



Matheson Memorial Library NEWSLETTER

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May 31st

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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



Spring has sprung and we are looking forward to a summer that we hope brings a return to "normal" activities. Over half of our library staff is fully vaccinated and we hope this trend continues throughout our community and our country.

In April, our reopening procedures included returning some seating in the library, newspapers available to browse again, extended time on our public computers and staff venturing out from behind the plexiglass to assist patrons at our copy machine, computers and other areas of the library. We have also ceased our quarantine process on all returned library items. No more quarantine means all items are checked in the same day they are returned.

Programs and meetings are now in-person. In May, the Community Center will be available to reserve for parties and meetings once again. Additional seating will be made available this month throughout the library. Our book clubs and other

programs are now in person. Pattie Woods will resume her preschool story times in June. All ages can participate in our summer reading program. Check our library website, www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us for a complete calendar of events and for resources that are available anytime. Thanks to all our patrons who brought in plastic bags while we were collecting them. We have reached our 500 pound goal and will be getting a new bench from Trex this summer! Stop in the library and see our new display and collection of Spanish language items. Many of these were purchased with funds received from an Elkhorn Fund grant.

During the summer months you can visit the ongoing Friends Book Store for book purchases and they even have puzzles for sale. The Friends will work the Brat Hut at Frank's Piggly Wiggly on June 13 so stop in and support them.

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

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Lisa Selje, Library Director



THE ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM RETURNS WITH "TAILS & TALES!"

The Matheson Memorial Library is very pleased to be able to once again resume our in-person all ages summer reading programs. Entitled **Tails & Tales**, the program celebrates our natural world and all the amazing creatures that we share it with.

For adults, we'll have printed reading logs for you to keep track of your books, and we'll offer grand prize entries for each one you read: the grand prizes will be your choice of gift cards to our amazing local restaurants. We'll also be bringing in a whale-watching scavenger hunt each week in which you'll find a different cetacean located in one of our local businesses!

Kids up through 5th grade, it's super easy! No counting minutes or pages, just read, be active, and stop by the library weekly to get stickers and an activity kit. You can turn your calendar in at the end of June and July for passes and a free book.

Teens in middle school and high school are invited to play our summer reading bingo. Read and be active and you'll get chances to spin the wheel for prizes as well as put in tickets for grand prizes at the end of July.

The adventure begins on Tuesday, June 1st. Visit us that day and get ready to read!





MAY 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 Tuesday of the month at **2pm**.

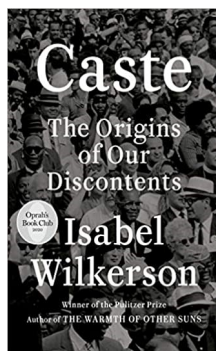
May 18th - *The Most Fun We ever Had* by Claire Lombardo

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.



Jun. 15th - *Caste: the Origins of our Discontent* by Isabel Wilkerson

This bestselling book examines the unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives today are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions.



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



JOIN US FOR OUR LAST SPRING MAKER KIT!

We've had a good run, but as we get ready for the return of in-person programming, we're happy to offer our final maker kit of the spring! It's the season of spring cleaning, and to get you into the tidying-up

mood we'll be offering a kit that you'll mix up yourself right here at the library. A mixing station will be set up in the lobby that will have everything you need to take home an all-purpose cleaner: spray bottles, non-toxic cleaning materials, and a touch of lemon to give your cleaner that fresh scent. Instructions for the cleaner, as well as some other cleaning product recipes, will be provided at the station. Supplies are limited, so come on down to mix up your spray, and grab our recipe ideas! The station goes live on Monday, May 10th.



WELCOME BACK! IT'S OUR FIRST IN-PERSON PROGRAM OF 2021

We're very pleased to present our first in-person adult program in a very long time!

There are lots of little things you can do to promote natural conservancy, especially outside. Most of them are simple, but they can have a big impact. Please join us at **6:30pm on Thursday, May 13th** as Maddie Olivieri of the Geneva Lake Conservancy gives a presentation on the small things you can do to help our environment, especially as you get your lawn ready for spring.



