PRAIRIE READER

Ruth Culver Community Library News





INTRO TO FLY FISHING & FLY TYING

Learn the basics of fly fishing and fly tying from experienced fishermen Don Glanzer and Mark Winscher at the library **Tuesday, April 18 at 6:30pm**. No <u>registration</u> required unless you want to receive email reminders about the event.

EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAY: GIANT GAMES

It's early release day so head to the library **Wednesday**, **April 19 at 2:00pm!** We'll have a variety of super-sized games out for kids to play, including an area to play "The Floor is Lava!" in the library. Open to grades K-5, ages 6 and under a must be accompanied by an adult. No <u>registration</u> required unless you'd like an email reminder.

WILDFLOWER SEED BOMBS

Join Ms. Bethany for Wildflower Seed Bombs **Wednesday**, **April 5 at 4:00pm**. Seed bombs are a great way to plant wildflower seeds in your outdoor area. Kids can learn how to make their own and take it home to plant. Open to grades K-5. No <u>registration</u> required unless you want to receive email reminders about this event.

BUBBLE AND STRING PAINTING

Use bubbles and strings to create your own unique work of art at the library **Wednesday, May 3 at 4:00pm**. Some basic instruction will be given, but what you create with the provided materials is completely up to you! For Grades K-5. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required unless you want to receive email reminders about this event.

TEEN TUESDAYS

Don't miss **Dip Day** at the library **April 11 at 6:45pm!**Brownie batter dip, cheese dip, Dunkaroo dip...what will be your favorite? Your favorite board games will also be out.

It's a Teen Tuesday **Headwear Fashion Show April 25 at 6:45pm.** Use the supplies provided to create your own unique hat or headband and then walk the runway at the end of the night!

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

April **Teen Take & Make bags** will be available beginning Wednesday, April 12, no registration required. This month get supplies to make chocolate and Pop Rock potato chips, mini paintings and a surprise activity! Just ask for your bag at the desk (while supplies last).

POKÉMON CLUB

Bring your Pokémon cards and/or your game devices to the community room **Wednesday**, **April 26 at 4:00pm** and meet with other Pokémon enthusiasts to battle, trade, and play.

DROP-IN MINDFULNESS

Join certified Mindfulness Meditation Teacher Diane Matzke for drop-in mindfulness sessions Monday, April 10 and Monday, April 24 at 9:15am. Mindfulness has many benefits which can be summarized into three main categories: focused attention, emotional regulation and self-awareness. Thanks to Diane for offering the sessions.



We've had a lot of fun this winter at our Friday Move and Groove programs!
Our last one for the winter was on March 31st (Dance Party). We hope to bring it back next winter, and in the meantime stay tuned for more Friday children's events coming this summer!



The Mystery Book Club will meet **Thursday, April 13 at 6:45pm.**This month we will discuss mysteries by Victoria Houston.

LIBRARY HOURS

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

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 Ms. 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.

SPRING BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Ruth Culver Community
Library Spring Book Sale will be held in the
library community room **Friday, May 19, and Saturday, May 20.** All sales are by donation
and proceeds will go to the Friends' support
of the library. Donations of gently used
materials are accepted (sorry, no magazines
encyclopedias, or nonfiction more than 5
years old). Donations can be dropped off at
the library at any time.

Volunteers are also needed! Opportunities include helping unpack boxes and setup Thursday, May 18 (1:00pm), or staffing the sale for a 2-hour shift Friday or Saturday. Contact Meagan at 608-643-8318 or mstatzepdslibrary.org if you are interested.

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

We are participating in Free Comic Book Day again this year! Stop by the library **Saturday, May 6** to pick out your FREE comic and enter to win door prizes! All ages welcome!



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Celebrate National Library Week with us **April 23-29!** We will have contests for all ages!

- Children's Scavenger Hunt (complete the hunt in the children's area to win candy or a small prize)
- Teen Book Adventure (complete various prompts for a candy prize)
- Guess How Many Books contest for children, teens, and adults! Closest guess wins \$20 in Chamber gift certificates or other great prizes!

JUNE'S BOOK REVIEW

The Lost English Girl by Julia Kelly

Liverpool, England, 1935. Viv Bryne is 17 years old and lives with her parents and older sister. One evening Viv meets Joshua, a handsome 19-year-old saxophone player, at a club. After a one-night stand with Joshua leaves Viv pregnant, the two young people marry so the baby will be legitimate. At the courthouse Viv's mother offers Joshua cash to go away and never come back. He accepts the money and leaves for New York City. Viv is forced to have her child and live with her parents who treat her as an unpaid servant.

Five years later, in 1940, England is at war with Germany. The government mandates parents in large cities to send young children to homes in rural England for safety. Viv wants to keep her daughter home with her but is pressured to send her away. Joshua comes back to Britain and joins the RAF. Viv learns the home were Maggie is has been bombed. Will Viv be able to find her daughter or is she gone?



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