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Library Closed:

July 5th

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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

Our Summer Reading Program is in full swing, so stop in and sign up if you haven't already! So far, we have almost 300 kids signed up, over 50 teens and over 200 adults. In July, we will host the summer concert series on Tuesday nights. Read all about it on page 2 of the newsletter. The summer reading program ends on July 31. Starting last month in June, we fully reopened all services, including in-person programs and restored our open hours to 58 hours per week. Masks are still encouraged in the library, unless you are fully vaccinated. Our meeting rooms and study rooms are available for use as well. The Walworth County Genealogical Society returns to their hours every Tuesday in the Mary Bray room. The calendar on our website has been updated so check here for events and resources that are available 24/7 like Hoopla, Libby and Kanopy. We have something for everyone! Don't miss our only Storywagon of the summer on August 18, at 10:00 a.m. We will have the musical group Figureheads here for a performance in the Community Center.

The library gardens have been weeded and mulched and we are hosting many programs outside this summer. We have opportunities for

volunteers who are interested in garden maintenance including watering and weeding the flower beds, just ask at the desk and one of our gardeners will get back to you. The bench we ordered from Trex for collecting plastic bags will probably not arrive until September but we are looking forward to that. The Friends of Matheson Memorial Library are meeting regularly and continuing their fundraisers this year. Their next membership meeting will be August 25 at 6:30 p.m. Join us! The ongoing Friends Book Store is open daily for book purchases and they even have puzzles for sale. The Friends will work the Brat Hut at Frank's Piggly Wiggly on July 17 so stop in and support them. Don't forget you can help the Friends by bringing in your Frank's Piggly Wiggly receipts and by using AmazonSmile for your Amazon orders.

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns you have about the library,
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Lisa Selje, Library Director



NEED SOME BASIC TECH HELP? BOOK-A-LIBRARIAN RETURNS IN AUGUST

The Matheson Memorial Library is very pleased to bring back Book-a-Librarian, our free tech help program! For those unfamiliar, Book –a-Librarian allows you to make a 30 minute, one-on-one appointment with one of our librarians to go over any tech related issues you might have. Examples include:

- Using a smartphone or tablet
- Setting up an email account
- Getting started with social media
- Introduction to video streaming services/how to “cut the cord”

Our librarians are familiar with most consumer tech devices and common internet services, but we aren't IT professionals. If we're unable to help with your tech problem, we'll try to find you another help option. We'll begin by offering help sessions at **9:30am, 10:00am, and 10:30am on Mondays and 3:30pm, 4:00pm, and 4:30pm on Tuesdays.** The service resumes on **Monday, August 9th!**





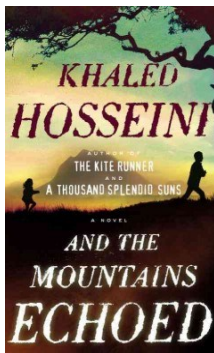
SOUNDS OF SUNSET

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**.

July 20th - *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini

A story inspired by human love, how people take care of one another and how choices resonate through subsequent generations.



Aug. 17th - *The Lord of the Flies* by William Golding

The classic study of human nature which depicts the degeneration of a group of schoolboys marooned on a desert island.



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Every Tuesday in July the historic Band Shell in Sunset Park will be full of the sounds of great local music! The library, in cooperation with the Elkhorn Rec Department and the Chamber, is proud to bring you this free concert series, featuring talented local musicians. Each concert will begin at 6:00pm and last until 7:30pm at the latest. The concerts will be completely free, but there will be food trucks onsite if you'd like any refreshments! Bring a chair, a blanket, or just yourself and your family to enjoy the music!

July 6th: The Spectaculars Blues Band

Classic Sounds from Elkhorn's Masters of Blues!



July 13th: The Elkhorn High School Jazz Ensemble

Show your school spirit while listening to these talented students!

July 20th: Gravity of Youth

Classic and modern rock in a creatively energized live music performance!



