

Prairie Reader



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A Conversation with Ibrahim: Pakistani Life & Culture

Monday, December 9, 6:00 p.m.

Join us at the library for a conversation about Pakistani life and culture with foreign exchange student Muhammad Ibrahim. Pakistan is a 70-year-old country that resides in the southern part of Asia and is known for its rich cultural heritage, history and beauty. Ibrahim is placed with the Kempfer family in Prairie du Sac and is enrolled in Sauk Prairie High School. The Sauk Prairie Community has welcomed him. He considers it his responsibility to return the favor by enlightening people about his country.



HOLIDAY HOURS
Closed:
Tuesday, December 24
Wednesday, December 25
Wednesday, January 1
Closing at 4:00pm:
Tuesday, December 31

Teen Tuesdays

Krispie Treat Sculptures

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



Make and decorate winter-themed sculptures using krispie treats. A variety of decorating supplies will be provided!

Buttons & Bath Bombs

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



Make buttons and bath bombs...or whatever else you can dream up from the library's supply closet.

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

Movie & Popcorn

Monday, December 30, 2:30 p.m.

Looking for something to do over break? Head to the library for a movie and popcorn. In this 2019 flick, your favorite toys are back with some new friends and an adventurous journey turns into an unexpected reunion. Contact Beth at 643-8318 with questions.



LINKcat Downtime

LINKcat will be offline for a scheduled update beginning at 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6 and ending on Tuesday, Dec. 10. During this time:

- You MUST have your library card to checkout 12/7-12/9. If you are picking up holds, you will need the library card the holds are on.
- You will not be able to place holds or search the catalog.
- No items will be due and no holds will expire during this time.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Please ask the staff if you have questions.

Stocking Stuffer Hot Chocolate & Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, December 14, 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

The library is participating in Holly Jolly Sauk Prairie Saturday, December 14. Drop-in between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to make a stocking stuffer hot chocolate with the mix and toppings provided. While you're here, taste Lauren's entry in the Sauk Prairie Chili Cook-Off!



Upcoming Events

- DEC. 2—CHESS CLUB (6:00 PM)
- DEC. 3—TEEN TUESDAY (6:30 PM)
- DEC. 9—CONVERSATION WITH IBRAHIM (6:00 PM)
- DEC. 10—TEEN TUESDAY (6:30 PM)
- DEC. 11—DIGITAL SKETCHING BY THE FIRE (10:00 AM)
- DEC. 11—COMMUNITY STORYTIME AT 6:8 (4:15 PM)
- DEC. 12—MYSTERY BOOK CLUB (6:00 PM)
- DEC. 14—HOLLY JOLLY SAUK PRAIRIE (11:00 AM-2:00 PM)
- DEC. 19—LEGO BUILDING CLUB (3:30-5:00 PM)
- DEC. 30—MOVIE (2:30 PM)

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December 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.**

Schedule:

- Dec. 3, 5, 6** **Let it snow!**
- Dec. 10, 12, 13** **Gingerbread**
- Dec. 17, 19*, 20** **Holiday Sing-along**
*Special Field Trip storytime, see below!
- Dec. 23-Jan. 3** **NO STORYTIME**



Watch the weather! When school is cancelled, storytime is cancelled.

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 December 27!

NEWS & NOTES

The **Culver's Winter Reading Program** is back! Read to earn FREE food from Culver's of Sauk City. Get your program bookmarks at the front desk. ALL ages may participate!

P.S. Storytime continues after traditional storytimes on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We'll get out our interactive toys so kids can move, play and burn off some energy! Please note, library staff does not provide supervision.

The next **Community Storytime** at 6:8 will be Wednesday, December 11. Stories, songs, and fun will begin at 4:15 p.m. and everyone is invited to stay for a community meal at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome! 6:8 is located at 821 Industry Road, Sauk City. Contact Beth at 643-8318 with questions.

Field Trip Storytime

Thursday, December 19, 10:00 am

Storytime is taking a Field Trip to 6:8 for our annual Holiday Sing-along and cookie decorating on Thursday, December 19. 6:8



is located at 821 Industry Road in Sauk City. Frosty the Snowman will also make an appearance at all storytimes the week of 12/17-12/20!

Chess Club for Kids

Monday, December 2, 6:00 p.m.

School-age children and (optional) parents are invited to the library's chess club for kids. Beginner's instruction will be provided by Jenna McCann.



Featured Children's Book

Some Snow Is... by Ellen Yeomans, illustrated by Andrea Offermann

We know there are different kinds of snow, but you may be surprised HOW many are identified by the children in this beautifully illustrated picture book. Exciting adventures for some kinds of snow, cozy cuddling inside for others. But even the kids eventually get eager for spring because their bikes are whispering! Fun to talk with your kids about the kinds of snow and watch for them as we begin our winter season – early! We will share this and other snow/winter stories in December storytimes.



Lego Building Club

**Thursday, December 19
3:30-5:00 p.m.**

Drop-in on our next Lego Building Club! Stay the whole time or for as long as you need to build whatever you want, name it, take a picture and display it for others to see! Duplos are available for younger children. Contact Beth at 643-8318 with questions.



