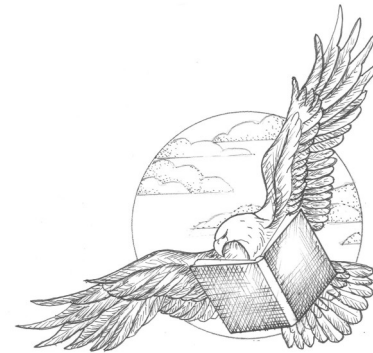


# Prairie Reader



## What's Happening?

The Ruth Culver Community Library is starting to take shape! The appearance is constantly changing as renovations continue. The walls and roof began to appear in late December. The project is expected to be complete in early summer.

Please contact Library Director Jennifer Endres Way at 643-8318 or visit [www.pdslibrary.org](http://www.pdslibrary.org) if you would like to support the Ruth Culver Community Library.



The walls and roof are coming together (December 22, 2011).

## Friends of the Library

**Wednesday, January 18, 6:30 p.m. at the Prairie du Sac Village Hall**

Want to know more about the Friends of the Prairie du Sac Library? Come to our next meeting Wednesday, January 18 at 6:30 p.m. to learn more. We will gather at the Prairie du Sac Village Hall at 335 Galena Street.

Haven't joined us before? New members are welcome so feel free to invite anyone you know who is interested in helping the library! We hope to see you! We will talk about our upcoming special events, discuss the new library and more! Come and share your ideas, talents or time. There are many ways you can make a difference.

## eReader Support Group

**Tuesday, January 24, 6:30 p.m.**

Did you get an iPad, Kindle, Nook, or other eReader this holiday season? Drop by the library to talk to others with these devices, and share your tips for use and sources for the best books. Also find out about OverDrive, the library database that provides free access to eBooks and audiobooks! See page 3 for more information about OverDrive. Contact Meagan at 643-8318 with questions.



*The Library will close at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, December 31 and will be closed all day Monday, January 2.*

*The Library will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 27.*

## Read for Culver's

There's still time to read and earn delicious treats from Culver's. The program is simple. Record the books you read on the program bookmark. Bring the bookmark to the library to get each title stamped. After 5 books you earn a FREE scoop of custard and 10 books earns a FREE SnackPak. We have program for ages 5K through adults!

Bookmarks for recording titles are available at the library. Program is open to children in 5K through adults. Thank you to Culver's of Sauk City for sponsoring this program!



## Prairie du Sac Library

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### Upcoming Events

- ♦ Jan. 2—Library closed
- ♦ Jan. 3—Teen Group (6:30 p.m.)
- ♦ Jan. 10—Anime Movie Night (6:00 p.m.)
- ♦ Jan. 12—Mystery Book Club (6:45 p.m.)
- ♦ Jan. 18—Friends of the Prairie du Sac Library (6:30 p.m.)
- ♦ Jan. 20 - Teen Night: Mario Kart (6:00 p.m.)
- ♦ Jan. 24—eReader Support Group (6:30 p.m.)
- ♦ Jan. 27—Library closes at 5:00 p.m.

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# January Storytimes: Fly with...

**GROUP STORYTIME:** All ages are welcome to storytimes on **Thursdays and Fridays at 10:00 a.m.** Beth will share stories, snacks, music and more with your child. No registration is required to attend.

**MUSICAL TUESDAYS:** All ages are welcome at **10:00 a.m.** for storytime with an emphasis on music. No crafts or snacks due to frequent singing and movement.

## Schedule:

- Jan. 3, 5, 6 NO STORYTIME
- Jan. 10, 12, 13 Eagles
- Jan. 17, 19, 20 Flies
- Jan. 24, 26, 27 Superheroes!  
*Jump and crawl like a superhero this week!*
- Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 3 Fairies  
*Make a fairy wand 2/2 & 2/3!*

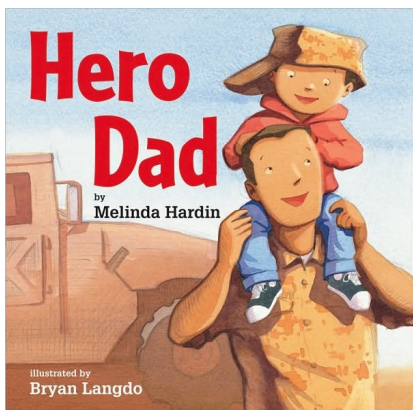


Winter reminder: programs are cancelled if school is cancelled.