July 27th: The Underground Sound Jazz Group

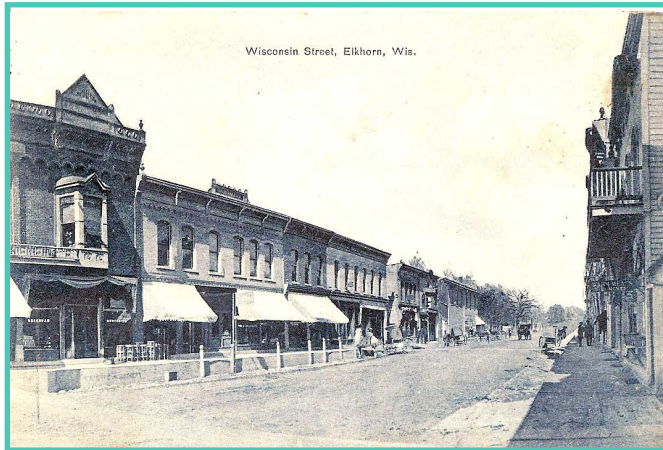
Groove to the smooth sounds of this perennial library favorite!



AUGUST PROGRAMS

EXPLORE ELKHORN HISTORY WITH OUR ANNUAL WALKING TOUR!

Our annual tradition of leading a walking tour around our city (except for that one year...) returns on **Thursday, August 12th at 6:30pm**. With the classic book, *A Centennial History of Elkhorn* as our guide, we will take a look at the fascinating history of our downtown area, and how much it's changed! Our step-off point will be the library Community Center. This short tour should be accessible to everyone, but please wear comfortable clothes and good walking shoes. In case of inclement weather, please watch our website for cancellation notices. We hope you can join us on our trip back in time!



MEET DANIELLE LINCOLN HANNA, THE AUTHOR OF THE MAILBOAT SUSPENSE SERIES!

Danielle is the author of 4 mysteries set in the Lake Geneva area, and a fifth is on the way! To celebrate the August release of her new book, she'll be visiting our library, talking about how she writes and what inspires her, and signing her books. This is Danielle's second visit to our library, and if you haven't met this fascinating and charming author, then you're in for a treat! The program begins at **3:00pm on Friday, August 20th** in the library Community Center.

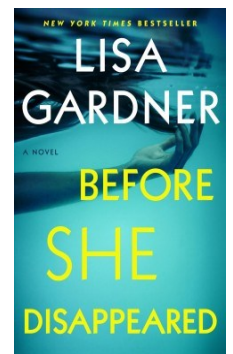


PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

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**.

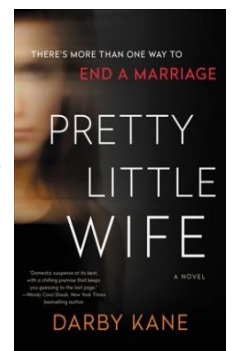
July 14th - *Before She Disappeared* by Lisa Gardner

Investigating the cold-case disappearance of a Haitian teen in a gritty Boston neighborhood, Frankie Elkin navigates resident and police resistance before risking her life to uncover the truth.



Aug. 11th - *Pretty Little Wife* by Darby Kane

Debut author Darby Kane thrills with this twisty domestic suspense novel that asks one central question: shouldn't a dead husband stay dead?



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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

BUY A BRAT FROM THE FRIENDS AND HELP THE LIBRARY!

The Friends had a great time fund-raising at Frank's Piggly Wiggly's Brat Hut on Sunday, June 13th. A big thank you to all those who supported us, or just stopped by to say "hi." Also, a huge thank you to all of you who spontaneously made a direct donation to the Friends...we're blown away by your generosity.

We'll be revisiting the Brat Hut on **Saturday, July 17th**, so please stop by, enjoy a brat, burger, or hot dog, and show your support for the library and the Friends!

By the way, did we mention you can join the Friends and help out with these and other fundraisers, including the **Sounds of Sunset** concert series and the upcoming return of **Trick or Trivia**? Also, we do a lot of fun things too. Drop by the library and grab a membership application!

You're also welcome to join us at our membership meetings. The next one will be **Wednesday, August 25th at 6:30pm**.



THE SHORT STORY BOOK CLUB

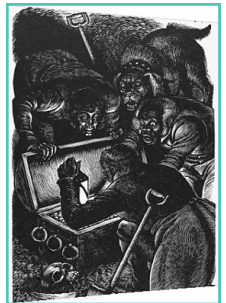
The Short Story Book Club is a fun group that saves time by only discussing short stories! We have games, trivia, and a discussion, and we meet offsite at **Mama T's Restaurant** each 4th Tuesday of the month at **7:00pm**.

July 27th—No book discussion...go see Underground Sound at Sounds of Sunset Instead (pg. 2)!



Aug. 24th - The Gold Bug by Edgar Allan Poe

A strange insect provides a vital clue to the discovery of a lost pirate treasure hoard.



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