

PRAIRIE READER

Ruth Culver Community Library News



LEGOS AND COOKIE DECORATING

Wednesday, December 13, 4:00pm

Come join us for our last Lego building day of 2023! We will be setting out our large Lego collection for children to come build whatever they can imagine, and we will have an area set up for some cookie decorating (and eating) as a snack during the event. Duplos will also be set out for younger children.

DROP-IN MINDFULNESS

Monday, December 11, 9:15am

Join certified Mindfulness Meditation Teacher Diane Matzke for the final drop-in mindfulness session at the library. Mindfulness has many benefits which can be summarized into three main categories: focused attention, emotional regulation and self-awareness. Thank you to Diane for offering the sessions, and don't miss your last chance at the library to see what Mindfulness can do for you.

The Library will be **CLOSED**

Friday, December 22,
Saturday, December 23,
Monday, December 25 &
Monday, January 1



READ FOR CULVER'S

The Culver's Reading Program is back! Readers age 18 and under can participate. Read 5 books to earn custard; read 10 books total to earn a Scoopie meal. Ask for your program bookmarks at the desk! Thank you to Culver's Restaurant of Sauk City for sponsoring this program.

SAVE THE DATE: GLOW ART

Wednesday, January 10, 4:00pm

Save the date! We'll be taking advantage of the night coming sooner with a glow painting event for grades K-5. Kids will be able to create works of art and see how they look in the dark.

STREAM MOVIES WITH KANOPY

With cooler weather and darker nights, it's a great time to explore Kanopy, the streaming service that allows you instant access to hundreds of movies on your computer or mobile device. Kanopy has a strong collection of independent, international, documentary, and early films from providers like Criterion and PBS. To get started, go to <https://www.kanopy.com/en/pdslibrary>. Must have your library card home library set to Ruth Culver Community Library.

DECEMBER TEEN EVENTS

Cookie Decorating

Tuesday, December 12, 6:45pm

We'll have cutout cookies and all the frosting and toppings for you to create festive treats! Contact Meagan with allergy concerns.

There is no Teen Tuesday December 26, but come hang out in the teen area and play your favorite games or make something with the new supplies available on the shelves in the teen area.

Teen events are especially for grades 6-12. No registration required unless you'd like an email reminder.

December Teen Take & Make bags will be available (while supplies last) beginning Tuesday, December 12.



New Maker Bags for children will be available Monday, December 4 and Monday, December 18. Get yours from the display in the library while supplies last!



*The Mystery Book Club will meet **Thursday, December 14 at 6:00pm** (starting early for treats). This month we will discuss mysteries by Ed Lin.*

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.

No Bouncing Babies December 22 or January 5

COMING IN JANUARY

Move and Groove, our active-play program for ages 2-5, will be starting an 8 week session starting Friday, January 12 at 10:00am. More information coming soon!

Our Tonieboxes have been so popular we've decided to expand the collection with **individual Tonies** you can check out to use with your own Toniebox. Watch for the 20 new Tonies to be available on January.

We're planning a series of monthly drop-in **Jewelry Making Nights** for adults beginning in January! We'll put out our stash of beads and you can make whatever you'd like! Watch for dates and more details in January.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY As a reminder, if Sauk Prairie schools close due to snow and/or winter weather, Storytimes and Bouncing Babies are cancelled. If there is a two-hour delay, Bouncing Babies is cancelled but Storytimes at 10:00am will still happen. For most accurate information about event cancellations, visit our Facebook page or website.

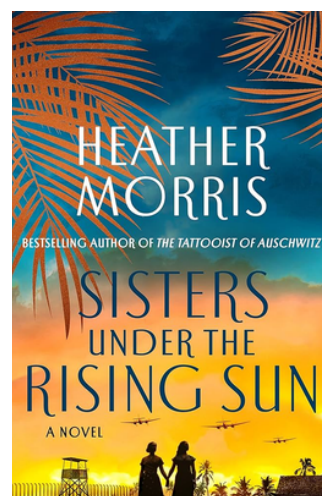
JUNE'S BOOK REVIEW

***Sisters Under the Rising Sun* by Heather Morris**

The date is February 1942. In this novel based on fact, young mother Norah puts her 8-year-old daughter Sally on a ship to Australia. They live in Singapore and the Japanese army is invading. Within a few weeks Norah and her sister Ena decide they must leave Singapore also.

Nurse Nesta James is caring for allied troops when the city falls. Nurse James and the sisters board the merchant ship Vyner Brooke with hundreds of people. Two days later the Japanese sink the ship. The three women are captured and taken to a prisoner of war camp in Sumatra, Indonesia. Many of the POWs died of starvation and disease. The sisters Ena and Norah and the Australian nurses come together to survive the brutal conditions.

This novel is based on real people. The author tells us in the epilogue what became of the main characters. *Sisters Under the Rising Sun* is a story of friendship and bravery.



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.

No Storytimes Tuesday, December 26 or Thursday, December 28.

HOLIDAY STORYTIMES

Tuesday, December 19 & Thursday, December 21, 10:00am

Come celebrate the season with this holiday edition of storytime! We'll be getting out the shaker eggs, the bells, and more as we sing a number of holiday favorites and enjoy a few books.

OPEN PLAY

The next Open Play is **Friday, December 15 at 10:00am**. We'll have the community room open for some indoor fun! Come slide, jump, hop, and more! Recommended for ages 2 to 5.

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