June's Book Review

The Golden Thread: How Fabric Changed History by Kassia St. Clair

Fashion writer St. Clair shows how crucial textiles have been in human history.

Thirty-four thousand years ago our ancestors figured out how to twist fibers from plants into yarns and weave these threads into cloth to shield their bodies from weather.

Fabric has also left traces in

our language. The words text and textile share a common ancestor, the Latin "to weave."

Textiles are about more than protection against the elements. Cloth has ceremonial qualities from wrapping Egyptian Mummies to tablecloths. Fabric is also a source of beauty in our everyday lives.

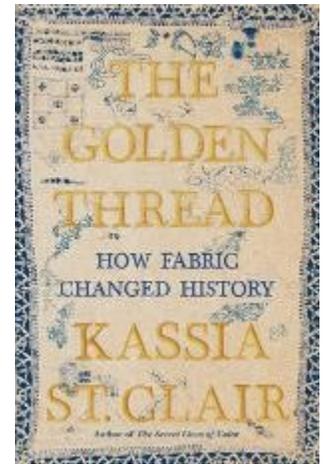
St. Clair takes the reader across the globe showing how clothing enabled homo sapiens to move from warmer climates

to cold ones.

I found this book interesting and absorbing.

Also by the author: *The Secret Lives of Color*

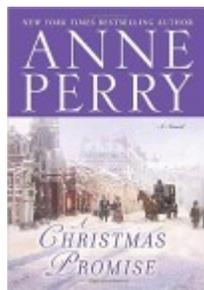
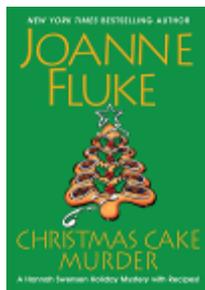
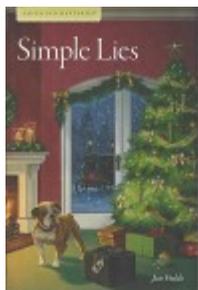
Looking for more book recommendations? Check the staff picks display on our lower level or try one from June's list of favorites from 2008—2018.



Mystery Book Club

Thursday, December 12, 6:00 p.m.

The theme is Christmas Choice for December's Mystery Book Club! The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. with appetizers. Books are available on display in the library, or you can choose a title of your own. New members are always welcome. Contact June at 643-8318 with questions.



Digital Sketching by the Fire

Wednesday, December 11, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Relax and experiment with digital sketching and coloring by the fire in the quiet reading room. We will have iPads and Apple pencils available for use. This drop-in event will be held on the second Wednesday of winter months from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and is open to ages 18 and up.



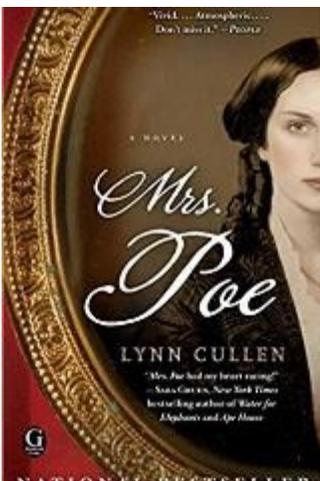
Thank You!

Another successful Friends book sale is complete! Thank you to all who supported the sale, especially the following volunteers: Karen Schoephoester, Betty Deischer, Bill Campbell, Helen Campbell, Judy Henseler, Marilyn Straub, Lorin Weiler and Carl Hoffman.

Book of the Month

Mrs. Poe by Lynn Cullen

A writer and his demons. A woman and her desires. A wife and her revenge...



Inspired by literature's most haunting love triangle, a award-winning author Lynn Cullen delivers a pitch-perfect rendering of Edgar

Allan Poe, his mistress's tantalizing confession, and his wife's frightening obsession...

1845: New York City is a sprawling warren of gaslight streets and crowded avenues, bustling with new immigrants and old money, optimism and opportunity, poverty and crime. Edgar Allan Poe's "The Raven" is all the rage—the success of which a struggling poet like Frances Osgood can only dream. As a mother trying to support two young children after her husband's cruel betrayal, Frances jumps at the chance to meet the illustrious Mr. Poe at a small literary gathering, if only to help her fledgling career. Although not a great fan of Poe's writing, she is nonetheless overwhelmed by his

magnetic presence—and the surprising revelation that he admires her work.

What follows is a flirtation, then a seduction, then an illicit affair...and with each clandestine encounter, Frances finds herself falling slowly and inexorably under the spell of her mysterious, complicated lover. But when Edgar's frail wife Virginia insists on befriending Frances as well, the relationship becomes as dark and twisted as one of Poe's tales. And like those gothic heroines whose fates are forever sealed, Frances begins to fear that deceiving Mrs. Poe may be as impossible as cheating death itself...

--Summary from book description



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At the Library in November



Thanks to Tara at Animal House for hosting our Field Trip Storytime to the Whisker Lounge on Tuesday, 11/12. We had a couple dozen cats and kittens join the families for a playful cat storytime. Check out all the new cat picture books we've added to the children's collection.



Thanks to the International Crane Foundation for their Cranes: Discover and Dance presentation on 11/20 for school-aged children.



Thank you to the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library for sponsoring Chad Lewis November 6, and to those who braved the cold and snow to attend!