

# PRAIRIE READER

Ruth Culver Community Library News



## NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY

**Tuesday, December 31, 11:30am**

We're having a Noon Year's Eve party for families! Join us in the Community Room for treats, games, a photo op, bubbles, dancing, and a countdown to a balloon drop at noon. Dressing sparkly is suggested but not required. Contact Bethany at [bhultgren@pdslibrary.org](mailto:bhultgren@pdslibrary.org) or 608-643-838 with questions.

### HOLIDAY HOURS

**Tuesday, December 24: CLOSED**

**Wednesday, December 25: CLOSED**

**Tuesday, December 31: 9am-4pm**

**Wednesday; January 1: CLOSED**

## HOLLY JOLLY STORYTIME & SING-ALONG

**Saturday, December 7, 9:30am**

In conjunction with the community event Holly Jolly Sauk Prairie, we are hosting a special Saturday storytime and sing-a-long! Join us for a few stories and "singing loud for all to hear." After the storytime, attendees will also be able to make their own reindeer food to take home.

### Holly Jolly Take & Makes

We will also have FREE take and makes Saturday, December 7 as part of Holly Jolly Sauk Prairie! There will be an ornament kit for teens/adults and an ornament kit for children (available while supplies last).

## DECEMBER MAKERSPACE FOR KIDS

**Wednesday, December 18, 4:00pm**

You can build, craft, and explore during this fun drop-in event. We'll be getting out our special Lego machine kits in addition to other building and crafting supplies. For grades K-5.

## EDIBLE SNOWMAN BUILDING

**Wednesday, December 11, 4:00pm**

Can you build a snowman with marshmallows? Join us for a fun and delicious program building edible snowmen using a variety of food items. For grades K-5.

## DOLLAR STORE HOLIDAY CRAFTS

**Monday, December 9, 6:00pm**

**LIMITED SPACES REMAIN! Registration Required**

Supplies will be provided to create two holiday crafts items made with supplies from a dollar store. Open to ages 18+. Space is limited. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library. Contact Charlene at 608-643-8318 or [cbauman@pdslibrary.org](mailto:cbauman@pdslibrary.org) with questions.

## DECEMBER TEEN TUESDAYS

### Mini Snowmen Pizzas

**Tuesday, December 3, 6:45pm**

Make your own mini snowmen pizzas and other winter treats. A variety of ingredients and examples will be provided. Contact Meagan with allergy concerns.

### Teen Drop-In

**Tuesday, December 17, 6:45pm**

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.*



New maker bags for children continue to be released every other Monday! (Dec. 2, 16 & 30)



The Mystery Book Club will meet **Thursday, December 12 at 6:00pm (special time this month only)** to discuss *Before the Ruins* by Victoria Gosling. 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.

**NO Bouncing Babies December 27! See you again January 3!**

## 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.

**The last storytime of 2024 will be Thursday, December 19. See you again in January!**

## NEW STORYTIME COMING IN JANUARY!

Ms. Bethany is introducing a new **Tiny Tots Storytime Fridays at 10:00am starting January 10th!** This new storytime is geared towards ages 1-3 and will focus on shorter books, puppets, songs, and movement activities with a playtime afterwards.

This storytime will be a good option for those who have outgrown our Bouncing Babies storytime but may not be quite ready for the longer books in our regular storytimes.

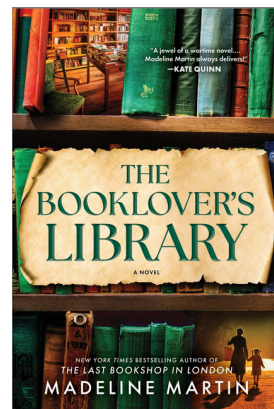
## JUNE'S BOOK REVIEW

### *The Booklover's Library* by Madeline Martin

Emma Taylor is a young widow living in Nottingham, England with her seven-year-old daughter Olivia. The year is 1939 and there is a marriage bar law in effect. Once a woman had married she wasn't allowed to work outside the home. No one would hire them. Emma needs a job to pay her rent and feed her daughter. She's already pawned the first edition books left by her father when he died.

One day Emma is sitting in café near Boots the Chemist, a pharmacy. Boots has a subscription library on their second floor. Emma overhears a woman resigning a job there. Emma applies for the library job. The manager hires Emma, if she agrees to pose as an unmarried woman. The next year, 1940, Germany starts bombing Britain. Emma is one of the many parents who are encouraged to evacuate their children to the countryside for their safety. Olivia, who wants to come home, runs away.

The setting of wartime Nottingham was realistic told through the eyes of Emma and her daughter.



## READ FOR CULVER'S!

The Culver's Winter Reading Program has returned! Pick up your bookmark at the library, read 10 books, bring the bookmark back to the library to be stamped, and then take it to the Sauk City Culver's for a sweet treat and kid's meal. Open to ages 18 and under. The program runs through May 24, 2025. Thank you to Culver's of Sauk City for sponsoring this program.

## LIBRARY CALENDAR

**<https://ruthculver.librarycalendar.com/>**

Did you know the library has an online calendar? It's the place to go for a complete, and most up-to-date, schedule of events. This includes last minute changes or cancellations, which is especially important in the winter weather season. You can also register for events that require registration, or any you'd like an email reminder about.

In addition to events, you can also submit your own study room and/or community room reservations through the calendar. Simply click the "[reserve a room](#)" link to check availability and get started.

**Too cold or snowy to venture to the library?**

**Our digital libraries are always open!**

**Libby:** <https://wplc.overdrive.com>

**Kanopy:** <https://pdslibrary.kanopy.com>

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