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Sign up for the online newsletter at: eepurl.com/jzOQ1

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Well, the time has come, and believe it or not, this is the last time I'll be writing a newsletter article as your library director. It has been an amazing thirteen years and I have truly enjoyed my time in Elkhorn. I have seen many changes and good things happen at the library and in the community. We have an amazing staff and I feel confident that the future is in good hands. I'd like to take this opportunity to announce that the new library Director at MML is Chad Robinson. He will start his new position on September 13 and my last day is Thursday, September 30. Please drop in the Community Center on my last day, from 4:00-6:00 for refreshments. I have lots of plans for retirement, including caring for my elderly parents, traveling, volunteering, and welcoming a new grandchild in February. I will be busy! Of course, one of my volunteer jobs will be returning here to take care of the flower beds outside the library. I look forward to spending more time gardening.

We welcome a new staff member this month, Melissa Reiherzer, in Circulation who will be working 20 hours per week. We are saying goodbye to Lori Johnson who has worked here since 2014, but will continue to sub as needed. Please read this newsletter to discover the programs we will have during the next two months. There is a

book sale that started this week so stop in and see what you can find. The Walworth County Genealogical Society has resumed their hours every Tuesday in the Mary Bray room. The calendar on our website has been updated so check here for events, www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us and resources that are available 24/7 like Hoopla and Libby for eBooks and e-audios, and Kanopy for movies. We have something for everyone!

We have opportunities for volunteers at the library and every year we host a Volunteer Appreciation event that will take place this year on Saturday, September 11. If you think you are interested in volunteering, ask for an application at the desk. The Friends of Matheson Memorial Library are meeting regularly and continuing their fundraisers this year. Their next membership meeting will be October 27 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. 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.

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FRIENDS BOOK SALE!

The Friends of the Library Book Sale returns in September...with a slightly different formula! Starting August 30th, we will have the sale set up on a smaller scale in our book store area; prices will still be \$.50 for paperbacks, and \$1.00 for all other materials.

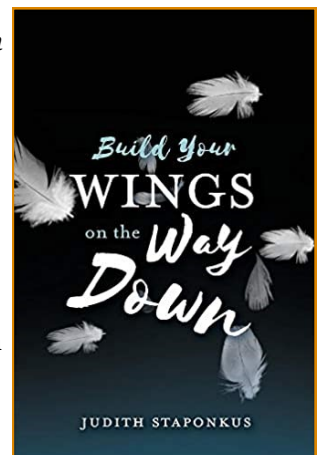


On Thursday, September 16th at noon, our clearance sale begins! The books will move to the library lobby, and the \$5 to fill a bag sale goes into effect. We have a very large selection of like-new books...check it out!

FRIENDS AUTHOR VISIT!

The Friends of the Library are excited to welcome local author Judith Staponkus, writer of the dramatic novel, *Build Your Wings on the Way Down*. Judith will be discussing what it's like to self-publish, what the life of a regional author is like, and providing tips for your own writing aspirations!

The program will be held in the library Community Center on Friday, **September 17th at 2:00pm**. We hope you can make it!





SEPTEMBER 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**.

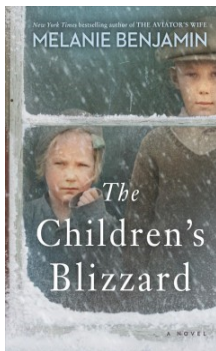
Sept. 21st - *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett

Twin sisters, inseparable as children, ultimately choose to live in two very different worlds, one black and one white.



Oct. 19th - *The Children's Blizzard* by Melanie Benjamin

During the Blizzard of 1888, two teachers, a servant and a reporter risk everything to protect the children of immigrant homesteaders.



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LEARN HOW TO MAKE DECORATIVE ACCESSORIES WITH SILK SCARF PAINTING!

It's crafting time at the library, and on **Thursday, September 16th at 6:30pm** master crafter Wendy Rieves will be showing how to add your own unique artistic touch to silk scarves with her painting program. This is a free program, but if you want to paint a scarf, please bring your own made only of silk or rayon. Alternatively, you'll be able to purchase one from Mrs. Rieves for \$12. This will be a 90 minute program, and all materials other than the scarves will be provided, but space is limited to 20 crafters and registration is required. Please register on our online calendar, or call us at (262) 723-2678 to reserve your spot. If we run out of space, you're still welcome to come and watch!



EVER WANTED TO BREW YOUR OWN BEER? COME LEARN HOW AT THE LIBRARY!

