

# PRAIRIE READER

Ruth Culver Community Library News



## MONDAY EVENTS FOR KIDS

### Car Derby

**Monday, August 4, 1:00pm**

On your mark, get set, go! Decorate a toy car and race it on the library's derby track. Cars and art supplies provided.

### Bubbles & Yoga

**Monday, August 11, 1:00pm**

We are taking a mindful moment for our last Monday program of the summer. Join us as Brittany Grimshaw from Stretch Prairie leads us in some fun poses for kids (feel free to bring a towel or mat with you). Then we'll blow some bubbles at the park outside the library.



## ROCK & CANVAS PAINTING

**Saturday, August 23, 10:00am**

Come celebrate the end of summer with a fun art project! Families are invited to get creative on canvas and rocks at this special Saturday event. The library will provide canvases, rocks, and art materials for you to make your own unique artwork. All ages welcome! Registration is required and can be done online or by calling the library at 608-643-8318. Please register each person attending. It is recommended that you wear clothes that you are ok getting paint on.

## MYTHS OF THE FIRES AND MURDERS AT TALIESIN

**Thursday, August 21, 6:30pm**

August 15, 1914 was the day of one of the most horrific crimes in Wisconsin history. Taliesin and Frank Lloyd Wright historian Keiran Murphy will reveal the myths about the murders to try and show the truth of what may have happened that day at Frank Lloyd Wright's home. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library.

## AUGUST TEEN EVENTS

### Smoothie Bowls

**Tuesday, August 5, 6:45pm**

We'll provide a variety of ingredients for you to make your own smoothie bowls at the library.

### Craft Night

**Tuesday, August 12, 6:45pm**

Origami, clay, beads, button makers and more! We're cleaning out the craft supply closet and you can make whatever you want!

### Virtual Reality

**Tuesday, August 19, 5:00pm-7:45pm**

Experience Virtual Reality at the library! We'll have 2 different VR headsets to try. We're starting at 5:00pm, so come early if you want to make sure you get a turn!

### Special Event: Teen After Hours

**FRIDAY, August 15, 5:45pm-8:00pm**

Eat pizza, make cotton candy, play games, and more, all after the library closes! Registration is required. This event is open to grades 6-12 only. Please arrive by 6:00pm, before we lock the doors for the night!

## Read to Tessa

**Saturday, August 9**

Appointments are available from 9:15am to 11:00am. You can register your child for a 15-minute time slot on our [website calendar](#), or call the library at 608-643-8318.

## Functional Stretch & Movement

**Wednesdays,  
August 13 & 27  
9:30am**

Instructor Brittney Grimshaw of Stretch Prairie will lead a free functional movement and stretching session.



The Mystery Book Club will meet **Thursday, August 14 at 6:45pm** to discuss **Redmond & Haze mysteries by Irina Shapiro**. New members are always welcome!

## LIBRARY HOURS

**Mon-Thur: 9am - 8pm**

**Fri: 9am - 6pm**

**Sat: 9am - 4pm**

## POKÉMON CLUB

**Wednesday, August 20, 4:00pm**

Bring your Pokémon cards to the library 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.

Please note that for the month of August, Pokémon Club will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> instead of the typical last Wednesday. It will return to the last Wednesday of the month for September and October.

## READING CHALLENGES

Have you finished the summer reading challenge? If so, don't forget to come in and claim your rewards! If not, keep reading - challenges for ALL ages run through Saturday, August 16.



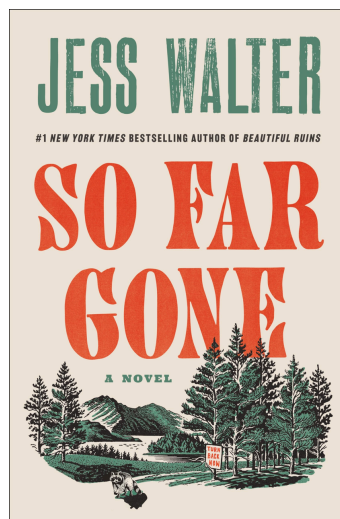
*Congratulations to the winners of the children's July prize drawings! Keep reading to earn entries in the August drawing!*

## JUNE'S BOOK REVIEW

**So Far Gone by Jess Walter**

Writer Rhys Kinnick is at his daughter's home for Thanksgiving. The year is 2016 and Rhys gets into an argument about politics with his son-in-law Shane. Before Rhys can stop himself he punches Shane. He's so appalled at himself he decides to leave the city and go live off the grid at an old cabin his father left him. On the way Rhys throws his cell out the window of his old car. The cabin has no running water or electricity. After seven years of no contact with his family, a woman shows up at his door with two children he doesn't recognize. After awhile he realizes the kids are his grandchildren, Leah, 13, and Asher, 9. Rhys's daughter needed a break and asked a neighbor to bring the kids to her father. He takes the children in. Asher asks his grandfather to take him to a nearby youth chess tournament. Two rough looking friends of his son-in-law show up to take the kids away from Rhys. When he tries to stop them one of punches him in the face. Rhys is determined to get his grandchildren back.

I don't usually like contemporary novels but this was good. Author Walter often refers to the divisive politics in America. *So Far Gone* is thought-provoking and funny.



## BOUNCING BABIES

A storytime geared for ages 0-23 months focusing on songs, fingerplays, and short books to grow minds and motor skills, Bouncing Babies is held **Fridays at 8:30am**.

## TINY TOTS

**Tiny Tots** is held **Fridays at 10:00am** and is geared towards ages 2-3. Tiny Tots features shorter books, puppets, songs, and movement activities with a playtime afterwards.

## STORYTIMES

Join Ms. Bethany on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00am** for movement, music, and stories! Recommended for children ages 3+ but all are welcome.

Storytimes, Tiny Tots, and Bouncing Babies will be on break August 26 through September 5.

Fall Storytimes will start Tuesday, September 9 and Thursday, September 11 at 10:00am.

Bouncing Babies will resume Friday, September 12 at 8:30am, and Tiny Tots will resume Friday, September 12, at 10:00am.

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