

Prairie Reader



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Children's Day Celebration: The Circus Dogs

Friday, April 27, 6:00 p.m.

Celebrate Children's Day/Book Day at the library. Sharon Yildez and her famous Circus Dogs, Dash and Copper, will be here to entertain you!



They've performed on the Steve Harvey Show, America's Funniest People and the American

Kennel Club National Championship and have modeled for Hallmark cards.

There will also be cake, piñatas and book prize drawings. It's fun for the whole family! Contact Heather Cole at 643-8318 with questions.

El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day), commonly known as Día, is a celebration every day of children, families, and reading that culminates yearly on April 30. The celebration emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

Local Author & Artist Rhonda Nass

Wednesday, April 18, 7:00 p.m.



Prairie du Sac author and artist Rhonda Nass will present the motivation and process to illustrate and write *Scratchings of a Madwoman*. A post-presentation time welcomes questions and comments. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library.

Early Release Day: Robots!

Wednesday, April 18, 2:30 p.m.

Kids are invited to create and play and the theme is robots! Supplies will be provided for children to make Canbots and Drawbots that can be taken home.



Ozobots and Gyrobots will be on hand for children to play with in the library. This event is appropriate for children in grades K-5. Contact Beth at 643-8318 with questions.

Teen Tuesdays

Cupcakes & Card Games

Tuesday, April 3, 6:30 p.m.

Decorate cupcakes and play card games, including Bears vs. Babies and Exploding Kittens.



Surprise DIYs

Tuesday, April 10, 6:30 p.m.

We'll have a variety of things for you to make, but what they are is a surprise! (Project suggestions are welcome—talk to Meagan.)

Teen events are especially for grades 6-12. Contact Meagan at 643-8318 with questions.

Crafting Kindness

Tuesday, April 17, 6:30 p.m.

High school students are invited to join us for "Crafting Kindness" to use your creative skills for a cause. In April, we will make cards for the charitable organization Cards for Hospitalized Kids. Have fun and spread kindness at the same time! This event is open to high school students only. Registration is requested. Contact Meagan at 643-8318 with questions.



Upcoming Events

- APRIL 2—CHESS CLUB (6:00 PM)
- APRIL 3—TEEN TUESDAY (6:30 PM)
- APRIL 5—LEGO BUILDING CLUB (3:30-5:00 PM)
- APRIL 10—TEEN TUESDAY (6:30 PM)
- APRIL 11—READ TO BUDDY (3:30 PM)
- APRIL 12—MYSTERY BOOK CLUB (6:45 PM)
- APRIL 17—CRAFTING KINDNESS (6:30 PM)
- APRIL 18—ROBOTS (2:30 PM)
- APRIL 18—RHONDA NASS (7:00 PM)
- APRIL 27—THE CIRCUS DOGS (6:00 PM)

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April Storytimes

Enjoy storytimes held in the library's community room!

Traditional storytimes will be held **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.** Beth will share stories, snacks, music and more with your child.

Musical storytimes (extra songs, no craft or snack) will be held **Fridays at 10:00 a.m.**

All aboard the alphabet train for Storytime!

April 3, 5, 6

V...Very

April 10, 12, 13

W...Why, Who, Where?

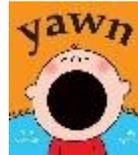
April 17, 19, 20

X...Xylophones

Special Guest 4/19: Phyllis from the Bank of Prairie du Sac will visit for Teach a Child to Save Day!

April 24, 26, 27

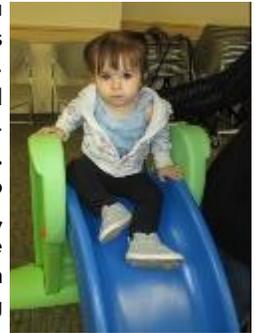
Y...Yawn...



Bouncing Babies

Fridays at 8:15 a.m.

Bouncing Babies is a storytime for infants through age 24 months. Beth will share songs, fingerplays and stories. This is a great way to bond with your baby, meet other kids at the same stages, learn valuable pre-reading activities, develop life-long learners and socialize with other parents and caregivers at the same time!



