

PRAIRIE READER

Ruth Culver Community Library News



PENGUINS & ICEBERGS

Jackie Murphy recently traveled to Antarctica and will join us at the library **Thursday, April 21 at 6:30pm** to share about her travels. Registration is recommended, but not required and can be done by calling the library at 608-643-8318 or online at ruthculver.librarycalendar.com/event/penguins-icebergs. Contact Meagan at mstatz@pdslibrary.org or 608-643-8318 with questions.

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

We are participating in Free Comic Book Day again this year! Stop by the library **Saturday, May 7** to pick out your free comic and enter to win door prizes!

TEEN TUESDAYS

Make a variety of things using recycled magazines at the library **Tuesday, April 12 at 6:45pm**. Options include earrings, beads, bowls, and artwork.

Join us at our monthly pop-up makerspace for teens **Tuesday, April 26 at 6:45pm**. We will bring out a variety of supplies and equipment - you can make whatever you want with them! Board games will still be available if you prefer game night.

Registration is required for in-person Teen Tuesdays and can be done online at ruthculver.librarycalendar.com. Teen Tuesdays are especially for grades 6-12. Contact Meagan at 608-643-8318 or mstatz@pdslibrary.org with questions.

Teen Tuesday bags for April will be available beginning Tuesday, April 12, no registration required. Just ask for your bag at the desk (while supplies last).

EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAY: LEGO BUILDING DAY!

School is out early, so come to the library for Lego Day **Wednesday, April 20 from 2:30pm-4:00pm!** Build whatever you want, take a picture, and display it in the library. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited. Registration is requested and can be done by calling the library at 608-643-8318 or online at ruthculver.librarycalendar.com/event/early-release-wednesday-legos. Contact Meagan with questions.

FULL STEAM AHEAD

Explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math at our monthly after school club for kids in grades K-5th. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at **4:00pm** in the community room. On **April 6**, carve a design in foam, add some paint or marker, and try your hand at printmaking! Wear old clothes! On **May 4** find out why balls bounce and make one of your own to take home! Registration is highly recommended and can be done online at ruthculver.librarycalendar.com or by calling the library at 608-643-8318.

SPRING BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library Spring Book Sale will be held in the library community room **Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14**. All sales are by donation and proceeds will go to the Friends' support of the library.

Donations of gently used materials are accepted, with a limit of 2 boxes per person (sorry, no encyclopedias, magazines, or nonfiction more than 5 years old). Contact Meagan at 608-643-8318 with questions.



Miss Bethany

WELCOME MISS BETHANY!

We are excited to welcome (back) our new Youth Services Librarian, Bethany Hultgren! She'll be a familiar face to many of you!

Bethany grew up here in the Sauk Prairie area and has a long history with the Ruth Culver Community (Prairie du Sac) Library. A life-long library user, Bethany began as a volunteer with Miss Beth in the summer of 2010 and started to work as a library aide in 2011. She received her undergraduate in Humanities from Boyce College and a Masters in Library Science from the University of Kentucky online. In addition to her experience here in the community, Bethany has worked as a temporary storytime librarian for the Middleton Public Library and most recently as the Youth Services Coordinator at the Columbus Wisconsin Public Library. Her interests include (but definitely not limited to) music, anime, reading picture books, Animal Crossing, Disney movies and shows, The Wizarding World, Marvel, traveling, and bicycling. She has two pets, a big Doberman named Felix and a bearded dragon named Gus.

MAKER BAGS

The library will have new Maker Bags for children every other week in April (11th & 25th). Grab a bag from the display in the library or call to request lobby pick-up. Bags are available while supplies last.

JUNE'S BOOK REVIEW: Booth by Karen Joy Fowler

Junius Booth was a Shakespearian actor in London, England in the 1820s. He left his wife behind and eloped to America with 18-year-old Mary Ann Holmes. Booth purchased 150 acres of land 30 miles from Baltimore, Maryland. Booth was an unstable alcoholic. On tour most of the year, he and Mary Ann eventually had 10 children. Four of the children died young. Child number nine was John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Abraham Lincoln.

The Booth progeny were talented and volatile. Rosalie, the eldest, is sad and unwell. Her place in the family was caring for the youngest siblings. Edwin Booth became the most famous American actor of the 19th century. As America becomes more and more divided over slavery John Wilkes becomes a confederate sympathizer. Edwin Booth loved and admired Lincoln. The Booth siblings had to live the rest of their lives with the notoriety and hatred for their brother's violent act.

STORYTIMES

Now that Miss Bethany is here, she will take over storytimes in April AND bring back Tuesday storytimes! Join her on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00am** for movement, music, and stories in the library community room. Recommended for children ages 2+ but all are welcome. Registration is recommended, but not required, and can be done online at ruthculver.librarycalendar.com or by calling the library at 608-643-8318.

There will be no storytimes April 19 and 21, but we will have an Open Play instead on Thursday, April 21 at 10:00am.



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 3-9, 2022 is National Library Week! Stop by any time during the week to enter the **random prize drawings** for ALL ages.

Library Use & Return on Investment Value Calculator

We know you value the services and resources provided by your public library, but just how much are those services worth? National Library Week is a great time to try out the calculator at www.scls.info/pr/calculator to find out. We'd love to hear your results!



The Mystery Book Club will meet Thursday, April 14 at 6:45pm to discuss Edgar Allen Poe-inspired mysteries. Copies are available on display in the library.

LIBRARY HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9am - 8pm

Fri: 9am - 6pm

Sat: 9am - 4pm



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