

Prairie Reader



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Early Release Wednesday: All about Horses

Wednesday, September 18, 2:30 p.m.

Early Release Wednesday events return to the library September 18 at 2:30 p.m. This month is all about horses with LIVE pony Lexy!

She and her owner Robin will visit the library. Learn what it's like to own and take care of a pony. We'll have a "meet and greet" with Lexy too!



Do you like Breyer horses? Check out Martha's display in the lobby case. She'll be giving away most of them to kids at this first Early Release Wednesday program! (We'll have a drawing for the horses if we don't have one per each child attending.) Contact Beth at 643-8318 with questions.

The Library will be **CLOSED**
Saturday, August 31 &
Monday, September 2

Teen Tuesdays

Build Your Own Banana Split
Tuesday, September 3, 6:30 p.m.



Build your own banana split at the library. We'll have bananas, ice cream and all the toppings!

Soapmaking

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

Make your own melt-and-pour soap. All supplies will be provided!

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



Library Card Sign-Up Month

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month - the perfect time to make sure kids are equipped with a library card. A library card can give kids access to materials to research their papers or information for their next book report. It can also help make life after school more fun, with free access to music, DVDs, the Internet and more. Of course, library cards are not just for kids. Parents bring their children to the library because it gives them something to do together. Parents can help their children explore new interests and, at the same time, enjoy a family program or pick out a best seller for themselves. Best of all, family time at the library won't break the bank. The library and all its resources are all free with a library card!

Mother Bruce is Coming!

Guess who's visiting Prairie du Sac for Library Card Sign-Up Month? It's Mother Bruce! He will visit kids at schools and daycares the week of September 16-20, and storytimes at the Ruth Culver Community Library **Tuesday, September 17 and Friday, September 20 at 10:00 a.m.**



Innovators Club: Egg Drop

Monday, September 30, 3:30 p.m.

School-age children are invited to the library's Innovators Club Monday, September 30 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Try something new; do something in a new way! This month we will explore engineering with an egg drop! Can you construct a safe way to drop an egg without it breaking? Prizes for those who do! We will hold this program outdoors if weather is nice. Contact Beth at 643-8318 with questions.



Upcoming Events

- AUG. 31-SEP. 2—LIBRARY CLOSED
- SEP. 3—TEEN TUESDAY (6:30 PM)
- SEP. 10—TEEN TUESDAY (6:30 PM)
- SEP. 12—MYSTERY BOOK CLUB (6:45 PM)
- SEP. 18—ALL ABOUT HORSES (2:30 PM)
- SEP. 19—LEGO BUILDING CLUB (3:30-5:00 PM)
- SEP. 25—COMMUNITY STORYTIME AT 6:8 (4:15 PM)
- SEP. 30—INNOVATORS CLUB (3:30 PM)



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September 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: Me and My Family

Aug. 27-Sep. 6 **NO STORYTIME**

Sep. 10, 12, 13 **Grandparents**

Sep. 17, 19, 20 **Moms & Dads**

Sep. 24, 26, 27 **Me!**



Book character Mother Bruce will visit storytimes 9/17 & 9/20!



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

Chess Club for Kids will meet Monday, October 7 and Monday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. Beginner's instruction provided!

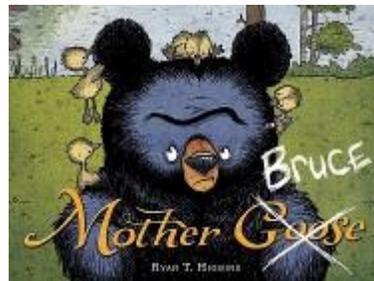
It was our best summer ever for monarch caterpillars! We had at least 24 that we watched eat, grow, form chrysalises and hatch into butterflies. Thanks Jenna McCann for supplying this live science wonder!