Award Winners

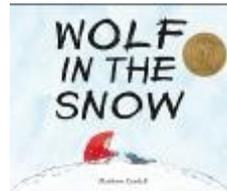
Congratulations to the 2018 Youth Media Award Winners!

John Newbery Medal for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature: ***Hello, Universe*** by **Erin Entrada Kelly**



Newbery Honor Books: *Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut* written by Derrick Barnes, illustrated by Gordon C. James; *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds; *Piecing Me Together* by Renée Watson

Randolph Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished American picture book for children: ***Wolf in the Snow*** illustrated and written by **Matthew Cordell**



Caldecott Honor Books: *Big Cat, little cat* illustrated and written by Elisha Cooper; *Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut* written by Derrick Barnes, illustrated by Gordon C. James; *A Different Pond* illustrated by Thi Bui, written by Bao Phi; *Grand Canyon* illustrated and written by Jason Chin

Coretta Scott King Book Award recognizing African American authors and illustrators of outstanding books for children and young adults: ***Piecing Me Together*** by **Renée Watson**



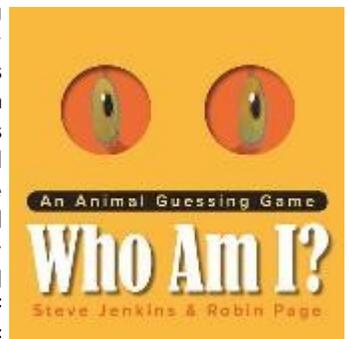
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Featured Book

Who Am I? by **Steve Jenkins and Robin Page**

In April for "W" week, we're going to be reading lots of books that ask a question like the book *Who Am I?* which is an animal guessing game by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page.

In this new, fun and informative book, you'll get many clues and pictures of features of an animal. At the end of each two page layout is the question "Who am I?" Children will delight in these close up pictures of individual features and the opportunity to answer the question. Most animals should be very familiar. There is a wonderful detailed glossary about all the animals featured at the end.



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Chess Club for Kids

Monday, April 2, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

School-age children and up are invited to Chess Club at the library. Parents are also welcome. Beginner instruction provided by Jenna McCann. Boards, chess pieces and a snack provided. This is the last chess club of the school year. Watch for a summer schedule to come! Contact Beth at 643-8318 with questions.



NEWS & NOTES

Register at the front desk to **read to Buddy**, a miniature Goldendoodle, on Wednesday, April 11.



Appointments of 15 minutes are available between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

April is the last month for **P.S. Storytime**. Whether you come to Storytime at 10:00 and stay after, or arrive between 10:30 & 11:30, there are lots of toys for the kids to play with and burn off energy while parents visit.

Reminder: no library supervision during this time, so please keep a close eye on the children!

The spring session of **First Steps in Music & Movement** continues Mondays at 3:30 p.m. and runs weekly through April 30. First Steps is a free class for children age three and up. Contact Beth at 643-8318 with questions.

June's Book Review

Summer Hours at the Robbers Library by Sue Halpern

In this novel a dictionary, stolen from a bookstore, sets in motion a domino effect that shakes things up at the River-ton Public library. It is present day New England in a town that has seen better days.

The building is nicknamed the Robber's library for Mr. Robber, a mill owner who donated the money for the library in the early 1900s.

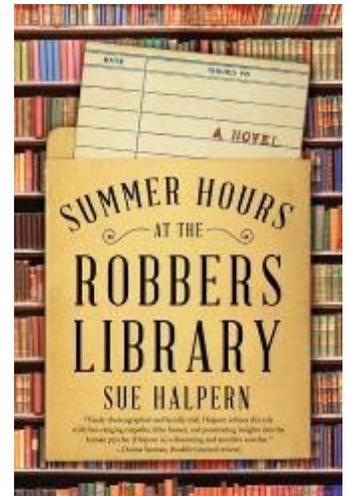
There are three main characters. Kit Jarvis is a reference librarian in her forties who is taking refuge from a failed marriage. Sunny is the fifteen-year-old girl who has been sentenced to community service for stealing the book. Rusty is a thirty-something ex-financier in the 2008 recession. Kit is put in charge of keeping Sunny busy at the library.

