

PRAIRIE READER

Ruth Culver Community Library News



LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-Up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. This year the Ruth Culver Community Library joins the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide to remind parents, caregivers and students that signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning. There is nothing more empowering than signing up for your own library card. Through access to technology, media resources and educational programs, a library card gives students the tools to succeed in the classroom and provides people of all ages opportunities to pursue their dreams and passions. We invite you to visit us during the month of September to get your first card and celebrate by taking a photo with a giant library card, or if you've lost your card, now is a great time to replace it as the standard \$1 replacement fee is waived for the entire month.

The Ruth Culver Community Library will be CLOSED Saturday, September 4 and Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day.

EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAY: VIRTUAL LEGO PARTY

We'll be hosting a virtual LEGO building party via Zoom **Wednesday, September 15th at 2:30pm** for children in grades 5K-5th! Build your LEGO creation as you listen to Miss Heather read a story, then show off what you've built to the rest of the group. Use your own LEGOs, or pick up a bag of LEGOs from the library starting September 7th. Registration is required and can be done by calling the library at 608-643-8318 or online, ruthculver.librarycalendar.com/events/virtual-lego-party.

FAMILY HISTORY WITH DAWN BEEBE

Dawn Beebe will be giving a talk on her experiences with family history research on **Thursday, September 23rd at 6:30pm** at the library. Dawn is a long-time genealogy hobbyist who has researched deep in her family's history and has the stories to prove it. Come hear tales about Dawn's deep dives in online resources, adventures in archives, and travels around the country uncovering her family's past, and learn how you too can start researching your genealogy right here at the library. Registration is required and can be done online at ruthculver.librarycalendar.com/events/family-history-dawn-beebe. This event will be held in-person. Please wear a mask.

TEEN TUESDAYS

Teen Paint Night returns **Tuesday, September 14 at 6:45pm**. We'll provide blank canvases, paint and inspiration for you to create your own work of art. Wear old clothes!

Join us for Kahoot Trivia Night **Tuesday, September 28 at 6:45pm**.

Registration is required for in-person events and can be done online at ruthculver.librarycalendar.com. Teen Tuesdays are especially for grades 6-12. Masks are recommended.

September's **Teen Tuesday bags** will be available beginning September 14, no registration required. Just ask for your bag at the desk (while supplies last). This month you'll get supplies to make mini canvas paintings, candy sushi, and a homopolar motor.



Did You Know...
the new LINKcat app has a **digital library card**? If you don't like to carry your plastic card (or can't find it) this is a great option! Staff can just scan your phone when you checkout. Get the LINKcat Mobile App in your device's app store.



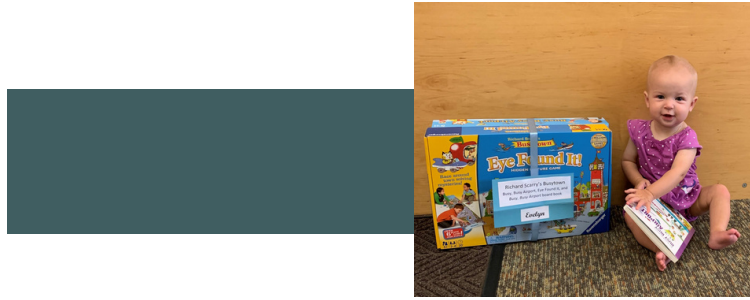
The Mystery Book Club will meet Thursday, September 9 at 6:45pm to discuss mysteries with dual authors. Copies are available on display in the library.

LIBRARY HOURS

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

CONGRATULATIONS READERS!

Congratulations and a big thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Tails and Tales Summer Library Programs! Between the adult, teen, and children's challenges, Ruth Culver Library patrons read over 4,000 hours this summer!



VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting of the virtual children's book club will be **Wednesday, September 22, at 4:00pm**. This month, we're reading *The Magic Misfits* by Neil Patrick Harris. When street magician Carter runs away he finds new friends who are also skilled in illusion and stage magic. Will their friendship and magic be enough to save their town from a crew of crooked carnies? Get a copy at the library and join us on Zoom! Register online at ruthculver.librarycalendar.com.

STORYTIMES BY THE RIVER

Storytime and Baby Songs are taking a break from August 30–September 10. Starting September 14th, join us again at Riverwalk Park by the library! Storytimes for children (suggested ages 2+, all are welcome) are Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:00am. Baby Songs storytimes (suggested ages 0–2, all are welcome) are Fridays at 10:00am. Please register online at ruthculver.librarycalendar.com.

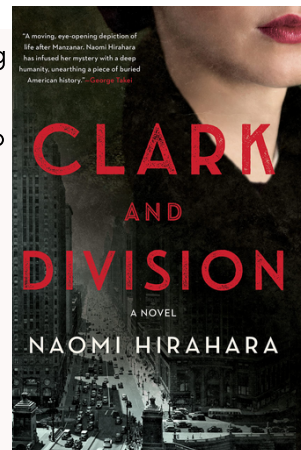
JUNE'S BOOK REVIEW *Clark and Division* by Naomi Hirahara

The year is 1944. Twenty-year-old Aki Ito is Japanese American. Aki and her parents had been imprisoned at Manzanar, a detention camp in southern California. When Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Japanese in 1941 most American-born Japanese were considered enemies and interned. The family is being sent to Chicago, Illinois to rejoin Aki's sister Rose. When they arrive the Itos are told that Rose committed suicide. Aki knew her sister too well to believe that. She finds a job at a library. Her parents' jobs are low paying and menial. As Aki searches for the truth about her sister's death, she locates Rose's diary and learns things are much more complicated than she thought.

This historical mystery is fast-paced with interesting characters. Hopefully the start of a series.

CRAFT BAGS

As craft bags continue every other week this fall, check out the display in the children's area of favorite crafts from this past year. Which ones were your favorites? Email pictures to hphelpsepdslibrary.org or drop off a picture of a craft your family has created this past year and we'll add it to the display.



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