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Author Scott Spoolman

Thursday, May 2, 3:00 p.m.



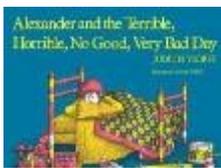
Science writer Scott Spoolman, author of *Wisconsin State Parks: Extraordinary Stories of Geology and Natural History*, will present an overview of Wisconsin's geologic history and a virtual tour through one of the State Parks.

In his book, Spoolman takes readers with him to twenty-eight state parks and forests where evidence of the state's striking geologic and natural history are on display. The author tells stories of events and processes that shaped Wisconsin's landscapes, including volcanic eruptions, invasions by ancient seas, crushing glaciers, and centuries of erosion. Thank you to the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library for sponsoring this event.

Book to Movie Afternoon

Wednesday, May 15, 3:30 p.m.

In honor of Children's Book Week, we'll read



Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst and watch the movie inspired by the book! Popcorn from Bonham Theatre will be served. Contact Beth at 643-8318 with questions.

Teen Tuesdays



Nilla Wafers

Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 p.m.

Make snacks with Nilla Wafers as the main ingredient.

Shrinky Dinks & Buttons

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 p.m.

We'll have all the supplies for you to make your own shrinky dinks and buttons!

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

How Charismatic Cranes Inspire Peace and Conservation

Wednesday, May 29, 6:30 p.m.

Cranes are depicted everywhere. They appear on ancient pieces of art, are featured in many cultural folktales and are the inspiration for the origami crane, a symbol of universal peace. Although they are prominent in art, many of their populations in the wild are declining. Of the 15 species of cranes in the world, 11 are threatened or endangered.



Join naturalist Alex Kerr from the International Crane Foundation at the library Wednesday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m. and learn how these majestic animals are symbols of peace and inspire communities to work together to encourage ecosystem health. The naturalist will talk about the role the International Crane Foundation plays in bringing together partners from around the world to better the areas where cranes and humans inhabit. Thank you to the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library for sponsoring this event.

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.



Upcoming Events

- MAY 2—AUTHOR SCOTT SPOOLMAN (3:00 PM)
- MAY 3—CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION (6:00 PM)
- MAY 6—LEGO BUILDING CLUB (3:30-5:00 PM)
- MAY 7—TEEN TUESDAY (6:30 PM)
- MAY 9—MYSTERY BOOK CLUB (6:45 PM)
- MAY 14—TEEN TUESDAY (6:30 PM)
- MAY 15—BOOK TO MOVIE (3:30 PM)
- MAY 18—MUFFINS FOR MOM (10:00 AM)
- MAY 27—LIBRARY CLOSED
- MAY 29—INTERNATIONAL CRANE FOUNDATION (6:30 PM)

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May 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

April 30, May 2, 3* Safety Outdoors

May 7*, 9, 10 Police Safety

May 14, 16*, 17 Emergency!

May 21-June 10 NO STORYTIME

*Special event today! See below.



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 Buddy**, a miniature Goldendoodle. Register at the front desk for your 15-minute appointment **Thursday, May 23** between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.



Ms. Beth will be visiting Sauk Prairie elementary schools this month with Brittany from the Sauk City Public Library to share about **summer reading** and fun events for school-aged kids. Brochures will come home with your children. Didn't get one? We'll have extras at the libraries.

Thank you to Mariah and the Bank of Prairie du Sac for sharing about Teach a Child to Save day in storytime on 4/18. Thank you for the goodies too!

Storytime Special Events

We're learning about safety with special events in storytime in May!

Party with Smokey Bear

Friday, May 3, 10:00 a.m.
Meet LIVE Smokey, eat cupcakes and enjoy activities and giveaways!

Policeman Visit

Tuesday, May 7, 10:00 a.m.
Meet Policeman Travis. It's always an adventure!

Field Trip Storytime to EMS

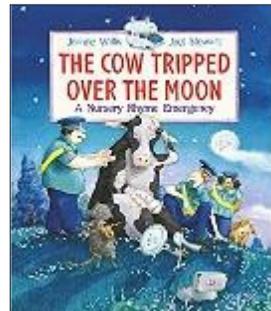
Thursday, May 16, 10:00 a.m.
At the new EMS building, 470 Oak Street
Go early or stay late for tours!

Featured Children's Book

The Cow Tripped Over the Moon: A Nursery Rhyme Emergency written by **Jeanne Willis**, illustrated by **Joel Stewart**

Remember the accidents that befell some of the beloved nursery rhymes? In this story that features an ambulance and its EMTs, no time is wasted in fixing up the boo-boos that occur in Storyland! Recall and share the nursery rhyme as you share this fun fix-it-up story that includes

Humpty Dumpty, Baby Bunting, Little Boy Blue and more!



Muffins for Moms!

Muffins for Mom is back for a special storytime **Saturday, May 18 at 10:00 a.m.** We'll share special stories for/about moms, have muffins, coffee and juice and do a craft. Everyone is welcome, but please invite your moms, grandmas or aunts! Contact Beth at 643-8318 with questions.



