

PRAIRIE READER

Ruth Culver Community Library News



PAINT BY STICKER OR COLOR BY NUMBER FOR ADULTS

Monday, August 14, 6:00pm

Come relax at the library! Paint by sticker and color by number books will be provided. Open to ages 18+. Registration is appreciated but not required, and can be done by calling the library at 608-643-8318 or online at <https://ruthculver.librarycalendar.com/event/paint-sticker-or-color-number-adults>. Thank you to the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library for sponsoring this event.

AUTHOR CHRISTINE HAWKINSON

Wednesday, August 23, 6:30pm

Parents of young children may feel pressured to start their kids early in sports and have them play often, but how's that working for us? Over 70% of kids drop out of sports before they get to high school. The cost of participating and the number of youth sports injuries continue to rise. Let's talk about the youth sports culture and what we can do to keep more kids in the game, playing safely. Christine Hawkinson, local author of *50 Years in the Bleachers: What Modern Sports Parents Can Learn from a Title IX Pioneer*, will speak on these topics. Thank you to the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library for sponsoring this event.

WACKADOO! BLUEY PARTY

Friday, August 25, 10:00am

We're having a Bluey Party at the library! Come celebrate your favorite Heeler family with games, snacks, a dance party, and photo ops. No registration required unless you'd like to receive email reminders about the event.

AUGUST TEEN EVENTS

Virtual Reality

Tuesday, August 8, 5:00pm

Experience Virtual Reality using an Oculus Meta Quest 2. We're starting at 5:00pm this week, so come early if you want to make sure you get a turn!

Teen Late Night (Registration Required)

Friday, August 11, 5:45pm-9:00pm

Eat pizza, make cotton candy, play games and more, all after the library closes! Register online at ruthculver.librarycalendar.com/event/teen-late-night-0.

Paint Night

Tuesday, August 15, 6:45pm

We'll get out all the paints and a variety of canvases and other surfaces for you to work on. Wear old clothes!

Game Night

Tuesday, August 22, 6:45pm.

Oversize games, favorite games, and a scavenger hunt - come play them all!

NEW! Drop-In Fridays!

Fridays, August 18 & 25, 2:00pm

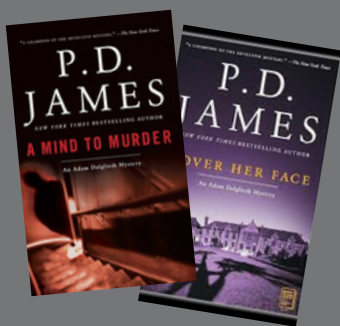
We'll have a variety of supplies for DIY projects, tabletop games and snacks! Drop-in and do what you want!

Teen events are especially for grades 6-12.

August Teen Take & Make bags will be available beginning Tuesday, August 8, no registration required. This month get the supplies to make m&m pixel art, puzzle cubes and painted rocks.



Remember to keep reading to earn your prizes in our summer challenges! If you've already claimed your prizes - great job! Challenge yourself to read more and earn more entries in the grand prize drawings.



The Mystery Book Club will meet **Thursday, August 10 at 6:45pm.** This month we will discuss mysteries by P.D. James.

LIBRARY HOURS

Mon-Thu: 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.

STORYTIME HERE & THERE

It's the final month of Storytime Here & There! Join Ms. Bethany for special storytimes on **Fridays at 10:00am.** We'll be venturing to different locations in our community or having a special guest!

August 4: Whisker Lounge in Animal House Pet Supplies located at 815 Madison Street Unit B, Sauk City

August 11: Ship park behind the library (Riverwalk Park). *We'll meet in the library if it rains.*

The library will be CLOSED Saturday, September 2 through Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

JUNE'S BOOK REVIEW

Good Night, Irene by Luis Alberto Urrea

Many baby boomers like myself grew up with their parents' memories of World War II. My father was in the Merchant Marines on a supply ship in New Guinea. My uncles were in the Army and the Navy. The author's mother served in the Red Cross in a group called the Clubmobile Corp. All female volunteers provided coffee, donuts and conversation to the troops.

The two main characters of this story are Irene, from a well-to-do family in New York City, and Dorothy, from Indiana. They are the crew of a two and a half ton truck that Dorothy drives.

The writing makes you feel like you're there in Europe with Dorothy and Irene risking their lives near the front lines. There are battle scenes, acts of bravery and sometimes barbarity.

This novel will be on my best of 2023 list.

LEGO BUILDING DAY

It's the last Lego Day of summer! Don't miss your last chance to build with our collection of legos **Wednesday, August 16 at 4:00pm!** Build whatever you want or take on the challenge of the day. Display your work in one of the library's display cases when you're done.

POKÉMON CLUB

Bring your Pokémon cards and/or your game devices to the library **Wednesday, August 30 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.

Coming in September: a special visitor for Library Card Sign-Up Month!



DROP-IN MINDFULNESS

Join certified Mindfulness Meditation Teacher Diane Matzke for drop-in mindfulness sessions **Monday, August 14 and Monday, August 28 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.



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GOLF OUTING A SUCCESS!

The Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library 14th Annual Golf Outing, Dinner and Silent Auction held July 19 was a huge success! Thank you again to all the sponsors and donors, golfers and dinner guests, and volunteers who made this event possible.

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1st Place Team-Jeff Boll, Matt Brennan, Alex Diehl, and Mike Brennan



SPHS Golf Team member Gavin Goetsch taking a tee shot for one of the players. This added event was a big hit and the generous tips donated were much appreciated by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library.