

PRAIRIE READER

Ruth Culver Community Library News



EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAY: BACKYARD BIRDING FOR KIDS

It's National Bird Feeding Month! Discover the hobby of bird feeding and birdwatching in this special early release day event **Wednesday, February 15 at 2:00pm**. Learn to recognize various birds from your own backyards, how to use binoculars, and find out how you can be part of the National Audubon Society's Great Backyard Bird Count. Participants will also be able to make a small bird feeder to take home. For elementary grades K-5. Ages 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required unless you want to receive an email reminder.

FAMILY PAINT NIGHT

Our annual family art night is back in person! Join us **Tuesday, March 7 at 6:00pm**. We'll have blank canvases and plenty of paint for everyone in your family to create their own art! (No instruction will take place, but inspiration will be provided.) Open to all ages. Space is limited. Registration is required and can be done online at ruthculver.librarycalendar.com/event/family-paint-night or by calling the library at 608-643-8318. Please register each family member. Contact Meagan with questions.

ADULT TAKE & MAKE: WATER COLOR NOTECARDS

The library will have a special take & make bag for adults available beginning Monday, February 6. Get the supplies to make a set of five faux watercolor notecards. Ask for a bag at the front desk, no registration required! Available while supplies last.

MARCH MADNESS BASKETBALL CHALLENGE

Celebrate March Madness at the library **Wednesday, March 1 at 4:00pm** with a STEM Basketball Challenge! Design and decorate your own mini basketball hoop and apparatus to launch the ball! Open to kids in grades K-5. No registration required unless you wish to receive an email reminder.

We'll have a variety of craft materials out and a few project ideas to share at the **Valentine Makerspace Wednesday, February 1 at 4:00pm**. For grades K-5.

TEEN TUESDAYS

If you love **Oreos**, you don't want to miss Teen Tuesday **February 14 at 6:45pm**! You'll get to make a variety of treats using Oreos in different ways.

Create your own **Pixel Art Tuesday, February 28 at 6:45pm**. We'll have a variety of supplies including beads, paper, and digital options. Once your pixel art is done, leave it with Meagan to be part of a Pixel Art display in the library.

Teen Tuesdays are especially for grades 6-12. No registration is required unless you want to receive email reminders about an event.

February **Teen Take & Make bags** will be available beginning Tuesday, February 14, no registration required. This month get supplies for Oreo pops, craft tile key chains or charms, and pixel art projects. Just ask for your bag at the desk (while supplies last).



New Maker Bags for children will be released on February 6th and 20th (Mondays). On the 6th get the supplies to make Love Bugs! Samples pictured above. Maker bags are available while supplies last.



The Mystery Book Club will meet **Thursday, February 9 at 6:45pm**. This month's theme is mysteries by Ilaria Tuti.

LIBRARY HOURS

Mon-Thu: 9am - 8pm
Fri: 9am - 6pm
Sat: 9am - 4pm

POKÉMON CLUB

Bring your Pokémon cards and/or your game devices to the community room **Wednesday, February 22 at 4:00pm** and meet with other Pokémon enthusiasts to battle, trade, and play. For Pokémon Go players, we will have a lure on one of our local Pokéstops.

BOUNCING BABIES

A storytime geared for ages 0-2 focusing on songs, fingerplays, and short books to grow minds and motor skills, Bouncing Babies is held **Fridays at 8:30am**, before the library opens.

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.

DROP-IN MINDFULNESS

Join certified Mindfulness Meditation Teacher Diane Matzke for drop-in mindfulness sessions in the community room. February sessions will be held **Monday, February 13** and **Monday, February 27 at 9:15am**.

Mindfulness has many benefits. Those benefits can be summarized into three main categories: focused attention, emotional regulation and self-awareness. Many thanks to Diane Matzke for offering these sessions.

JUNE'S TOP 11 BOOKS OF 2022

June has released her list of favorite books of 2022, and here they are! Contact the library at 608-643-8318 if you would like help placing holds on any of these titles.

- *Siren of Sussex* by Mini Matthews
- *The Good Wife of Bath* by Karen Brooks
- *Booth* by Karen Joy Fowler
- *Angels of the Pacific* by Elise Hooper
- *Ashton Hall* by Lauren Belfer
- *Wedding Dress Sewing Circle* by Jennifer Ryan
- *Funeral Train* by Laurie Loewenstein
- *Whalebone Theatre* by Joanna Quinn
- *The Winter Garden* by Nicola Cornick
- *Marmee* by Sarah Miller
- *Surrender: 40 Songs, One Story* by Bono

MOVE & GROOVE!

Held on **Fridays at 10:00am**, Move and Groove is a free opportunity for ages 2 to 4 to have active play in the library's community room. Each session has an activity theme, some more free-play focused and some more class-like. For more information, contact Bethany at bhultgren@pdslibrary.org or 608-643-8318.

February 3rd, Beach Day: We're getting out the parachute on this day to create our own waves! Join us for some parachute fun, some beach dancing, and some sensory sand play.

February 10th, Game Day: We'll be playing a variety of easy games including following the leader and dance and freeze on this day.

February 17th, Ballet Sampler: Come explore ballet with Miss Bethany and special guest Stella, a dancer from our community. Stella will be demonstrating some introductory stretches and ballet moves before having some time to dance freely. No previous experience necessary!

February 24th, Indoor Play Day: All of our active toys will be out for this session. Come slide, jump, hop, and more!



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