

# PRAIRIE READER

Ruth Culver Community Library News



## FAMILY TAKE & MAKE: PAINT PEN COASTERS

Enjoy some family time this month with a Take & Make activity you can all do at home! You'll receive a blank tile for each member of your family and paint pens to decorate the tiles (colors will vary). Finish by adding the cork backing included and you have a custom set of coasters! Bags will be available, while supplies last, beginning Monday, February 14. No registration required. Ask for yours at the desk or call for lobby pickup. Contact Meagan at 608-643-8318 or [mstatz@pdslibrary.org](mailto:mstatz@pdslibrary.org) with questions.

## TEEN TUESDAYS

Make your own piece of Pointillism art using markers at the library **Tuesday, February 8 at 6:45pm**. You'll apply dots of color to foam board to make your own distinct design.

We're starting a monthly pop-up makerspace for teens starting **Tuesday, February 22 at 6:45pm**. We will bring out a variety of supplies and equipment - you can make whatever you want with them! Board games will still be available if you prefer game night.

**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 requested. Contact Meagan at 608-643-8318 or [mstatz@pdslibrary.org](mailto:mstatz@pdslibrary.org) with questions.

February's **Teen Tuesday bags** will be available beginning Wednesday, February 9, no registration required. This month get supplies for marker Pointillism, personalized fortune cookies, trio of Valentine cards, and Pom Pom Hedgehogs. Just ask for your bag at the desk (while supplies last).

## FULL STEAM AHEAD: BRIDGE ENGINEERING

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 **February 2nd**, put your engineering skills to work as you try to design the most successful bridge. On **March 2nd**, learn about hot air balloons, then build a balloon basket that can lift a LEGO person up, up, and away! Please register online at [ruthculver.librarycalendar.com](https://ruthculver.librarycalendar.com).

## EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAY: GAME DAY

Tired of being stuck inside due to cold winter weather? Join us for fun and active indoor games. Try balloon hockey, tabletop bowling, paper plate Frisbee golf, and more! This Early Release Wednesday program is **February 16 at 2:30pm** for kids grades K-5th and will be held in the library community room. Please register online at [ruthculver.librarycalendar.com](https://ruthculver.librarycalendar.com).

## DROP-IN MINDFULNESS

Join certified Mindfulness Meditation Teacher Diane Matzke for February's drop-in sessions in the library's community room. No registration is required.

### Mindful of Self-Compassion

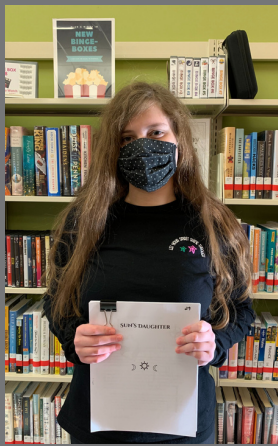
**Monday, February 14, 9:15am-10:00am**

Focus on Self-Compassion and seeing our own humanity.

### Mindful Resolutions

**Monday, February 28, 9:15am-10:00am**

Practice using Mindfulness to help create and keep resolutions.



Reese, 1st Place  
Writing Contest

## WRITING CONTEST WINNERS

We had so many great entries in our tween & teen writing contest from talented youth in our area! Congratulations to the winners!

First Place: Sun's Daughter by Reese  
Second Place: Say It Easy by Stella  
Third Place: The Test of Time by Shannon

You can read the winning entries at [pdslibrary.org/writing-contest-winners](https://pdslibrary.org/writing-contest-winners).

## TAX FORMS

Tax forms are starting to come in and are available in the library across from the front desk. We receive only the most popular forms, but many can be printed online.

**Federal:** [www.irs.gov/forms-instructions](https://www.irs.gov/forms-instructions)

**State:**  
[www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/Individuals/income.aspx](https://www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/Individuals/income.aspx)

## VIRTUAL KIDS' BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting of the virtual children's book club will be on **Wednesday, February 23, at 4:00pm**. This month, we're reading *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, the first book of the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling. Orphaned Harry has a miserable life with his aunt and uncle. All that changes when a mysterious visitor informs him that he's a wizard and invites him to attend a school for magic. But with a dangerous object hidden within the school, Harry will have to rely on his newfound friendships and skill at magic to save the day. Pick up a copy at the library and join us via Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84507228681>. Please register online at [ruthculver.librarycalendar.com](https://ruthculver.librarycalendar.com).

## JUNE'S BOOK REVIEW

The year is 1862. Evelyn Maltravers, a young woman from the country, has traveled to London for "the season". She must make an advantageous marriage. Her parents are dead and she has four younger sisters to provide for. Evelyn is a talented rider. Her father left her a beautiful Andalusian stallion. However before she can ride through Rotten Row where all the best people exercise their horses, Evelyn needs a new riding habit. She requests the best tailor in London to make her habit. He informs her he doesn't take orders from ladies of her class. As she turns to leave the tailor's shop she meets an assistant tailor.

Ahmed Malik is half Indian. After he agrees and makes Evelyn a splendid outfit both their fortunes take an upturn. She is being noticed by the upper class. Ahmed receives many requests for his work. They become business partners, friends, and something more?

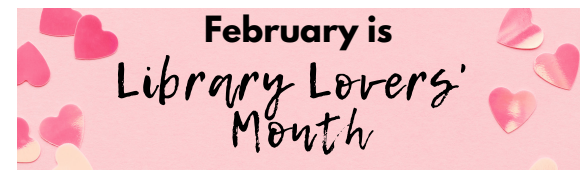
This first book in *The Belles of London* series is a unique, touching historical romance.

## STORYTIMES

Storytimes are on temporary hiatus given the high levels of Covid transmission in Sauk County. We are reassessing weekly, and will resume as soon as we can. When we resume, we'll return to our regular schedule: storytimes recommended for children ages 2+ are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00am. Baby Songs is on Fridays at 8:30am before the library even opens. Also on Fridays, join us at 10:00am for Toddler Tales, aimed at toddlers ages 1-3 who love to move. Please register online at [ruthculver.librarycalendar.com](https://ruthculver.librarycalendar.com).

## MAKER BAGS

The library will have new Maker Bags for children in preK-K and grades 1-5 every other week in February (14 & 28). Grab a bag from the display in the library or call to request lobby pick-up. Bags are available while supplies last.



The Mystery Book Club will meet Thursday, February 10 at 6:45pm to discuss mysteries by Allison Montclair. Copies are available on display in the library.

## LIBRARY HOURS

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



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