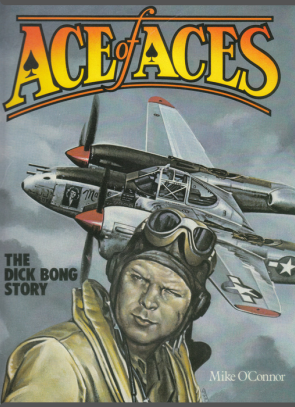


PRAIRIE READER

Ruth Culver Community Library News



AUTHOR TALK: MIKE O'CONNOR

Mike O'Connor, author of *Ace of Aces: the Dick Bong Story*, will speak at the library **Tuesday, May 17 at 6:30pm**. *Ace of Aces* is the biography of United States Army Air Forces pilot Major Richard Bong of Poplar, Wisconsin. Major Bong was credited with shooting down 40 Japanese aircraft and earned the Congressional Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Service Cross and was one of the most decorated pilots of the war. Registration is appreciated but not required and can be done online at <https://ruthculver.librarycalendar.com/event/author-talk-mike-oconnor> or by calling the library at 608-643-8318. Thank you to the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library for sponsoring this event.

TEEN TUESDAYS

Decorate your own mystery squishy using paint pens or Sharpies at the library **Tuesday, May 10 at 6:45pm**. Registration is required and can be done online at <https://ruthculver.librarycalendar.com/event/teen-tuesday-paint-your-own-squishy>.

Join us at our monthly pop-up makerspace for teens **Tuesday, May 24 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.

Teen Tuesday bags for May will be available beginning Wednesday, May 11, no registration required. This month get a smaller version of the Mystery Squishy, DIY Paperclips/Wire Art, Origami Rocket Vibrobot, and Banana Split Popcorn. Just ask for your bag at the desk (available while supplies last).

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.

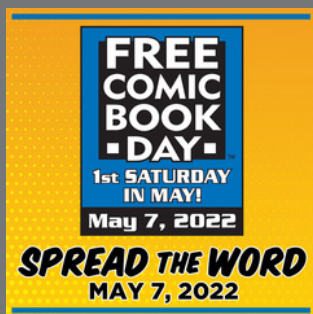
Volunteers are needed to help set-up Thursday, May 12 between 1:00pm and 3:00pm and to staff the sale for 2-hour shifts Friday and Saturday.

EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAY: FUN WITH TRAINS

School's out early so come see Brad Wendt and his model railroad and trains **Wednesday, May 18!** Drop-in anytime between 2:00pm and 5:00pm. Here for one afternoon only! Fun for the entire family! Contact Bethany at 608-643-8318 or bhultgren@pdslibrary.org with questions.

FULL STEAM AHEAD: BOUNCY BALLS

Explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math at our monthly after school club for kids in grades K-5th. Join us **Wednesday, May 4 at 4:00pm** to find out why balls bounce and make one of your own to take home! Registration is highly recommended and can be done by calling the library at 608-643-8318 or online at <https://ruthculver.librarycalendar.com/event/full-steam-ahead-bouncy-balls>.



FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

The Ruth Culver Community Library is participating in Free Comic Book Day again this year! Stop by the library to pick out your free comic **Saturday, May 7 from 9:00am-2:00pm**. Open to all ages.

Free Comic Book Day (FCBD) is the biggest event in the comic book industry—a single day when participating comic book specialty shops across North America and around the world give away comic books absolutely free to anyone who comes into their shops! Founded on the belief that for every person out there, there's a comic book they'll love, the annual event offers a selection of free titles designed to appeal to a broad range of age levels and their tastes.

DROP-IN MINDFULNESS

Join certified Mindfulness Meditation Teacher Diane Matzke for mindfulness sessions in the community room. May sessions will be held Mondays, May 9 and May 23 at 9:15am. No registration is required. Mindfulness has many benefits. Those benefits can be summarized into three main categories: focused attention, emotional regulation and self-awareness.

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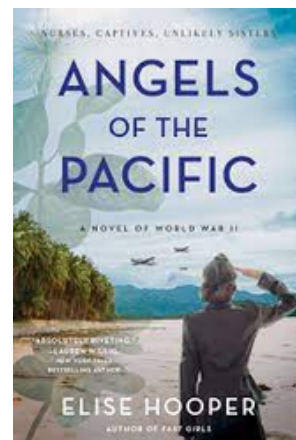
We have a full summer of events and reading challenges for all ages this year! Calendars of events will be sent home from schools and available in the library later this month.

JUNE'S BOOK REVIEW: *Angels of the Pacific* by Elise Hooper

The Philippines, 1941. Tess Abbott is an American army nurse who joined up before America was in World War II. Tess is stationed in Manila, considered a desirable posting. Once the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor she is at Corregidor and Bataan. After the capture of each of these postings by the Japanese army, Tess is held in Santo Tomas Internment Camp for four years.

Flor Dalisay is a Filipino college student whose plans to study in America must be cancelled. Her father is a doctor. Even though Flor is a teenager she joins the underground resistance. After the war was over the nurses became known as the Angels of Bataan.

This a moving historical novel based on fact. Highlighting hope, bravery and survival.



STORYTIMES

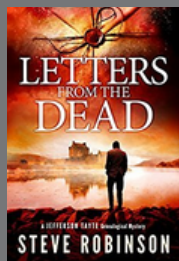
Join Miss Bethany on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00am** for movement, music, and stories in the library community room. Recommended for children ages 2+ but all are welcome.

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 storytime Tuesday, May 17** so that Miss Bethany can visit area schools.*

Coming in June:

- **Bouncy Babies returns!** A storytime geared for ages 0-2 focusing on songs, fingerplays, and short books to grow minds and motor skills, Bouncy Babies will be held Fridays at 8:30am beginning June 3. Registration is appreciated.
- **Storytime Stretch & Mindfulness**, a Yoga storytime for ages 2-5 focused not only on books but also on movement and mindfulness for kids. Over the course of four Fridays in June at 10:00am, participants will get to learn Yoga positions and mindfulness practices from a Prairie Fire Yoga instructor, and at the end of the sessions, they can receive a free mat to take home! Please register participating children on our website to reserve their complimentary mat. Funded in part by a Healthy Life Initiative Grant from the Sauk Prairie Healthcare Foundation.



The Mystery Book Club will meet Thursday, May 12 at 6:45pm to discuss

Ancestry/Genealogy 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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