## Featured Children's Book

**Hero Dad** written by Melinda Hardin and illustrated by Bryan Langdo



We will be talking about superheroes in storytime in January. I appreciate this story talking about how his dad, an Army dad, is his superhero. Text and illustrations are simple but inspiring. --Ms. Beth

**Early literacy tip:** Kids can learn about language and vocabulary and discuss the words

associated with being in the army. Enjoy how these words are illustrated. So much to talk about in this story (and especially a positive portrayal of a super army dad.)

If you (or a teen you know!) are a fan of anime, pay special attention for this label in the library's adult DVD collection. We've added several new titles! Some are for more mature audiences so check ratings.



## Thank You!

Thank you to Kiara Travis for sharing her collection of pandas with the library. Take a look at them in our display case throughout the month of January!

Contact Beth at 643-8318 if you have collection you'd like to feature in the library's display case!



## Bouncing Babies

**Fridays at 8:15 a.m.**

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.



## First Steps in Music

The Prairie du Sac Library's First Steps in Music is now taking registrations for the winter session. This free active, musical, and fun class is for children age 3 ½ to 5. The classes will begin Wednesday, January 25 and run through March 21. Each session features new music and songtales! Classes will be held at the Prairie du Sac Fire Department. Registration forms are available at the library or online at <http://www.pdslibrary.org/childrens.html>. Please register by Monday, January 16. Contact Beth at 643-8318 with any questions.



## Early Literacy Tips

What you do helps your child get ready to read, so beginning this month we will feature an early literacy tip along with our featured children's book. Here's a preview of what's to come:

- **Print Motivation** - a child's interest in and enjoyment of books
- **Language and Vocabulary** - knowing the names of things, concepts, feelings & ideas
- **Concepts about Print** - print awareness & noticing print, knowing how to handle a book & how to follow the word on a page
- **Letter Knowledge** - learning to name letters, knowing they have sounds & recognizing them everywhere
- **Narrative Skills & Comprehension** - the ability to describe things & events & to tell stories
- **Phonological Awareness** - the ability to hear & play with the smaller sound in words

# June's Book Review

## Slash and Burn by Colin Cotterill

Slash and Burn is the eighth book of the Dr. Siri mysteries. It is set in Laos in the 1970s. Dr. Siri Paiboun is the national coroner of the Laos People's Democratic Republic. This is not a job he sought or wanted. No one else was willing to take the job. Dr. Siri is 78 and has been promised he can retire after one last case. He decides to blackmail the officials into allowing him to bring his wife, his nurse, and morgue attendant along.

The trip north into the mountains is being funded by a United States senator. The senator is looking for his son Boyd Bowry,

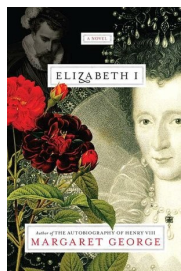
who has been missing in action for ten years. Also coming along with Dr. Siri and his crew are American soldiers, a Hawaiian pathologist and Auntie Bpoo, a fortune teller. Soon everyone is headed to the hills in a military helicopter.

When the motley crew arrives, news from a village near the hotel says a dragon landed there. Soon members of the group start dropping like flies and Dr. Siri must investigate. This is a unique series of books with history, politics, black humor and quirky, amusing characters.

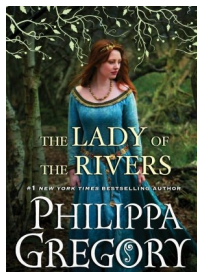


## June's Top 11 of 2011

To see more of June's favorites from previous years, check out the display in the library.



