

VOL 14 ISSUE 5



Matheson Memorial Library

# NEWSLETTER

## Library Closed:

- Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th  
(Library closes at 5:30pm on Wednesday, November 23rd)
- Friday, December 23rd, Saturday, December 24th, and  
Monday, December 26th.
- Friday, December 30th, Saturday, December 31st, and  
Monday, January 2nd.

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2022



## Notes from the Director

CHAD ROBINSON, LIBRARY DIRECTOR  
**CROBINSON@ELKHORN.LIB.WI.US**

Hello and Happy Holidays! We hope that you have a wonderfully festive holiday season. This time of the year is a time for reflection on the good things in our lives, and the many things we have to be thankful for. Here at the library, we're incredibly thankful to you, our community, and how you've made us a part of your lives. Thank you! We're also grateful for all the support our volunteers and Friends members provide us with. Thanks to your generosity, our Trick or Trivia fundraiser made the largest amount of money ever, all to be used for children's teen, and adult programming!

It's also the season of giving, and we will soon mark the return of our Giving Tree campaign in December. Staff are busy preparing ornaments with wishes for items that will enhance our services, allow us to expand our collection, and make the library even more special.

If you'd like to help us, just select an ornament from the Giving Tree and make the donation at the circulation desk. It's a great way to give, and to make our staff's holiday wishes come true! This is also the perfect time of the year to make a donation to our library's Foundation; which manages a fund that allows us to make annual additions and renovations to the building. Please ask at our info desk on how you can contribute to this worthwhile service.

We have a wide variety of holiday programs and events happening, so please read all about them in the pages ahead. In addition to our holiday decorations, December and January mark the annual return of the complete Christmas Card Town paintings of Jan Castle Reed. These paintings, along with the work of Cecile Johnson and other artists local artists, are one of the many factors that make this season so special in Elkhorn, so please drop by and enjoy the artwork! From us to you, we all wish you a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. As always, please reach out to me with any questions or concerns about your library.

**Join us in 2023 for  
a new adult reading program!**

**BOOKOPOLY**



**Read books to earn prizes in  
this all-new reading program  
starting in early 2023!**

# BOOK CLUBS



## PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

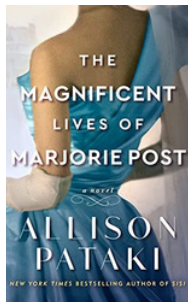
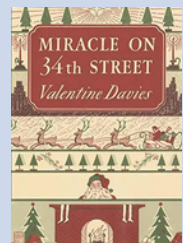
Meets on 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, November 2nd - Take My Hand by Dolen Perkins-Valdez:**

Inspired by true events that rocked the nation, a profoundly moving novel about a Black nurse in post-segregation Alabama who blows the whistle on a terrible wrong done to her patients, from the New York Times bestselling author of *Wench*.

**Wednesday, December 7th - Miracle on 34th Street by Valentine Davies**

The best-selling novella about a disillusioned woman, her skeptical daughter, and a mysterious man who believes he is the real Santa Claus. Generations of believers in hope and goodwill have made Valentine Davies' *Miracle on 34th Street* a treasured part of their holiday traditions.



## AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

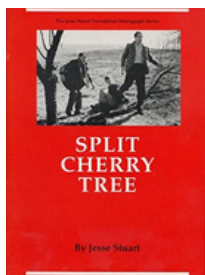
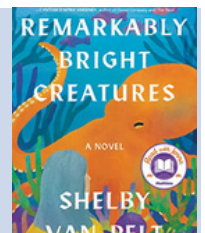
Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2 PM

**Tuesday, November 15th - The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post by Allison Pataki**

Bestselling and acclaimed author Allison Pataki has crafted an intimate portrait of a larger-than-life woman, a powerful story of one woman falling in love with her own voice and embracing her own power while shaping history in the process.

**Wednesday, December 20th - Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt**

A charming, witty and compulsively enjoyable exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope that traces a widow's unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus.



## THE SHORT STORY BOOK CLUB

Please note the different date for November!

**November 15th - Split Cherry Tree by Jesse Stuart**

A father learns the importance of education and gains an understanding of his son and an insight into his dreams and ambitions.



# ADULT PROGRAMS



## COOKING WITH THE COMMUNITY: PIE BAKING

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD AT 6:00 PM &**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH AT 1:00 PM:**

Learn to make your own homemade pie crust at Matheson Memorial Library just in time for Thanksgiving! This program is currently full, but please speak to a staff member if you want to be put on a wait list.

## FALL CRAFT: FESTIVE CANDLE HOLDER

**Wednesday, November 18th at 2:00 PM:** Decorate your own festive glass candle holder in this quick and easy craft program! This fun drop-in program will be in the Community Center from 2-4 PM. Registration is not required.



