

Prairie Reader



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Balloon Magic Show

Wednesday, March 27, 2:30 p.m.

Half Twisted-Half Knot is bringing a balloon magic show to the library! This show combines



magic, balloons and comedy to create an hour of family friendly fun! Many audience volunteers

get involved to create a memorable show of crazy antics and large balloon creations. This event is appropriate for school-age children. Contact Beth at 643-8318 with questions. *This event was rescheduled from February 27 due to changes to the school schedule.*

Sauk Prairie Libraries are Going Fine Free!

Have you heard?! No more late fees! Both Ruth Culver Community Library and Sauk City Public Library are going fine free on March 1st. This only applies to items checked out at our libraries and fines will still be assessed on lost or damaged items and late equipment.

Why Fine Free?

This is a very exciting time for our library and we've noticed that this catches many of you by surprise. Here are some of the reasons why we chose to go fine free on most materials.

- Fines disproportionately affect low-income families and create a barrier to using the library.
- Research shows no difference in overdue rates between libraries charging fines and libraries not charging fines.
- The library incurs expenses to collect fines including staff time handling fine disputes, fine collection, and billing postage.
- Fear of accumulating fines stops some people from using the library or causes them to limit checkouts.
- Fines don't serve our goal of supporting a vibrant and literate community with access to a wide array of materials.

Essential Oils Workshop

Monday, March 11, 6:00 p.m.

Are you curious about essential oils? Join speaker Laura Netzinger for an informative workshop about the types and uses of essential oils. The evening will also include cookies and beverages made with essential



oils and each attendee will receive a lava bracelet so you can enjoy the effects of the essential oils. This event is open to adults only. **Space is limited; registration is required.** Thank you to the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library for sponsoring this event.

Spring Break Movie

Tuesday, March 26, 1:30 p.m.



Head to the library for a spring break movie! We're showing the 2018 movie featuring the return of Ralph and Vanellope and their journey into the vast world of the internet. Free popcorn will be provided. Contact Beth at 643-8318

with questions.

Teen Tuesdays

Ice Cream Sandwich Bar

Tuesday, March 5, 6:30 p.m.

Assemble your own ice cream sandwiches. We'll have a variety of ice cream, cookies and toppings for you to choose from!



Escape the Library

Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 p.m.

See if your team can crack the clues to unlock the box and escape the library!



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

Upcoming Events

- MAR. 5—TEEN TUESDAY (6:30 PM)
- MAR. 11—LEGO BUILDING CLUB (3:30-5:00 PM)
- MAR. 11—ESSENTIAL OILS (6:00 PM)
- MAR. 12—TEEN TUESDAY (6:30 PM)
- MAR. 14—MYSTERY BOOK CLUB (6:45 PM)
- MAR. 22—INNOVATORS CLUB (3:30 PM)
- MAR. 26—SPRING BREAK MOVIE (1:30 PM)
- MAR. 27—BALLOON MAGIC SHOW (2:30 PM)
- MAR. 27—FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL MEETING (6:30 PM)

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March 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.**

Arts & Tales

Mar. 5, 7, 8

Arts, Artists & Museums

Mar. 12, 14, 15

St. Patrick's Day!

Mar. 19, 21, 22

Spring Stories

Mar. 26, 28, 29

Folktales & Fables

Our new (by registration only) **storytime on Tuesdays at 9:00 still has openings!** So far, the weather has been tough on storytimes! Please note our weather policy. If school is cancelled library storytimes and events may also be cancelled and notice will be posted on our website and Facebook page.



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!



NEWS & NOTES

Children are invited to **read to Dax**, an English Mastiff. Register at the front desk for your 15-minute appointment **Saturday, March 16** between **10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**



Chess Club will not meet in March due to the Sauk Prairie classic tournament. See you April 1 at 6:00 p.m.

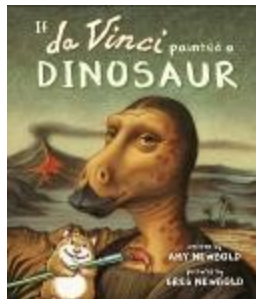
P.S. Storytime (Play and Stay) continues **Thursdays 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** for the winter months! Stay and play/visit after traditional storytime. Follows the same schedule as traditional storytime.

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

Featured Children's Book

***If da Vinci Painted a Dinosaur* written by Amy Newbold, pictures by Greg Newbold**

We will feature this book and books about famous painters along with an activity in the children's area of the library for the month of March, which is Youth Art Month! (See all the beautiful kids' art on display and thank you to the Sauk Prairie art teachers for bringing it to our library).



This featured book follows Amy's format of her first book titled *If Picasso Painted a Snowman*. In both beautiful books, the subject (dinosaur in this month's book) is painted as if done in the style of famous artists like Edgar Degas, Mary Cassatt or Leonardo da Vinci. Kids are encouraged to draw a dinosaur in their own style! Books about painters will also be on display. Please check them out!

