

Prairie Reader



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National Library Week

April 7-13 is National Library Week! We'll be collecting the reasons for your visits to the library all week to create a display in the office window. All you have to do is fill out a post-it!



We also have a Book-mark Design Contest for ALL ages. You can use any medium you like but your entry must fit in the

box on the entry form, available at the front desk and on our website. Deadline for submission is April 13, 2019. Winning entries will be made into bookmarks for our patrons. Contact Meagan at 643-8318 with questions.

Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library Spring Book Sale will be held in the library community room **Friday, April 26** from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and **Saturday, April 27** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Find great books and support the library at the same time! Volunteers are needed to help staff the sale Friday and Saturday and set-up Thursday, April 25 at 1:00 p.m. Contact Meagan at 643-8318 if you'd like to help.

Miss Kim's Amazing Animals

Friday, May 3, 6:00 p.m.

Celebrate Children's Day/Book Day at the library with Miss Kim's Amazing Animals! Have



you ever wondered how a chinchilla takes a bath or what a bearded dragon likes to eat? Find these answers out and more when Miss Kim brings her amazing animals! You can even hold and touch them! There

will also be cake, piñatas, and book prizes. Fun for the whole family! Contact Heather Cole at 643-8318 with questions.

Tabletop Games for Adults

Monday, April 8, 6:30 p.m.

Do you like board games, cards, chess, checkers or dominoes? Enjoy a free night out with tabletop games at the library! We will have on hand a variety of games, both old and new, for patrons to play. Light refreshments provided by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library! Open to ages 18 and up. Contact Charlene at 643-8318 with questions.



Innovators Club: Knitting

Friday, April 12, 3:30 p.m.

School-age children are invited to the library's Innovators Club. This month we will learn the art of knitting with Dana from DMarie Knit & Fiber! **Please register this month to make sure we gather enough supplies and helpers.** Contact Beth at 643-8318 with questions.



Teen Tuesdays

Peeps!

Tuesday, April 2, 6:30 p.m.

Peeps are taking over Teen Tuesday! Join us at the library for Peeps jousting and more!



Rubik's Cube Challenge

Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m.

See how fast you can solve Rubik's Cubes of different sizes and try other puzzle games. We may even make our own! (This event was rescheduled from February 12.)



Teen Tuesdays are especially for grades 6-12. Contact Meagan with questions.

Upcoming Events

- APR. 1—CHESS CLUB FOR KIDS (6:00 PM)
- APR. 2—TEEN TUESDAY (6:30 PM)
- APR. 8—LEGO BUILDING CLUB (3:30-5:00 PM)
- APR. 8—TABLETOP GAMES FOR ADULTS (6:30 PM)
- APR. 9—TEEN TUESDAY (6:30 PM)
- APR. 11—MYSTERY BOOK CLUB (6:45 PM)
- APR. 12—INNOVATORS CLUB (3:30 PM)
- APR. 26-27—SPRING BOOK SALE
- MAY 3—CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION (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.**

Let's Eat!

April 2, 4, 5 Pickles!
Sample pickles donated by Hartung Brothers Inc.!

April 9, 11, 12 Sandwiches!

April 16, 18, 19 Going on a picnic
Craft at the end Tuesday & Thursday!
Bank of Prairie du Sac will visit 4/18 to share about Teach a Child to Save Day!

April 23, 25, 26 NO STORYTIME



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!

NO Bouncing Babies 4/26!

NEWS & NOTES

Children are invited to read to **Ladybug**, a King Charles Cavalier Spaniel. Register at the front desk for your 15-minute appointment Thursday, April 11 between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.



It's the last month for **P.S. Storytime!** Stay and play/visit after traditional storytime on Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Follows the same schedule as traditional storytime.

Thank you to **Ruby Taggart** for her assistance with the puppet show in all 10:00 storytimes the week of spring break!

The remaining **Early Release Wednesdays** for April and May have been cancelled due to the change in the school schedule.

Featured Children's Book

***I Hear a Pickle: (and Smell, See, Touch, and Taste It, Too!)* by Rachel Isadora**

In conjunction with a PICKLE storytime in April, we will explore all our senses. One way will be through the book *I Hear a Pickle: (and Smell, See, Touch, and Taste It, Too!)* by Rachel Isadora. Open your eyes and ears and explore your five fabulous senses. You will be delighted by the variety of ways this author does it and doesn't do it. Hopefully you will be inspired to explore your world more!



Thank You Local Artists!

Thank you to the students of the Sauk Prairie School district for sharing their art to brighten up the children's area and lobby display case for Youth Art Month. Thank you to DMarie Knit and Fiber for April's lobby case display.