This free program will be presented in the library Community Center in-person. Seating will be socially distant, and masks will be required.

JUNE PROGRAMS

FOLLOWING THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD: THE LIFE OF JUDY GARLAND

Join the Matheson Memorial Library on **Thursday, June 10th at 6:30pm** for a fascinating glimpse into the life of entertainer Judy Garland on what would have been her 99th birthday.

For Judy Garland, life consisted of many steps. Just as her character Dorothy did, in real life Garland followed the ups and downs of the yellow brick road in her rise to fame. While Dorothy battled monkeys and a wicked witch to finally reach her heart's desire of returning home, Garland would battle life struggles and stardom in her desire to balance the approval of Hollywood fame with her own everyday life, hopes and dreams.

Historian Michelle Gibbons will take us through the triumphs and tragedies of Judy Garland's professional and private life, and explain why she is still a figure of fascination to this day.



This free program will be presented in the library Community Center at 6:30pm. Seating will be socially distant, and masks will be required.

NEW GARDEN? NEW GARDENING TIPS!

A lot of us began new gardening projects during the lockdown last spring, and now we're faced with how best to keep them healthy. To complicate things, there's an awful lot of erroneous information out there, tips that aren't appropriate for our region, and even some old-fashioned techniques that don't work so great anymore!

Join us on **Thursday, June 17th at 6:30pm** as Master Gardener Brenda Williams from Pesche's Greenhouse in Lake Geneva for an informative session titled "**Second Year Vegetable Gardening and Beyond: What's Different?**" She will talk on how to keep your new garden healthy and to make it thrive throughout the coming seasons. From potting to fertilizing, Brenda will help you get your garden on the right track.



Even if this isn't your sophomore year, as a vegetable gardener with a year or two or three under your rototiller, you now have a better idea what to expect. And that can go a long way toward smoothing those bumps on the garden path.

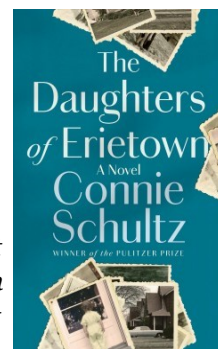
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PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

The Page Turners choose moving and poignant stories to highlight the human condition. They meet on the second Wednesday of the month at **6:30pm**

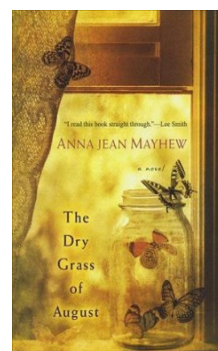
May 12th - *The Daughters of Erietown* by Connie Schultz

The evolution of women's lives spanning the second half of the 20th Century is at the center of this beautiful novel that portrays how much people know about the secrets of a town and family.



Jun. 9th - *The Dry Grass of August* by Anna Jean Mayhew


In 1954, 13-year-old Jubie, along with her family and her family's black maid Mary Luther travels to Florida for vacation where she encounters racial tension and tragedy.



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SOUNDS OF SUNSET...COMING SOON!




**SOUNDS OF SUNSET
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

**EVERY TUESDAY IN JULY
6:00PM
SUNSET PARK BAND SHELL**

- A Live Local Band Each Week!
- All Shows Are Free!
- Local Food Trucks!
- Bring Your Own Seating.

Proudly Presented By:



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**.

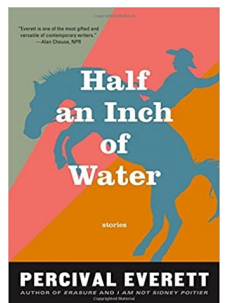
May 25th – *The Foster Portfolio* by Kurt Vonnegut

An investment banker gets more than he bargained for with a seemingly impoverished new client.



Jun. 22nd - *A High Lake* by Percival Everett

An elderly woman suffering from osteoporosis discovers long-forgotten magic on her horse ride into the Wyoming desert.



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