PRAIRIE READER

Ruth Culver Community Library News





GEODE BREAK AND MAKE

Wednesday, March 6, 4:00pm

Join us at the library for a fun geode-focused program! We'll be talking about how geodes are formed before breaking into a few and then crafting our own using egg shell cartons and salt. For grades K-5.

ALL ABOUT ECLIPSES

Wednesday, March 20, 4:00pm

Prepare with us here at the library for the upcoming solar eclipse! We'll have a brief interactive presentation before a fun eclipse-related project. Attendees will receive their own pair of eclipse glasses to take home. Glasses are provided by SEAL: Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries and are available while supplies last. This is a family event.



Only 9 seats remain for our **Taylor Swift Party** Tuesday, April 2 at 6:00pm!

<u>Register</u> today to get one of these last spots! Open to ages 8 and up.

FREE YOGA

Wednesday, March 13, 10:30am

Stretch, breath, repeat. Instructor Brittney Ricks of Peak Yoga Wellness leads a free monthly yoga session in the library community room. Please bring a mat and/or towel.

PUZZLE SWAP

Good news! We now have a Puzzle Swap collection located on the lower level! Feel free to grab a puzzle to take home and complete. Donations of puzzles are also accepted (please see the guidelines), but you do not need to leave a puzzle to take one!

DROP-IN JEWELRY MAKING

Monday, March 11 at 6:00pm.

Drop-in and create your own jewelry! We'll put out our stash of beads and you can make whatever you'd like. Basic instruction will be available. Open to ages 18+. Registration is appreciated but not required. Thank you to the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library for sponsoring this event.

SILENT BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, March 19, 6:45pm

Join the Silent Book Club trend! We'll meet monthly in the library's lower level reading room to briefly share about what we're reading and then enjoy some quiet reading time in good company.

MARCH TEEN EVENTS

Soft Pretzel Bar

Tuesday, March 12, 6:45pm

We'll provide soft pretzels and a variety of sauces and toppings for our very own Pretzel Day!

Textured Art

Tuesday, March 26, 6:45pm

Use Plaster of Paris and different tools to create textured art on canvas. Wear old clothes!

No School Event: Jackbox Games FRIDAY, March 8, 1:00pm

There's no school today so head to the library for some Jackbox Games! We'll play Fibbage 4, Roomerang, Quixort, Junktopia and Nonsensory. Please bring a phone or tablet if possible. We'll also have the cotton candy machine going!

Teen events are especially for grades 6-12. No <u>registration</u> is required unless you'd like to receive an email reminder.



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



The Mystery Book Club will meet **Thursday**, **March 14 at 6:45pm** to discuss mysteries by Cara Hunter. New members are always welcome!

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.

POKÉMON CLUB

Wednesday, March 27, 4:00pm

Bring your Pokémon cards and/or your game devices to the community room 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.

STORYTIME GUEST

February was Children's Dental Health month, and to celebrate we had a special guest for one of our storytimes in February. Laura joined us from Village Family Dental. She read a few books with us and brought in a special mouth model and giant toothbrush to demonstrate how to correctly brush teeth. She also gave the kids some special dental health goody bags to take home. Thank you to Laura for taking time out of her busy schedule to join us and to Village Family Dental for providing the bags!

ART EXPLORERS

Fridays, March 15-May 3, 10:00am
Our new Art Explorers program starts
Friday, March 15! Ages 2 to 4 can come
explore art with us here at the library!
Each week of the program, we'll have a
few art items out for children to
experiment with and create their own
unique piece of art. This is a great
opportunity for young kids to explore with
different utensils, materials, and colors
without a specific project in mind. It's all
about the process! It is recommended that
children are dressed in clothes that can
get messy as some of the art will involve
(washable) paint and other messy

NEW CHILDREN'S KITS

materials.

Thanks to a Healthy Life Initiative Grant from Sauk Prairie Healthcare Foundation, we added six new blue bag kits to our collection specifically related to being active indoors! The kit titles are Yoga, Jump Rope, Hopscotch, Bowling, Active Dice, and Mini Golf. Each kit contains 1 or 2 books and the items needed to do the activity, and they are all now available for a 2-week checkout period. They are currently located on the top of the Early Reader shelf in the children's area.

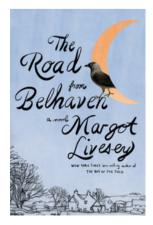


JUNE'S BOOK REVIEW

The Road from Belhaven by Margot Livesey

Nine-year-old Lizzie Craig lives with her grandparents on Belhaven Farm in Scotland. The book is set in the late 19th Century. The young girl grows up milking cows and shearing sheep. Lizzie knows very little about the world outside of the farm. However, she possesses a talent she would rather not have. She sometimes "sees" things before they happen. Premonitions of accidents and other incidents. When Lizzie is about sixteen her grandparents hire a young man to help with the harvest. She and Louis fall in love and Lizzie becomes pregnant. Louis keeps putting off their marriage. Lizzie goes home to Belhaven Farm to have her baby.

Livesey tells of the joys and sorrows of ordinary life with all our mistakes and successes.



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