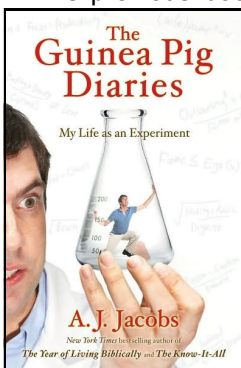
- *Instruments of Darkness* by Imogene Robertson
- *Elizabeth I* by Margaret George
- *An Empty Death* by Laura Wilson
- *Robocalypse* by Daniel Wilson
- *Flashback* by Dan Simmons
- *Under the Skin* by Vicki Lane
- *My Dear I Wanted to Tell You* by Louisa Young
- *Started Early, Took My Dog* by Kate Atkinson
- *Darling Dahlias and the Naked Ladies* by Susan Wittig Albert
- *Lady of the Rivers* by Philippa Gregory
- *11/22/63* by Stephen King



## Book of the Month

### The Guinea Pig Diaries: My Life as an Experiment by A.J. Jacobs

In his previous books, author A.J. Jacobs chronicled his quest to read every volume of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* and wrote of his year spent living "Biblically." In *The Guinea Pig Diaries* Jacobs again brings his humor while sharing his various life experiments including attempts to outsource his life to India, be "radically honest," follow WWGWD—What Would George Washington Do?, and more. *Selected by Meagan*



## Mystery Book Club

Thursday, January 12 at 6:45 p.m.



This month we will discuss the Jackson Brodie mysteries by Kate Atkinson. Copies are available on display in the library. Contact June at 643-8318 with questions. New members are always welcome! Until then, visit the library to pick up one of our newest mysteries.

## Download eBooks & Audiobooks

OverDrive is a database that offers eBooks, audiobooks, music and videos that you can download to devices like iPods and other MP3 players, Kindles, Sony Readers, Nooks, and iPads (to name just a few). To access the database, go to [www.pdslibrary.org](http://www.pdslibrary.org) and click the gray OverDrive Download Audiobooks icon on the left side of the page. More detailed instructions are available at the library or on our website. Please ask the library staff if you would like more information.

- \$1 million in titles will be added throughout 2012. The purchasing has already begun so look for the collection to grow dramatically! This was paid for collectively by the state's 17 library systems, 385 member libraries and funds from a DPI grant.
- If you are looking for something you can check out immediately, try using the "currently available" links on the left side of the OverDrive homepage or click the "only show available titles" box when searching. OverDrive also provides easy access to newly returned titles via "Just Back In" banners.
- You can search by format (like Kindle Book or MP3) if you click the advanced search link.
- The average waiting period for a hold is 19 days. If you are waiting for something, be sure to look at the number of copies owned in addition to the number of holds. More copies means a shorter wait!



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## Upcoming Releases

### Books

- Barr, Nevada—*The Rope* (1/17)
- Crais, Robert—*Taken* (1/24)
- Crombie, Deborah—*No Mark Upon Her* (2/7)
- Fluke, Joanne—*Cinnamon Roll Murder* (2/27)
- Flynn, Vince—*Kill Shot* (2/7)
- George, Elizabeth—*Believing the Lie* (1/10)
- Grippando, James—*Need You Now* (1/3)
- Hannah, Kristin—*Home Front* (1/31)
- Jance, J.A.—*Left for Dead* (2/7)
- Kellerman, Faye—*Gun Games* (1/3)

- Kellerman, Jonathan—*Victims* (2/28)
- Lescroart, John—*The Hunter* (1/3)
- Paretsky, Sara—*Breakdown* (1/3)
- Patterson, James—*11th Hour* (5/7)
- Patterson, James—*Guilty Wives* (3/26)
- Patterson, James—*Private : #1 Suspect* (1/2)
- Picoult, Jodi—*Lone Wolf* (2/28)
- Robb, J.D.—*Celebrity in Death* (2/21)

### Movies

Upcoming Movie Releases will return in February



We had a busy holiday week with our annual sing-along, a musical treat from Ms. Maria's preschool and a tree ornament craft at storytime!

