby, or it could even be how to use a new tablet, where to look for a job, or how to register to vote. Of course there's always Google, but we have a few tricks that can provide you with more in-depth information or show you how to take your research to the next level.

One of the most fun things we get to do is come up with our monthly adult programs. In the past we've hosted doctors, attorneys, archaeologists, musicians, and even ghost hunters! Sadly, the lockdown ended all that for a while, but we were able to adapt, first by bringing the performers to you online, and then by switching over to take home activity and maker kits for you to enjoy.



Shelly & Terri are working on something important!

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UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAMS

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Of course, none of this would be possible without a great staff. Matheson patrons are lucky to have three amazing ladies who make all of our services and events come together: Kelly Stech, Shelly Wilson, and Terri Dellamaria. From answering reference questions, helping to plan events, running book discussions, facilitating senior outreach, and doing all the fiddly work to make things run smoothly, they've got it covered. And they've been especially productive in 2021, planning all the adult maker kits we've been offering, and the upcoming ones that you can read about below.

COVID-19 has definitely impacted how we can help, but we've adapted our services to still help while keeping safe. And we're looking forward to bringing back all of our in-person services soon!

Chad Robinson, Adult Services Librarian



Pandemic or no pandemic, Kelly is ready to help!

MAKER KITS FOR ALL!

C COVID-19 may have temporarily ended our in-person events, but we still have lots of things to entertain you until we can resume. Check out the adult maker kits we have planned for March & April!

March Maker Kits

Bird Feeder Kit - Our bird feeder kit is ready to take flight! All it takes to get birds to visit your yard this winter and spring is a reliable source of food. We will provide the supplies for you to make a fantastic feeder that attracts beautiful birds, a great way to promote relaxation and relieve stress.

The Mug Rug - Here's a fun and inexpensive way to get creative and improve concentration...a form of "moving meditation." The kit includes everything you need to make your own loom, several colors of yarn, instructions to make the mug rug and a weaving needle made from the library's 3-D printer. You'll love what you create, and so will your furniture!



April Maker Kits

Seed Pot & Cork Garden Markers - Does spring fever have you anxious to get out and start gardening? Kick it off with DIY cork garden markers! Supplies include materials to create three garden markers (you supply a Sharpie and a drill), plus a packet of herb seeds, potting soil and a seedling pot to start them in. Instructions for growing your herbs are included along with a fun quiz to test your herb and spice knowledge! Enjoy some fresh herbs with your meals even if you can't get out and grow everything you want quite yet.



Stress Relief Kit - Sometimes all it takes is a small change to reduce stress. We've got a few things to put you on your path to less stress and more happiness. In our "Stress SOS kit", you will have everything you need to make a weighted eye pillow with calming lavender scent, a soothing bath bomb and a gratitude journal page.

These free kits will be available through April and can be picked up at the information desk in the library. Quantities are limited, so please stop in to the library to pick one up starting April 1st & 15th.

9TH FRIDAYS WITH OSCAR IS ON!



people attended each weekly screening as Katie shared incite into nominated films and reviewed the must-see details that make each movie Oscar-worthy. Patrons laughed and cried, cringed and melted over some of the greatest films of the past decade... and she would like to bring some of that magic back this Spring as a series of “fireside chats” to discuss select films.

Same as in previous years, Katie will announce four films “for your consideration” after the Academy Award nominations are announced on March 15. She plans to specifically select films from streaming services (Netflix, Hulu, Disney+, etc.) so that patrons will have the opportunity to view them in the comfort of their own home. She’s excited for the chance to FINALLY show streamed nominees, which were previously unable to the film festival for public viewing! On Fridays April 2, 9, 16, and 23, the library staff will post a five-minute video on its Facebook page and its website at www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us with Katie sharing all the juicy details of the films and what makes them worthy of a golden statuette.

The Friends is sponsoring a prize drawing too! Those who “Like” and comment on the weekly video are eligible for a free gift card to the streaming service of their choice! Winners will be announced by Katie in the following weeks’ video. Watch weekly and you could win big!