## ELKHORN: THE CHRISTMAS CARD TOWN

**Thursday, December 1st at 6:30 PM:** Come and celebrate the 70th anniversary of Elkhorn's appearance on the television series *March of Time* by watching the original episode! Local historian and Black Pointe Estate educator Michael Rehberg will introduce the film and discuss its legacy. This event will be held in the Community Center.

## CHRISTMAS PARADE

**Saturday, December 3rd from 1:30-2:30:** Enjoy the annual Christmas parade from the comfort of your local library! We will be open until 2:30 so everyone can watch the parade, and of course, hot chocolate will be served!



## CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT

**Wednesday, December 14th at 12:45 PM:** Come and enjoy the beautiful sounds of the season at this free concert that has become a library tradition! The Elkhorn High Vocal Choir, joined by the School Bell Choir and accompanied on piano by Choir Director Matthew Remus, will be performing favorite Christmas songs in the Library Lobby. This is a wonderful way to get in the holiday mood!

**FOR MORE VISIT: [ELKHORN.LIB.WI.US](http://ELKHORN.LIB.WI.US)**

# TEEN PROGRAMS

## ANIME CLUB

**Thursdays, Nov. 10 & Dec. 1 at 4 pm**

Bring your friends for an hour of all things anime! For middle & high school students.



## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

**Fridays, Nov. 11 & Dec. 2 at 4 pm**

Join TAB to plan and run programs for both high school and middle school.  
Contact Jessica Dowling ([jdowling@elkhorn.lib.wi.us](mailto:jdowling@elkhorn.lib.wi.us)) for more information.

## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

**Monday, Nov. 14 & Thursday, Nov. 17 at 6:30 pm**

Get your dice and come join the library for Dungeons and Dragons! We welcome all ages and experience levels. Don't know how to play? We'll teach you!



## TEEN COOKING/ BAKING

**Friday, Nov. 11 from 5 to 6 pm**

Come to the library for our Teen Advisory Board-sponsored cooking & baking program. For middle school and high school students (ages 11-18). **Registration required.**

# KID'S PROGRAMS

## BOOKANEERS BOOK CLUB

**Thursdays, Nov. 3, 17, & Dec. 1 at 4:30 pm**

Become a Bookaneer and get started on an exciting journey into the world of reading!



## POKEMON CLUB

**Tuesdays, Nov. 8 & 29 from 4-5 pm**

Catch all the Pokemon fun at the library! Bring your friends for an hour of crafts, cards, and movies in the Community Room.

## FACT FINDERS BOOK CLUB

**Thursdays, Nov. 10 & Dec. 8 at 5 pm**

Do you love facts? Join our nonfiction book club and become an expert!



# KID'S PROGRAMS



## FAMILY STORYTIME WITH MISS ESTHER

**Tuesdays, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29, Dec. 6, & 13 at 9:30-10:30am and 10:30a-11:30am**

Meet and connect with other families in our community during Miss Esther's Family Storytime. Interactive songs and stories, fun crafts, and new connections with families in your community will keep you coming back for more!

## KOHL'S WILD THEATER

**Friday, Nov. 4 at 10 am**

Kohls Wild Theater provides conservation-themed theater performances with drama, songs, and puppetry. Please contact Jennifer Wharton, [jwharton@elkhorn.lib.wi.us](mailto:jwharton@elkhorn.lib.wi.us), for information on bringing your class or family to this free production.



## ANIMALS AROUND THE WORLD!

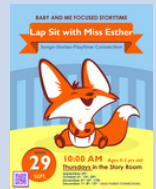
**Friday, Nov. 4 from 6 to 7 pm**

Interact with live critters great and small during this 1 hour amazing animal adventure. From fruit bats to tarantulas and everything in between...don't miss this incredible presentation from Incredible Bats Inc.! Sponsored by the Matheson Memorial Library and EASD Parent Connections.

## LAPSIT STORYTIME

**Thursdays, Nov. 3, 10, 17, Dec. 1, 8, & 15 at 10 am**

Bring your littlest ones and join Miss Esther from EASD Parent Connections for a nurturing session of baby-centered play. Please note that some Lapsits will be run by library staff.



## PAWS TO READ

**Mondays, Nov. 7, 14, & 28 at 4:15 pm**

Join some special furry friends and volunteers from the Lakeland Animal Shelter. All ages are welcome to interact and play, listen to stories, and read to the animals. Live animals will be present and confined to the Storyroom.

## LET OFF STEAM!

**Mondays, Nov. 7 & Dec. 12 from 10-11 am**

Join Miss Esther from EASD Parent Connections and let your child's curiosity discover the world of science! An exciting theme every month.



