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PRAIRIE READER

Ruth Culver Community Library News





DOLL AND ME TEA

Saturday, May 11, 10:00am

You and your doll are cordially invited to a morning tea party at the library! Activities include crafts, a few party games, and of course drinks and snacks. All kids and dolls welcome, and one adult may accompany per child (ages 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult).

<u>Registration</u> is required for children and accompanying adults but not dolls. Recommended ages 6 to 11.

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.

The Library will be CLOSED	A STATE
Monday, May 27 in observance	and
of Memorial Day.	

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. 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 supplies and book donations can be dropped off at the library circulation desk at any time.

GEORGIA O'KEEFFE: HER LIFE & ART

Monday, May 6, 6:15pm

Georgia O'Keeffe researcher Joe Chase, who lives in Sun Prairie where the artist was born, will speak on the many facets of O'Keeffe's life and art and her connection to Sauk Prairie. No registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library.

EARLY RELEASE: BINGO!

Wednesday, May 15, 2:30pm

It's our last Early Release program for the school-year! Come celebrate at the library with snacks and a fun game of Bingo with some great prizes in the lead-up to summer. For grades K-5.

MAY TEEN EVENTS

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

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

Ice Cream Taste Test

Tuesday, May 14, 6:45pm

We'll taste test several different ice cream flavors. What will be your favorite?

Glue Gun Art

Tuesday, May 28, 6:45pm

Create your own unique art projects using glue guns. Wear old clothes!

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, May 8, 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.





The Mystery Book Club will meet **Thursday**, **May 9 at 6:45pm** to discuss mysteries by Elizabeth Peters. 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.

There is no Bouncing Babies Friday, May 17.

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 Thursday, May 2, Tuesday, May 14 or Thursday, May 16.

THANK YOU BANK OF PDS

Special guests Sheri and Stephanie from the Bank of Prairie du Sac joined us for storytimes during the bank's Power of Community week (April 16 and 18). The kids were introduced to spending and saving concepts, and they were able to decorate their own cup bank to take home. Thank you Sheri, Stephanie, and Bank of Prairie du Sac!

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

We are participating in Free Comic Book Day again this year! Stop by the library **Saturday, May 4** to pick out your FREE comic! All ages welcome!

SMOKEY THE BEAR CHALLENGE

Only You Can Prevent Wildfires! Learn more about how you can play your part and help Smokey Bear celebrate his 80th birthday through the Smokey Bear Reading Challenge! During the month of May, pick up a log sheet at the library. Read three or more books about wildfires or the environment and complete 3 activities to receive a prize from Smokey. Log sheets are due by June 3rd. Challenge is geared for ages 4 to 10, but all are welcome.

POKÉMON CLUB

Wednesday, May 29, 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.

SUMMER FUN COMING SOON!

Save the Date! Our Summer Library Program, Adventure Begins in Your Library, kicks off Monday, June 10. Our first Monday program of the summer will be Cocoran Puppets June 10 at 1:00pm. Reading logs for the summer reading challenges will also be available for all ages starting that day. We look forward to seeing you all this summer!

JUNE'S BOOK REVIEW ____

The Phoenix Bride by Natasha Siegel

This historical novel is set in 1660's London. Cecelia is a bright young woman, newly married and in love with her husband William. When Cecelia's husband dies from the plague she is taken in by her sister Margaret. Her sister's husband is a nobleman at the Royal Court. Cecelia soon falls into a deep depression and stops eating. Sister Margaret has hired healer after healer for Cecelia to no avail. As a last resort she employs David Mendes, a Jewish physician. He has moved to London for more religious freedom. Dr. Mendes uses different methods from the other doctors. He talks to his patients and listens to them. Cecelia's health begins to improve. She and David develop a friendship that turns into love. The cover seems like another typical love story. It isn't. The connection between David and Cecelia's heart and mind kept me interested.



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