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# **PRAIRIE READER**

Ruth Culver Community Library News





# **SCIENCE OF SOUND**

#### Wednesday, April 10, 6:00pm

Join us at the library for experiments and exploration of sound! Local physics enthusiast Laura Lang will be demonstrating a number of sound experiments with a variety of household items and instruments. Participants will be able to try some of the experiments for themselves and put together their own rain stick to take home. For grades K-5.

# **EARLY RELEASE: DOMINO RALLY**

#### Wednesday, April 17, 2:30pm

Set them up and knock them down! Drop in at the library after school for a snack and a domino building event. Participants will be able to create their own unique domino topple line with various materials and time how long their line goes from start to finish. We will also have some other building materials available out in the room.

## **CHECK OUT A STATE PARK**

We are excited to announce that **beginning April 8** (the Monday of National Library Week), we will be participating in "Check Out Wisconsin State Parks At Your Library," a collaborative effort between the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Wisconsin Library Association, and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. This program allows library cardholders to check out a state park daily vehicle admission pass. To qualify for a pass, you must have a Wisconsin library card, and have a Wisconsin license plate. You will also need to specify the date you wish to use the pass at the time it is given to you.

Each week we will have a limited number of passes available on a first come, first get basis. Supply will refresh each Monday. Ask library staff for more information.

# **FAMILY SEARCH FOR BEGINNERS**

#### Thursday, April 18, 6:30pm

FamilySearch is the largest online family tree available – and it's free! On this website, you can find over 1.5 billion profiles for deceased relatives and over 5.7 billion historical records from around the world. Where do you fit in? Join us as we learn how to create an account, build our family tree, and collect records of our ancestors. Bring your laptops, tablets, or use the computers available at the library. There will be some work time after the presentation to put our knowledge of FamilySearch into practice. Presented by Ally Grigg, Outreach Chair for the Dane County Area Genealogical Society. She is an avid genealogist and mother of two toddlers.

# **APRIL TEEN EVENTS**

#### Nacho Bar

#### Tuesday, April 9, 6:45pm

We'll have all the fixings to customize your own nachos! Contact Meagan with allergy concerns.

#### Headwear Fashion Show Tuesday, April 23, 6:45pm

The Headwear Fashion Show is back! Use the supplies provided to create your own unique hat, headband, glasses or mask and then walk the runway at the end of the night!

#### No School Drop-In FRIDAY, May 3, 1:00pm

There's no school today so come to the library for DIY projects, games and snacks! Drop-in and do what you want!

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

**Monthly Yoga** Wednesday, April 10, 10:30am

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

#### Silent Book Club

Tuesday, May 21, 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.



The Mystery Book Club will meet **Thursday, April 11 at 6:45pm** to discuss Sherlock Holmes fiction. 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.

There is no storytime Tuesday, April 9.

# LEGO CLUB

Wednesday, April 24, 4:00pm We are getting out our collection of Legos! Build whatever you want and display your work in one of the library's display cases.

# THE SCIENCE OF LIGHT

#### Wednesday, May 1, 6:00pm

We will be doing experiments with light! Join Bethany and local physics enthusiast Laura Lang for experiments and activities focused on how light works. For grades K-5.

## **VIDEO GAME COLLECTION**

Exciting news: we have video games in our collection! We started with ten games each for PS5, Switch and Xbox. You can find them on the shelves across from the front desk. Games can be checked out for 2 weeks.

# ART EXPLORERS

Fridays, April 5-May 3, 10:00am

Become an art explorer at the library! Each week we'll have a few art items out for children ages 2 to 4 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! Dress in clothes that can get messy as some of the art will involve (washable) paint and other messy materials.

REMINDER: the Culver's Reading program ends May 3! Make sure get your bookmarks stamped before then.

# SPRING BOOK SALE & CRAFT SUPPLY EXCHANGE

Friday, May 17 & Saturday, May 18

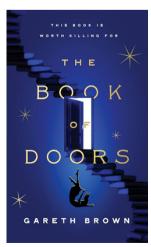
The Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library will hold their Spring Book Sale in the library community room Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18. All sales are by donation. Donations of gently used books are appreciated (sorry, no nonfiction more than 5 years old).

We will also have a craft supply exchange during the sale. Bring in your unwanted (but still usable) craft supplies and swap them for new (to you) supplies! Craft supply donations can be dropped off at the library circulation desk.

# **JUNE'S BOOK REVIEW**

#### The Book of Doors by Gareth Brown

Set in present day London, this novel is about Cassie. The young woman works in a used book store. Her mother died when Cassie was young. She was raised by her grandfather who passed away when she was a teenager. Over a period of time Cassie befriends an elderly man who comes to the bookstore often. One day he gifts Cassie with a special book. The pages are covered with strange drawings. At the front of the book is a handwritten message saying "This is the Book of Doors. Whoever is in possession of this book has the power to open any door by thinking about where you'd like to go." When the door is opened you're there! Cassie and her friend Izzy are soon traveling anywhere they want to go. Unknown to the young women they are being watched by more than person. One is Mr. Fox, a librarian from Scotland. It seems there are other special books that can be dangerous. A woman, cruel and ruthless, is looking for the Book of Doors. Can Cassie and Izzy keep it from her?



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