We hope you will join the fun to keep Fridays With Oscar alive and celebrate another year of great films.

Perhaps hosts Tina Fey & Amy Poehler said it best during last month’s Golden Globe ceremony when they asked the question “Could this party have just been an e-mail?” regarding this year’s film award season. It was also the question Friends of Matheson Memorial Library Fridays With Oscar committee chair Katie James had already asked herself several times this year. But the support of a tech-savvy library staff has her realizing the dream of still bringing the 9th Annual Fridays With Oscar event to life for patrons and moviegoers this year through the magic of Facebook.

The annual film festival, which began as just a small weekly gathering of about 20 people in 2013, has ballooned in recent years into the must-see limited event for cinephiles leading up to the Academy Awards in Elkhorn. Over 100





FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The groundhog may have seen his shadow for six more weeks of winter, but that didn't stop the Friends of Matheson Memorial Library group from awaking from its long hiatus to have its first meeting in a whole year! The group got together both in-person and using Zoom on February 24 to reconnect, get updates on funding, and support the library.

Treasurer Maribeth Cousin reported that although COVID has slowed down a lot of library traffic, the ongoing Book Store (located near the fireplace within the library) has still proven to be a solid fundraiser for the Friends, ending 2020 with over \$3,300 in sales! A HUGE thank-you to Maribeth who has almost single-handedly kept it operating throughout the pandemic. Your volunteerism has been so appreciated. There is a large collection of DVDs and Blu-Ray movies for sale right now – at only \$1 each, they are a great bargain to keep the whole family entertained. Check it out! Volunteers are able to needed to help maintain the Book Store in the coming months; email Maribeth at friends@elkhorn.lib.wi.us to sign up.



The group approved its annual \$4,000 donation to the library to cover this year's Adult & Children's programming budget for 2021. Adult Services librarian Chad Robinson was on hand to share the staff plans to keep patrons engaged and still reading during the coming year. Funds were also allocated to supply the staff with a thank-you lunch during Library Appreciation Week to show our support for the efforts of the team during the past year.

Other news:

- Acting Friends President Tom Porter will be organizing another ongoing Bag sale in the library lobby to begin on Tuesday, March 16. Patrons can purchase a bag from the staff for only \$5 to shop anytime during library hours.
- Sally Delany got the Friends back onto the Frank's Piggly Wiggly Brat Hut calendar; come grab some lunch and support the library this summer on Sunday, June 13 and Saturday, July 17 from 10-2:00pm!
- Co-chairs Shelly Robinson and Katie James have committed to bringing back the Trick-or-Trivia night fundraiser in some form this year. Be it in person or online, they have tentatively scheduled the return of the hugely popular event for Saturday, October 23.
- Frank's Piggly Wiggly receipts are still flowing in! Maribeth reported that the 2020 donation from Frank & Stephanie Lueptow was \$1,415.12. Patrons shopping at Frank's can drop their receipts off in the library or even into the outdoor library drop box! The deadline for collecting 1st Quarter receipts (Jan. 1-Mar. 31) will be April 5. Thanks so much to Frank's for their continued support!

The next Friends meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 28 at 6:30pm. We hope to see our Friends back in person and online again for our Annual Meeting and Officer Elections!

BOOK SALE BEGINS MARCH 16!

Due to the success of last summer's ongoing Book Sale in the library lobby, the Friends have decided to do another one beginning on March 16. Patrons will be able to shop the bag sale all month long (or until we sell out of books) by simply purchasing a brown paper bag for only \$5.00 from the staff during library hours. The group is still postponing the usual Bake Sale portion of the event until further notice.

Shoppers will have several weeks to peruse the best donated used and library books that weren't sold in the ongoing Friends Book Store during the past year. There will be a large selection of paperback fiction, children's books, biographies, and more for purchase. Shop once, shop again, and then shop once more to grab up all the great deals!

Anyone able to help set up the event on Monday, March 15 should contact acting Friends President Tom Porter by email at friends@elkhorn.lib.wi.us