Innovators Club and Chess Club are on break through the summer, but watch for monthly summer Game On! days where chess sets will be available!

Lego Building Club

Drop in and build whatever you want, name it, take a picture and display it at Lego Building Club **Monday, May 6 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. *Lego Building Club will move to 1:00 p.m. on the second Friday of the month for June, July and August.*



June's Book Review

Courting Mr. Lincoln by Louis Bayard

In Springfield, Illinois in 1839 Mary Todd arrives from Kentucky to stay with her sister Elizabeth. The family is concerned Mary will end up an "old maid".

Mary soon meets handsome shopkeeper Joshua Speed whose best friend is Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln is an awkward, gangly

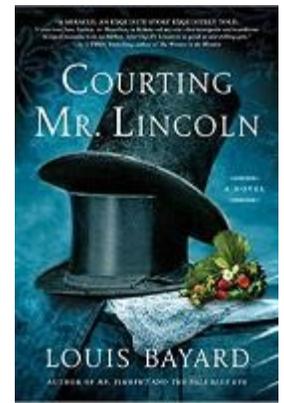
country lawyer who Speed is trying to teach the social graces. Mary is a debutante from a well off Kentucky family. She is bright, attractive and has a great interest in politics.

When Mary and Lincoln meet, she is surprised to find herself drawn to the gentle, sad lawyer. As the two get to know each other, Mary learns Lincoln is kind and funny.

As the relationship deepens, Lincoln proposes, Mary accepts. Before long though Lincoln breaks things off.

Told in alternating chapters by Mary Todd and Joshua Speed this novel is rich in period detail evoking the frontier town of Springfield in the 1840s.

Looking for more book recommendations? Check the staff picks display on our lower level.



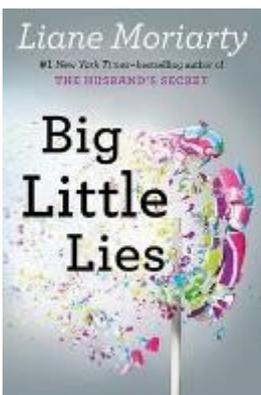
Book of the Month

Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty

A murder...a tragic accident...or just parents behaving badly? What's indisputable is that someone is dead. But who did what?

Big Little Lies follows three women, each at a crossroads:

Madeline is a force to be reckoned with. She's funny, biting, and passionate; she remembers everything and forgives no one. Her ex-husband and his yogi new wife have moved into her beloved beachside community, and their daughter is in the same kindergarten class as Madeline's youngest. (How is this possible?) And to top it all off, Madeline's teenage daughter seems to be choosing Madeline's ex-husband over her. (How. Is. This. Possible?)



Celeste is the kind of beautiful woman who makes the world stop and stare. While she may seem a bit flustered at times, who wouldn't be, with those rambunctious twins? Now that the boys are starting school, Celeste and her husband look set to become the king and queen of the school parent body. But royalty often comes at a price, and Celeste is grappling with how much she is willing to pay.

New to town, single mom Jane is so young that another mother mistakes her for the nanny. Jane is sad beyond her years and harbors secret doubts about her son. But why? While Madeline and Celeste soon take Jane under their wing, none of them realizes how the arrival of Jane and her inscrutable little boy will affect them all.

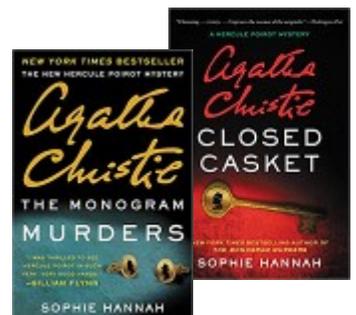
Big Little Lies is a brilliant take on ex-husbands and second wives, mothers and daughters, schoolyard scandal, and the dangerous little lies we tell ourselves just to survive.

--Summary from book description

Mystery Book Club

Thursday, May 9, 6:45 p.m.

The library's Mystery Book Club will discuss new Agatha Christie mysteries in May. 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.



Thank You!

The Friends of the Library spring book sale is complete! Thank you to all those that donated to sale and the great volunteers for helping make it a success: Karen Schoepfoester, Rod Lysenko, Paige Hooper, Bill Campbell, Helen Campbell, Judy Henseler, Ellen Paul, Mike Irwin, Mary Meng, and Carl Hoffman.

Collection Enhancements

Thanks to donations from the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library, we've been able to enhance our book on cd collection and replace broken cases. We've also replaced damaged copies of many classics. Look for them on display on the lower level by the elevator in May!





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At the Library in April



Thank you to Dana Fehrenbach , Kate Robbins, Clara Weiss and Ruby Taggart for helping teach kids knitting for April Innovators. Special BIG thanks to DMarie Knit and Fiber for supplying the needles, yarn and beautiful lobby display.



Teens got creative with Peeps in April.



Ms. Beth had a great time with the annual egg hunt in Bouncing Babies!



Picnic crafts in April storytimes!

