



# Prairie Reader

## Library Card Sign-up Month



September is Library Card Sign-up Month, and the Prairie du Sac Library wants to make sure that children in this community are among the two-thirds of Americans that carry the smartest card of all—a library card.

Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning. A library card has always been the most important school supply of all. Kids can come to the library to get homework help and check out books, but they can also check out free music, DVDs and use the Internet to make after school

life a little more fun.

A recent study by the American Library Association also showed that families use libraries to spend time together. Forty-four percent of survey respondents report taking their children to the library for this reason.

The Library invites everyone to share in the excitement by reminding them that "The Smartest Card is @ your library"—it's your library card.

### Visit from Clifford

To celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month, the Library will have a special visitor: Clifford the Big Red Dog! Clifford will be here during storytimes September 19, 21, and 22. Any children who get new library cards this week through September 30 will receive an additional treat!

### Free Replacement Library Cards

The Prairie du Sac Library will offer free replacement cards throughout the month of September. Bringing your card helps reduce staff error, saves you time, and most importantly, protects you and your privacy. Act now because replacement cards will again be \$1.00 in October.

## Family Fun Night

Bring your mom, dad, brothers and sisters to Family Fun Night at the Prairie du Sac Library Thursday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m. This month's theme is Critters! Come enjoy stories, songs, and snacks all about the critters you love. Mercer Mayer's Little Critter will be our special visitor!



*The Library will be closed Saturday, September 2 and Monday, September 4 for Labor Day*

## Book and Bake Sale

The August Book and Bake Sale was a huge success. We raised \$450 for the Friends of the Library! Thank you to all the shoppers and those who donated books and baked goods. Special thanks to Patrick Campbell for working at the sale. Watch for the next sale coming in February!



The Prairie du Sac Library received a \$150 donation in memory of Lance Corporal Nicholas Anderson.

The Library also received a \$200 donation from the Sauk Prairie Community Club. Thank you!

## Prairie du Sac Library

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### Upcoming Events

- ☺ Sep. 2—Library Closed
- ☺ Sep. 4—Labor Day (Library closed)
- ☺ Sep. 7—Teen Advisory Board (6:30 p.m.)
- ☺ Sep. 14—Mystery Book Club (6:45 p.m.)
- ☺ Sep. 23—First Day of Autumn
- ☺ Sep. 23–30—Banned Books Week
- ☺ Sep. 28—Family Fun Night (6:30 p.m.)

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# September Storytimes: Let's Count

**TODDLER TUESDAYS:** Toddler Tuesdays is a special storytime just for 2 and 3 year olds. Beth will share stories, snacks, music and more with your toddler.

**GROUP STORYTIME:** All ages are welcome to this storytime on Thursdays and Fridays.

Toddler Tuesdays and Group Storytimes meet at 10 a.m. No registration is required to attend.

## Schedule:

- Sep. 5, 7, 8 #1 & Parachute Fun!
- Sep. 12, 14, 15 #2 Things in Pairs
- Sep. 19, 21, 22 #3 & Special visit from Clifford
- Sep. 26, 28, 29 #4 & More!



## Bouncing Babies

This is a storytime for infants up to 24 months old. Bond with your baby and socialize with other parents at the same time! Beth will share songs, fingerplays and stories with your infant.



Bouncing Babies meets at 8:15 on Friday mornings, before the Library officially opens. Contact Beth at 643-8318 with questions, ideas or comments.

## New Magazine

The Prairie du Sac Library recently started getting *Practical Homeschooling*. This bimonthly magazine contains helpful information for homeschoolers on everything from preschool to college prep. Look for it on the Children's magazine shelves or ask the staff for assistance.

## Storytime Visitors

We had lots of great storytime visitors this summer! Thanks to all for sharing their animals: Rachel/Creature Feature (snake), Claire Schneller (lizards), Maria Thompson (cat), Abby Schneller (cat and horse), and the Reasa family (birds).



## Guessing Jar

Thank you to all the kids who guessed how many Teddy Grahams were in the August guessing jar. We had 200 guesses! The lowest guess was 15 and the highest was "one million thousand". Congratulations to Jordan Medina for coming closest. There were 773 Teddy Grahams and Jordan guessed 787!



## *Giving back to our animal friends...*

This summer, we collected 5 large bags of supplies and 1 large bag of cat food for the Sauk County Animal Shelter. They were delivered August 28. Thank you for your donations!



## Summer Reading Wrap-Up

Paws...to Read, the library's summer reading program for children, has ended with huge success. 440 children signed up and read a total of 890 hours! In addition, 75 kids completed all ten weeks of reading!



The Teen and Adult Programs were also a great success. A total of 82 teens read 1,610 hours! Additionally, 80 adults read 568 hours! Congratulations to all on a job well done!

The programs would not have been possible without support from local businesses. The 2006 supporters were Davidson's Salon, The Press Box, Weber's Bakery, Green Acres, JT Subs, Wild Bird Barn, Karate America, Madison Mallards, The Medicine Shoppe, Dorf Haus, The Window Sill, Friends of the Prairie du Sac Library, Madison Children's Museum, Pizza Hut, Original Wisconsin Ducks, Great Wolf Lodge, Mt. Olympus Water and Theme Park, Pizza Plaza, and Culvers. Thank you!