Told partly from Kit's perspective and partly from Sunny's,

the book uses the differences in the two characters' lives and experiences in a small community.

Also by the author: *The Book of Hard Things; A Dog Walks Into a Nursing Home: Lessons in the Good Life from an Unlikely Teacher* and other works of nonfiction.

Looking for more book recommendations? Check the staff picks display on our lower level or try one from June's list of favorites from 2008—2017.



National Library Week

"Libraries Transform: Libraries Lead" is the theme for this year's 60th anniversary celebration of National Library Week, reminding us that libraries of



all types serve as community compasses that lead users to endless opportunities for community engagement, enrichment, and development.

We will have small giveaways like pencils, bookmarks, and stickers (while supplies last). Visit the front desk to get yours!

Read for Culver's

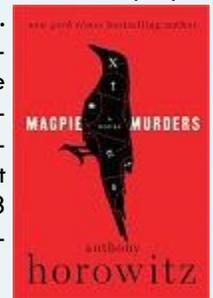
It's the last month to read for Culver's! All ages may participate. Read 5 (age-appropriate) books to earn one free scoop of fresh frozen custard. Read 10 books to earn a free kids' meal or SnackPak. Get your bookmarks at the front desk and start reading! Program runs through April 30. One bookmark per person. Thank you to Culver's Restaurant of Sauk City for sponsoring this program.



Mystery Book Club

Thursday, April 12, 6:45 p.m.

The library's Mystery Book Club will discuss *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz in April. Copies are available on display in the library. New members are always welcome. Contact June at 643-8318 with questions.



Mark Your Calendar

Friends of the Library

Spring Book Sale

Friday, May 18, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 19, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Find great books and support the library at the same time! Volunteers are needed to help set-up May 17, staff the sale May 19 and clean-up May 21. Contact Meagan if you'd like to help.

Cheeseheads Documentary

Tuesday, May 15, 5:30 p.m.

Filmmaker John Mitchell will join us for a screening of his documentary. This film is a love letter to Wisconsin, a humorous and informative travel movie. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

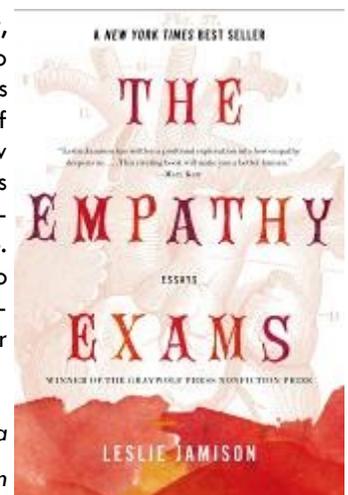
Book of the Month

The Empathy Exams by Leslie Jamison

Beginning with her experience as a medical actor, paid to act out symptoms for medical students to diagnose, Leslie Jamison's *The Empathy Exams* asks essential questions about our basic understanding of others: How should we care about one another? How can we feel another person's pain? Jamison draws from her own experiences to engage in an exploration of empathy that extends far beyond her life. These essays range widely—from street violence to reality television, poverty tourism to literary sentimentality, illness to incarceration—in their search for a kind of sight shaped by humility and grace.

--Selected by Kara

--Summary from book description





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Lego Building Club



Thursday, April 5, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 3, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Join us for Lego Building Club. Drop in and build whatever you want, name it, take a picture and display it! Duplos are available for younger children. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Lego Building Club meets on the first Thursday of the month through May. Contact Beth with questions.



At the Library in March



Thank you to the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library for sponsoring our stamping night March 21.



Bouncing Babies had an egg hunt March 30!



Teens enjoyed dirt cakes, dance games, and new technology in March.