Wisconsin is home to many famous beer breweries, including our very own Duesterbeck's right here in Elkhorn. Now you have the opportunity to learn some of their secrets on **Thursday, September 23rd at 6:30pm** as Duesterbeck's owner and brewmaster Dr. Ben Johnson visits the library to show what goes in to making a great beer, and how you can try it out for yourself. In addition, he'll relate stories of how he got into beer brewing, and how he manages running a brewery while maintaining his dental practice.

This 60 minute program will be held in the library's Community Center. Unfortunately, Dr. Johnson will not be offering beer samples, but he will be relating some very cool information!



OCTOBER PROGRAMS

HEAR DARK LEGENDS AND LORE WITH WISCONSIN'S MOST HAUNTED LOCATIONS!

Paranormal researcher and adventurer Chad Lewis returns on **Thursday, October 7th at 6:30pm** to the Matheson Memorial Library to take you on a ghostly journey to some of the most haunted places in Wisconsin. From phantom creatures prowling the woods to graveyard apparitions located in your own backyard, no place is without its own haunting. Complete with photos, case histories, eyewitness accounts, ghost lore, and directions, this unique presentation encourages you to visit these places for your own ghost story.



This 60-minute program will be held in the library's Community Center. The program is all-ages, but the subject matter may be extreme for younger attendees, so discretion is advised.

TURN YOUR DINNERS INTO LITERARY EVENTS WITH FOODS IN FICTION!

Join nutritionist and book lover Chetney Dudzic on **Thursday, October 21st at 6:30pm** for a fun cooking class on bringing new flavor to the table, inspired from food portrayed in fiction. Taste Wonton Soup from *The Joy Luck Club*, *The Great Gatsby's* Mint Juleps (NA), and Pain Au Chocolat from *Chocolat!*



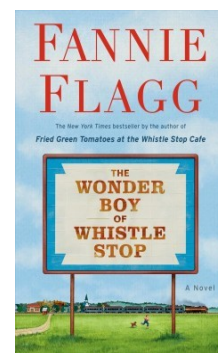
This 60-minute program will be held in the library's Community Center. Food samples will be available!

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**.

Sept. 8th - *The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop* by Fannie Flag

Bud Threadgoode discovers new friends and surprises about the community's women while triggering unexpected changes in his daughters' lives.



Oct. 13th - *The Good Sister* by Sally Hepworth

Twin sisters who are harboring a deep, dark secret about their sociopathic mother must face the consequences of their actions when one tries to start a family.



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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

ELKHORN'S HOTTEST TICKET IS BACK! TRICK-OR-TRIVIA SIGNUP BEGINS SEPT. 8

After a year-long hiatus due to COVID, co-chairs and trivia masterminds Katie James and Shelly Robinson are determined to bring the joy of Halloween trivia and costumes back to Elkhorn with the 8th Annual Trick-or-Trivia on October 23. The hottest ticket in town provides funding for next year's Matheson Memorial Library Adult & Children's programming.

The event, which started in 2013 with a small crowd of 30 patrons in the Elkhorn library Community Center, has amassed a citywide following with over 225 people in attendance at the 2019 event at the Monte Carlo Room.

James says the longstanding secret to the event's success has been the fun energy that brings patrons back year after year. "We have teams that aren't very good at trivia, but just love being silly together and hanging out for a good cause," she said.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at Sperino's Monte Carlo Room located at 720 N.

Wisconsin Street in Elkhorn. Doors open at 6:00pm and trivia will begin at 7:15pm. *America's Pub Quiz* trivia master Bob Kordus is once again donating his services to emcee the event.

Both whole team tables are available for sale with 8-10 players for \$300, or individual seats can be purchased for \$30 for placement on any scary-smart team. A change from the 2019 event is the food: Two extra-large pizzas and salad will be delivered to each table so patrons leave full. "We learned that our players come hungry so pizzas stocked at the table will ensure those trivia juices keep flowing all evening long," James said.

Players are also encouraged to come dressed for success in individual costumes or coordinated with their table for a team theme. A costume contest/parade runs through halftime to keep the fun going, as well as a 50/50 raffle and silent auction to benefit the library.

"It's such a fun event and we are so lucky to have community support to keep it going for the library," James said.



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**.

Sept. 28th - *A Jury of her Peers* by Susan Glaspell

The classic early 20th Century story of right and wrong, crime and punishment, and the world of women.



Oct. 26th - *Pickman's Model* by H.P. Lovecraft

A man discovers the dark secret of avant garde artist Richard Upton Pickman in this classic weird tale.



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