Bouncing Babies Egg Hunt

Bouncing Babies will have its traditional egg hunt after songs, puppets and stories on **Friday, 4/19**. Eggs with stickers in them will be hidden all around the children's play area. Bring a basket and join us at 8:15 for Bouncing Babies with the egg hunt at 8:45.

Chess Club for Kids

The last Chess Club for Kids of the season will be held **Monday, April 1 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Parents are encouraged to play with their children or children can pair up with another attendee. In summer chess will be available, along with other board games, for a monthly family game time. Contact Beth at 643-8318 with questions.

Lego Building Club

Drop in and build whatever you want, name it, take a picture and display it at Lego Building Club **Monday, April 8 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Beth at 643-8318 with questions.



June's Book Review

America City by Chris Beckett

This book is set in 22nd Century America. The climate is in bad shape. The weather has violent extremes with retreating shorelines. States in the south are increasingly flooded. Droughts have turned good farmland into deserts, causing food shortages. Increasingly more people are forced to move north to survive.

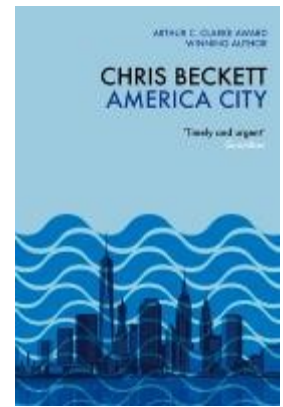
However the northern states close their borders to the refugees.

Senator Slaymaker, a self made millionaire, is running for president. He hires a young woman, Holly Peacock, as his publicist. Once Slaymaker is elected, tough decisions that affect the entire continent of North America are made. America insists Canada open their borders to dis-

placed Americans. America City is one of the settlements.

This novel is thought provoking, timely and urgent.

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—2018.



Book of the Month

The Wangs vs. the World by Jade Chang

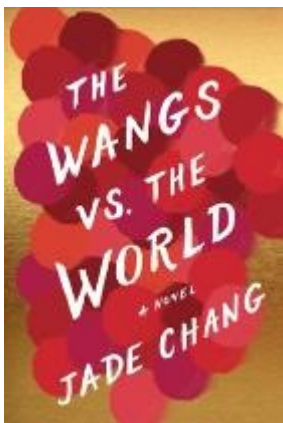
A hilarious debut novel about a wealthy but fractured Chinese immigrant family that had it all, only to lose every last cent--and about the road trip they take across America that binds them back together.

Charles Wang is mad at America. A brash, lovable immigrant businessman who built a cosmetics empire and made a fortune, he's just been ruined by the financial crisis. Now all Charles wants is to get his kids safely stowed away so that he can go to China and attempt to reclaim his family's ancestral lands--and his pride.

Charles pulls Andrew, his aspiring comedian son, and Grace, his style-obsessed daughter, out of schools he can no longer afford. Together with their stepmother, Barbara, they embark on a cross-country road trip from their foreclosed Bel-Air home to the upstate New York hideout of the eldest daughter, disgraced art world it-girl Saina. But with his son waylaid by a temptress in New Orleans, his wife ready to defect for a set of 1,000-thread-count sheets, and an epic smash-up in North Carolina, Charles may have to choose between the old world and the new, between keeping his family intact and finally fulfilling his dream of starting anew in China.

Outrageously funny and full of charm, *The Wangs vs. the World* is an entirely fresh look at what it means to belong in America--and how going from glorious riches to (still name-brand) rags brings one family together in a way money never could.

--Summary from publisher



Mystery Book Club

Thursday, April 11, 6:45 p.m.

The library's Mystery Book Club will discuss mysteries by Stephanie Barron in April. Select a title of your own or choose one from the display in the library. New members are always welcome. Contact June at 643-8318 with questions.



National Volunteer Week



April 7-13 is National Volunteer Week and we'd like to give special thanks to all our wonderful volunteers including the Friends of the Library board and committee members, book sale volunteers, storytime volunteers, and our regular weekly volunteers Patrick Campbell, Marcia Schwarz and Ryan Catterson.

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Sensory Support Kit

Thanks to the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library, we now have a Sensory Support Kit for children to use while in the library. No library card or check out required. Use as needed and return to the circulation desk when finished. Find it on the shelf opposite the copy machine. This kit is intended to support those children that may have sensory processing disorder.

Last Month to Read for Culver's!

Bookmarks for the Culver's Reading Program need to be stamped by the end of April! 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. There is no expiration date on redeeming your bookmarks. One bookmark per person. Thank you to Culver's Restaurant of Sauk City for sponsoring this program. Ask at the desk for more information.





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At the Library in March



We explored robots in Innovators Club and painted spring blossoms in storytime in March!



Half Twisted-Half Knot put on a great balloon magic show March 27!



Thank you to Laura Netzinger for presenting an informative essential oils workshop March 11 and to the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library for sponsoring the event.

