

# PRAIRIE READER

Ruth Culver Community Library News



## HOLIDAY MINDFULNESS

Join certified Mindfulness Meditation Teacher Diane Matzke for Holiday Mindfulness. Space is limited and registration is required. Register for each session separately online at <https://ruthculver.librarycalendar.com> or by calling the library at 608-643-8318.

### Mindful and Merry

**Tuesday, December 7, 2:00pm**

Practices for navigating the bustle of the Holidays.

### Mindful Self-care for the Holidays

**Tuesday, December 14, 2:00pm**

Filling your bucket so you can be present for others.

## TEEN TUESDAYS

Make your own (waterless) Snow Globes at the library **Tuesday, December 14 at 6:45pm**, all supplies provided. If you can't attend in-person a smaller version will be in the December Teen Tuesday bags.

Play old and new favorite games at this month's game night **Tuesday, December 28 at 6:45pm**.

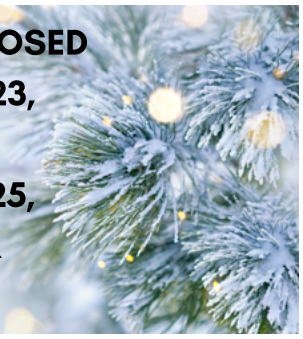
**Registration is required** for in-person events and can be done online at [ruthculver.librarycalendar.com](https://ruthculver.librarycalendar.com). Teen Tuesdays are especially for grades 6-12. Masks are recommended. Contact Meagan at 608-643-8318 or [mstatz@pdslibrary.org](mailto:mstatz@pdslibrary.org) with questions.

December's **Teen Tuesday bags** will be available beginning Tuesday, December 14, no registration required. This month get supplies for waterless snow globes, paper snowflakes, marshmallow pops and a paper airplane launcher. Just ask for your bag at the desk (while supplies last).

## FULL STEAM AHEAD: SPEED RACERS

Explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math at our monthly after school club for kids grades K-5th. We meet the first Wednesday of every month at 4:00pm in the community room. On **December 1st**, learn about Newton's Laws of Motion, then compete to build the fastest racecar in the room. On **January 5th**, celebrate the new year by creating and decorating a scrapbook that you can fill with all your favorite memories. Please register online at [ruthculver.librarycalendar.com](https://ruthculver.librarycalendar.com).

**The Library will be CLOSED**  
**Thursday, December 23,**  
**Friday, December 24,**  
**Saturday, December 25,**  
**Friday, December 31 &**  
**Saturday, January 1**



## HOLLY JOLLY SAUK PRAIRIE

The library is participating in the Sauk Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce's Holly Jolly Sauk Prairie Saturday, December 4! Stop in during library hours, 9:00am to 4:00pm, to join in the fun. We'll have a Willy Wonka Scavenger Hunt (Can you find all of your favorite Willy Wonka characters hidden throughout the library?) and FREE Take & Makes! Children can grab a bag to make a candy bracelet and adults can make a felt gingerbread man ornament. Available while supplies last.



Would you like to enjoy some audiobooks or listen to CDs but don't have a device to play them? Check out a boom box or portable CD player for 14 days from the Ruth Culver Community Library. Use these devices to work your way through our extensive collection of audiobooks.



The Mystery Book Club will meet Thursday, December 9 at 6:00pm to discuss Christmas mysteries set in the Midwest. Copies are available on display in the library.

## LIBRARY HOURS

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

## TWEEN & TEEN WRITING CONTEST

Calling all young writers! You are invited to enter our Tween/Teen Writing Contest. Write whatever you want (short story, poetry, essay, comic...) for your chance to win!

Entries can be dropped off in-person at the library or sent via email to [mstatz@pdslibrary.org](mailto:mstatz@pdslibrary.org). Be sure to include your name, age and phone or email.

**Entries must be received by Thursday, January 6.** Open to ages 10-18.

### Prizes awarded:

- 1st Place - \$50 Visa gift card
- 2nd Place - \$25 Visa Gift Card
- 3rd Place - \$10 Visa Gift Card

The Library may publish your entry on our social media or in our newsletters/publications.

## VIRTUAL KIDS' BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting of the virtual children's book club will be on **Wednesday, December 22 at 4:00pm**. This month, we're reading *Doodleville* by Chad Sell. Drew is a doodler whose drawings magically come to life. But when she accidentally creates a monster, can she and her friends save her doodles before it's too late? Pick up a copy at the library and join us via Zoom at 4:00pm on the 22nd at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84507228681>. Please register online at [ruthculver.librarycalendar.com](http://ruthculver.librarycalendar.com).

## JUNE'S BOOK REVIEW

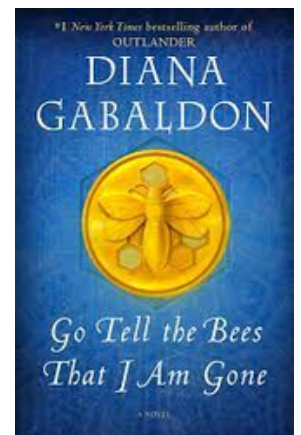
### ***Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone* by Diana Gabaldon**

After seven years, the ninth book in the Outlander series finally came out November 23. The first title, *Outlander*, was released in June 1991. Not long after World War II Claire Randall, a nurse, is on a belated honeymoon with husband Frank in the Scottish highlands. As Claire is out walking alone she sees standing stones on a hill. When she puts her hand out to touch a stone she is transported back to the 1740s. There she meets Jamie Fraser who marries her to protect her.

Over the length of the series the couple fall deeply in love. When Claire becomes pregnant they make the decision to send her back to the 20th Century. The violent Jacobite Rebellion is coming soon and Claire knows the Scots suffer a great defeat.

After 20 years back in her own time period, and with daughter Brianna grown, Claire returns to the past and Jamie. The family end up in North Carolina. The year is 1179 and the American Revolution is upon them.

This is my favorite series and author. The books are touching, dramatic and moving.



## DECEMBER STORYTIMES

Storytimes are inside the library this winter! Join us in the community room for movement, music, and stories. Storytimes recommended for children ages 2+ are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00am. On Fridays, join us at 8:30am before the library even opens for Baby Songs! Baby Songs is recommended for babies ages 0-18 months who love to sit on laps. Also on Fridays, join us at 10:00am for our Toddler Tales storytimes, aimed at toddlers ages 1-3 who love to move. Storytimes will be held through December 21st, and then resume January 4th after the holiday break. Please register online at [ruthculver.librarycalendar.com](http://ruthculver.librarycalendar.com).

The library will have new **Maker Bags** for children in preK-K and grades 1-5 every other week (December 6 & 20). Grab a bag from the display in the library or call to request lobby pick-up. Bags are available while supplies last.

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