# June's Book Review

## Messenger of Truth by Jacqueline Winspear

Jacqueline Winspear's fourth novel in the Maisie Dobbs series is called Messenger of Truth. It's London in the winter of 1931 during a worldwide economic depression. Journalist Georgina Bassington-Hope hires Maisie to investigate her twin brother Nicholas's death. Nicholas was a WWI veteran and an artist.

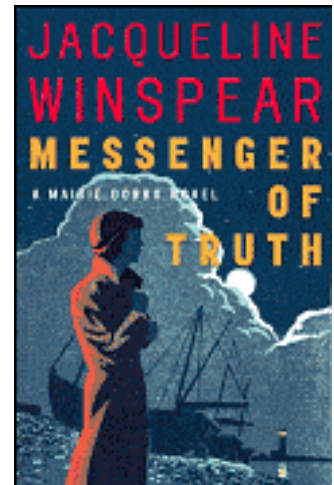
Nick's fall from a scaffold at a gallery before his mural has been ruled an accident. Very talented, Nick was known for upsetting and angering people with his art.

The division of class and the trauma of war are the themes of this novel. The author focuses on the grim realities the poor faced—no jobs, disease, and poverty—and the rich and powerful and their pursuit of pleasure.

Winspear's use of imagery and atmosphere make this a thoughtful read.

Also in the series:

- Maisie Dobbs: a Novel
- Birds of a Feather
- Pardonable Lies



## Banned Books Week

Who decides what you will find freely available in your public and school libraries? Twenty-five years after its initiation, Banned Books Week (Sept. 23-30) serves as an ongoing reminder of how important the freedom to choose reading materials really is to U.S. citizens. So read a banned book; It's your freedom we're talking about!

The "10 Most Challenged Books of 2005" are: It's Perfectly Normal, Forever by Judy Blume, The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger, The Chocolate War by Robert Cormier, Whale Talk by Chris Crutcher, Detour for Emmy by Marilyn Reynolds, What My Mother Doesn't Know by Sonya Sones, Captain Underpants series by Dav Pilkey, Crazy Lady! by Jane Leslie and It's So Amazing! by Robie H. Harris.

## Mystery Book Club

The Mystery Book Club will meet Thursday, September 14 at 6:45 p.m. This month we will discuss Messenger of Truth by Jacqueline Winspear. Contact June at (608)643-8318 to request a copy or for more information.

New members are always welcome!

Until then, visit the Library to pick up one of our newest mysteries.

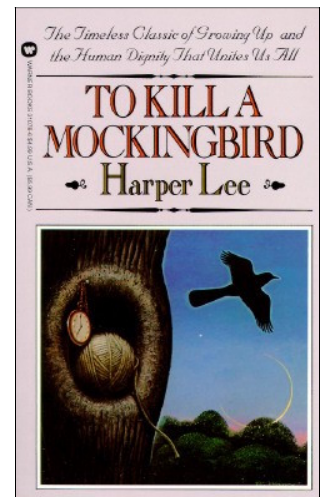
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## Book of the Month

### To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper

In honor of Banned Books Week, this month's book is To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee. Told through the eyes of 8-year-old Scout Finch, To Kill a Mockingbird follows three years in the life of Scout, her brother, Jem, her father, Atticus, and the residents of fictional Maycomb, Alabama. When Atticus is called on to defend a young black man accused of raping a white woman, Scout sees the ugly side of her town and gains a valuable understanding of people.

Whether you're reading it for the first time or the tenth, read To Kill a Mockingbird this month and show you support the freedom to read and right to freely choose your books.



Breakfast @ the Library

## Teen Tuesdays



Craft Day

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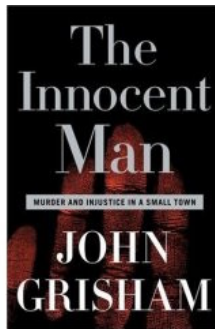
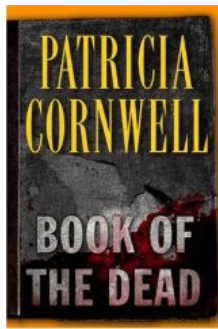
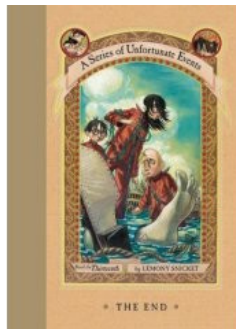
## New Releases

### Books

- Cornwell, Patricia - Book of the Dead
- Snicket, Lemony - The End
- Grisham, John - The Innocent Man
- Haddon, Mark - Spot of Bother
- Albom, Mitch - For One More Day
- Colfer, Eoin - The Lost Colony
- Flynn, Vince - Act of Treason
- Hamilton, Laurell K. - Strange Candy
- Frazier, Charles - Thirteen Moons
- Weiner, Jennifer - The Guy Not Taken
- Francis, Dick - Under Orders

### Movies

- *X-Men: The Last Stand*
- *The Wild*
- *Stick It*
- *The Break-Up*
- *The Lake House*
- *Thank You for Smoking*
- *Mission Impossible 3*
- *A Prairie Home Companion*
- *Garfield: a Tail of Two Kitties*
- *Over the Hedge*
- *Ice Age: The Meltdown*



Please ask the Library staff if you would like help placing holds on any titles.

Updated lists are also available on our website ([www.pdslibrary.org/adult.html#new](http://www.pdslibrary.org/adult.html#new)). For more lists of new books, DVDs, CDs, Bestsellers, and Recommendations check out the Don't Miss Lists in LINKcat under the Search tab.

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