

PRAIRIE READER

Ruth Culver Community Library News



THE WRECK OF THE EDMUND FITZGERALD

Thursday, October 16, 6:30pm

Steve Ackerman will present the Badger Talk "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald: The Ship, the Storm, and the Song." This talk will explore the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald from perspectives of the weather, the ship and the song by Gordon Lightfoot. Badger Talks are presented in partnership with UW-Madison.

EARLY RELEASE: DISSECTING OWL PELLETS

Wednesday, October 15, 2:30pm

Learn more about owls and their diet with a brief talk and a hands-on dissection of a sterilized owl pellet! Owl pellets are the undigested parts of the owl's diet that the owl spits up, similar to cat hairballs. We'll be using gloves. For grades K-5. No registration needed. Ages 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

TAYLOR SWIFT PARTY

Friday, October 10, 6:00pm-7:30pm

Celebrate the release of Taylor Swift's new album, *The Life of a Showgirl*, at a special after-hours event featuring activities, snacks, prizes, and the chance to listen to the new album! For Swifties 10 and up. The event is free but registration is required.

HALLOWEEN CANDY BUY-BACK

Monday, November 3 - Saturday, November 8

Do your kids have a surplus of candy and want to trade it in? Kids can bring extra candy to the library and trade it for stickers, gubits, crafts and more!

TRICKS 'N TREATS

Wednesday, October 22, 4:00pm-6:00pm

Motion, light, and mirrors can create all sorts of tricks on the brain! Drop in at the library's community room from 4:00pm to 6:00pm to experience first-hand some of the science used for special effects in movies and haunted houses. As you explore, you'll earn a few treats along the way. For grades K-5. No registration is needed.

Lobby Book Sale

Shop the pop-up lobby book sale **Monday, October 20 through Saturday, October 25** in celebration of National Friends of Libraries Week! All sales are by donation and will go towards the Friends' support of the library. It's also a great time to join the Friends!

OCTOBER TEEN EVENTS

Gummy Candy Taste Test

Tuesday, October 14, 6:45pm

Try different gummy candies, and some of their freeze-dried versions. What will be your favorite?

Mini Pumpkin Decorating

Tuesday, October 28, 6:45pm

Decorate mini foam pumpkins with paint, markers, vinyl and more! All supplies provided, including 4-inch and 1-inch foam pumpkins.

Teen Tuesdays are intended for grades 6-12. No registration is needed.

High School Drop-In

Tuesdays, October 7 & November 4, 6:45pm

Hang out, eat snacks, play games, paint or make something! This event is for grades 9-12 only! No registration is needed.

Read to Tessa

Saturday,
October 25

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.



RED DRAGON VISITS LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Ruth Culver Community Library and the George Culver Community Library visited local schools and daycares with life-size book character, the Red Dragon from *Dragons Love Tacos!* The Red Dragon would like to invite you to pick up a special gift at either library by October 18th when your child gets or uses their own library card! To get a card, a parent/guardian must bring a photo ID and proof of current address. Your child already has a card? Bring it along and check out all the wonderful resources available!



LIBBY UPDATE

Libby, the app for digital library materials, has simplified how hold suspensions work. The term "Deliver Later" is now "Suspend Hold." When you suspend your hold, you keep moving up the waitlist. When you're first in line and ready, unsuspend your hold to get the next available copy. Suspended holds will lapse after 365 days. New to Libby? Ask the library staff if you'd like help getting started!

JUNE'S BOOK REVIEW

Ghosts of Hiroshima by Charles Pellegrino

This disturbing but important book recounts the first use of the atomic bomb. The date was August 6, 1945. On that day 29-year-old engineer Tsutomu Yamaguchi was in Hiroshima on business. Injured but still mobile he took the train home to Nagasaki, the site of the second atomic bombing! Detonation of the bombs caused light and colors never seen before or since. After detonation black rain fell for hours spreading radioactivity. The bomb blasts left dark shadows of people who were incinerated. Over 200,000 people died in the two cities. Military leaders in Tokyo choose to keep fighting even after the Hiroshima bomb. President Truman's objective was to save as many American soldiers lives as possible. The use of the bombs had profound effect on human events.

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.

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 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 until May 2, 2026.

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

Monday, October 6, 6:30pm

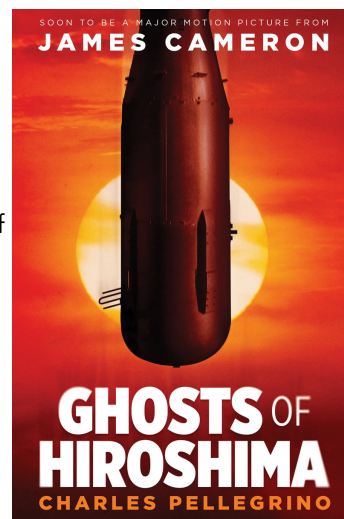
Join SP CAN in the library community room for their 5th annual Community Read, this year focusing on social isolation and loneliness. Free copies of *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman are available at the library.



The Mystery Book Club will meet **Thursday, October 9 at 6:45pm** to discuss the **Three Dahlias** series by **Katy Watson**. New members are always welcome!

LIBRARY HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9am - 8pm
Fri: 9am - 6pm
Sat: 9am - 4pm



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