## LEGO CHALLENGE

**Tuesdays, Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec. 6, & 13 at 3-6pm**

Do you like to build with Lego? Younger siblings bored at Pokemon Club? Stop by the Storyroom to do some Lego building. You can follow the weekly challenge, with instructions, or free build.

# KID'S PROGRAMS

## PROJECT EXPLORE

**Wednesdays, Nov. 9, 16 Dec. 7 & 14 from 3:30-5:30pm**

Do you like to make things? Kids and Teens are invited to drop by our pop-up Makerspace in the Storyroom. Attendees need to be able to work on their own, use materials and tools safely and responsibly, and wait patiently for assistance.



## I LIKE TO MOVE IT!

**Fridays, Nov. 11 & Dec. 16 from 10 am-11 am**

Get out of the house and join Miss Esther from EASD Parent Connections for thirty minutes of story-based movement and fun! Celebrate your heart-healthy moving by making a healthy snack together to end the session.

## DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

**Monday, Nov. 14 & Thursday, Nov. 17 at 6:30 pm**

Get your dice and come join the library for Dungeons and Dragons! Kids younger than 8 must have an adult with them.



## WE EXPLORE ARTIST: ED EMBERLEY

**Friday, Nov. 18 at 10 am**

All ages are invited for a special art-themed storytime. We'll start out with some free art time, read some of the stories written and illustrated by Ed Emberley, and finish up with his finger print drawing projects.

## WINTER WIGGLERS

**Wednesdays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7 & 14 at 10 am**

Has winter made you extra wiggly? Join us for a fun, active storytime and activities with lots of movement. Families with children of all ages are invited to participate.



## KIDS MAKE IT!

**Wednesdays, Nov. 30 from 3:30-5:30 pm**

This fall we will be focusing on using sewing machines. Kids will need to be able to safely operate a sewing machine and wait patiently for their turn. More experienced sewers are welcome to work on their own projects with assistance as needed.

## GINGERBREAD STORYTIME

**Friday, Dec. 9 at 10 am**

Run, run, as fast as you can and maybe you can catch Santa's gingerbread man! Join us for holiday stories and crafts and a special scavenger hunt for some sneaky gingerbread men in the library. Please note, no actual cookies will be served at this program.



## HOLIDAY COOKIE PARTY

**Tuesday, Dec. 20 from 10 to 11 am**

Frosting...Sprinkles...Gumdrops...YUM! Harness your elf powers to design and decorate holiday cookies with Miss Esther.

# NOTES FROM KATIE JAMES, TRICK OR TRIVIA CO-CHAIR



## 80S-THEMED ROCKSTAR TABLE, THE CASSETTE COLLECTIVE, LED BY CHRIS AND ANDI WHITE OF ELKHORN, PLACED SECOND IN BOTH THE COMPETITION AND TABLE THEME.

The Friends of Matheson Memorial Library held its 9th Annual Trick-or-Trivia fundraiser at Sperino's Monte Carlo Room on Saturday, October 22, 2022 with a sold-out crowd of over 200 attendees. Twenty teams competed for the title and Elkhorn team "Everyone Gets A Trophy!" winning top honors for the night. They also received the coveted attendee-voted "Best Team Theme" prize for the second year in a row.

The event raised over \$8,000 for the Matheson Memorial Library in Elkhorn to fund next year's Adult, Teen & Children's programming, as well as needed improvements around the library. Event co-chairs Katie James and Shelly Robinson were thrilled with the record-breaking donation result and are grateful for the continued interest in the event.

"Teams plan their costumes and look forward to this evening all year long. It's sold out seven times in a row! We're just so appreciative of the community's support of our home-grown event and the library," James said. "It's a festive evening to just hang out with friends and play some trivia. Our volunteers have a blast and our MC Bob Kordus keeps the night lively." Robinson added, "It's great to see our Elkhorn community have such a love for our library."

Several community businesses, including Evergreen Golf Course, Mama T's, J. Robert's Menswear, Farmhouse Sweets, and Kwik Trip contributed raffle prizes to raise \$1,500. Frank's Piggly Wiggly donated a rare bottle of 12-year-old Pappy Van Winkle bourbon as a silent auction prize, with the winning bid claiming the coveted bottle for \$925. Sandy Kottke of Harvard, IL donated back her \$527 50/50 raffle prize winnings to the event as well.

A big thanks to volunteers Sara Ceschi, Sandy Douglas, Teresa Douglas, Dave Dresdow, Gail Grice, Brenda Johansen, Cheryl Kenth, Bob Kordus, Sue Loth, Andrew Robinson, Riley Robinson, Levi Schamper, and Esther Weitzel.

The future location of the event is uncertain, but hope to have a new spot picked out next summer. Stay tuned!"