Lego Building Club

Drop in and build whatever you want, name it, take a picture and display it at Lego Club **Monday, March 11 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.



Innovators Club: Robots

Friday, March 22, 3:30 p.m.

School-age children are invited to the library's Innovators Club. This month we will work with Spheros and Ozobots. The Innovators Club meets one Friday a month and focuses on S.T.E.A.M. Perform science experiments, work with technology and tools, build and do some engineering, create art and play math games. No registration is required.

2019 Youth Media Awards

Newberry Medal Book

Mercy Suárez Changes Gears by Meg Medina

Newberry Honor Books

- *The Night Diary* by Veera Hiranandani
- *The Book of Boy* by Catherine Gilbert Murdock, illustrated by Ian Schoenherr

Caldecott Medal Book

Hello Lighthouse by Sophie Blackall

Caldecott Honor Books

- *Alma and How She Got Her Name* by Juana Martinez-Neal
- *A Big Mooncake for Little Star* by Grace Lin
- *The Rough Patch* by Brian Lies
- *Thank You, Omu!* By Oge Mora

June's Book Review

Annelies by David R. Gillham

What if Anne Frank had survived the Bergen-Belson Concentration Camp and was reunited with her father Otto?

In this novel, Anne lives because of luck and some extra rations. After being liberated, she returns to Amsterdam and her father whom she calls Pim.

Anne's mother and sister died in the camp and she feels survivor guilt and anger at the world.

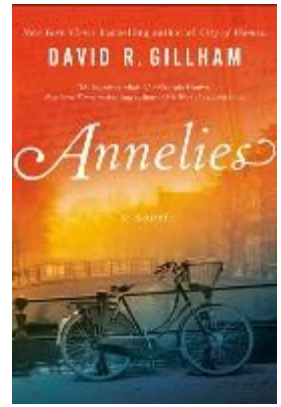
Her father just wants to look forward but Anne is not ready to stop looking back. Her diary has been lost and her dreams of being a writer seem pointless.

Author Gillham spent six years researching the book. Many details about postwar Amster-

dam are included.

The world is lucky Anne's diary was left to us. Better, of course, if she had lived and fulfilled her promise.

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.



**WE'RE
LOOKING FOR
A FEW GOOD
FRIENDS**

Friends Officers & Directors Needed

The Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library have openings on their board. Election of Officers and Directors will take place at the annual meeting Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. The time commitment is 6 meetings per year.

Please consider this opportunity to help make significant contributions to the library and spread the word if you know anyone who would be a good fit for the Board of the Friends! Contact Meagan at 643-8318 or mstatz@pdslibrary.org if you are interested.

Book of the Month

Magpie Murders by Anthony Horowitz

Alan Conway is a bestselling crime writer. His editor, Susan Ryeland, has worked with him for years, and she's intimately familiar with his detective, Atticus Pünd, who solves mysteries disturbing sleepy English villages. Alan's traditional formula pays homage to the queens of classic British crime such as Agatha Christie and Dorothy Sayers.

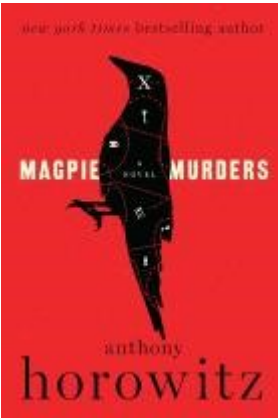
It's proved hugely successful. So successful that Susan must continue to put up with his troubling behavior if she wants to keep her job.

When Susan receives Alan's latest manuscript, in which Atticus Pünd investigates a murder at Pye Hall, an English manor house, she has no reason to think it will be any different from the others. There will be dead bodies, a cast of intriguing suspects, and plenty of red herrings and clues. But the more Susan reads, the more she realizes that there's another story hidden in the pages of the manuscript—one of ambition, jealousy, and greed—and that soon it will lead to murder.

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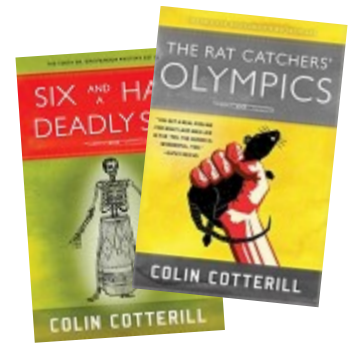
—Summary from book description



Mystery Book Club

Thursday, March 14, 6:45 p.m.

The library's Mystery Book Club will discuss mysteries by Colin Cotterill in March. 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.



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October 2, 2018 through April 30, 2019

Open to ALL ages!

Details available at front desk.



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At the Library in February



February Innovators Club was all about building towers!



We were so impressed with all the creative designs at Sharpie Mug Night February 26!



We had a great time at our All American Girl Tea Party February 23! Thanks to all for attending and special thanks to Laura Netzinger for help with party supplies and planning, Jayne Katers and Joan Colstad for donations of dolls, gifts and books and Laura, Louise and Deanna for help during the party.