Featured Children's Book

Mother Bruce written and illustrated by Ryan T. Higgins

In honor of our annual storybook character visit in conjunction with Library Card Sign-Up



Month, meet **M o t h e r Bruce** by Ryan T. Higgins. Bruce is a **g r u m p y** bear who only likes eggs! He

also likes fancy recipes so one day as he is preparing to hard boil his goose eggs, they end up hatching and think he's their Mama! This book will crack you up with its hilarious story and illustrations! If you're not familiar with the Mother Bruce books, there is a display in the children's area of the library. Check out a book about him!

This is our library's 13th consecutive year bringing a storybook character to the library, elementary schools and many childcares and preschool centers. This year visits will be 9/16-9/20 with Mother Bruce attending storytimes on 9/17 and 9/20 at about 10:20 a.m.

Lego Building Club

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

Lego Club is moving to one Thursday a month for the rest of 2019. Drop in and build whatever you want, name it, take a picture and display it! Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

Summer Reading Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the August summer reading drawings, and thank you to all the readers who helped us complete our summer mosaic!

August Winners:

Cave of the Mounds passes: Phoebe H.

Space equipment: Jennifer M.

Kindle Fire: Evelyn S.

American Girl Beforever: Siena M. and

Madilyn S.

Community Storytime

The Ruth Culver Community Library continues to travel to the 6:8 facility in Sauk City for Community Storytime! Our next one will be **Wednesday, September 25 at 4:15 p.m.** followed by a free community meal from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the 6:8 building, 821 Industry Road, Sauk City. Please join us!



June's Book Review

Tidelands by Philippa Gregory

This historical novel follows Alinor Reekie, her daughter Alys and son Rob. The year is 1648, the setting the southern coast of England. Life is hard for the Reekie family since their husband and father deserted them.

Alinor is an herbalist and midwife on the island where the family lives and her daughter

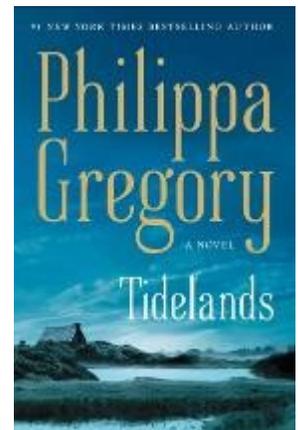
works for the local miller. One night Alinor goes to the local church to pray and meets James, a Catholic priest. James is in England to free King Charles the I from imprisonment nearby. Puritans led by Oliver Cromwell have dethroned the King.

James must remain in disguise as he could be hung if discovered. Alinor agrees to hide him. As Alinor and James become

more drawn to each other, things become more dangerous for them and the country.

This novel has strong female characters. The marshy landscape and bleak atmosphere is compelling. This is the first book in a series.

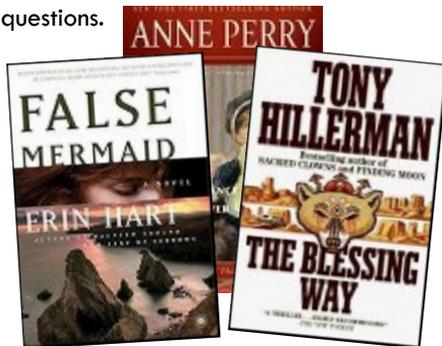
Looking for more book recommendations? Check the staff picks display on our lower level.



Mystery Book Club

Thursday, September 12, 6:45 p.m.

The library's Mystery Book Club will discuss personal favorites in September. 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.



Upcoming Events

Jewelry Making

Monday, October 14, 6:00 p.m.

Make your own jewelry at the library, all supplies provided! This event is open to ages 18 and up. **Registration is required.** Contact Charlene at 643-8318 with questions. Thank you to the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library for sponsoring this event.

Paranormal Wisconsin

Wednesday, November 6, 6:30 p.m.

Paranormal researcher Chad Lewis returns to share Paranormal Wisconsin: Tales of Ghosts, UFOs, and Mysterious Creatures. This presentation is an eerie combination of the most bizarre paranormal topics and covers the entire spectrum of Wisconsin's

supernatural activity. Thank you to the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library for sponsoring this event.

Fall Book Sale

Friday, November 8, 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 9, 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m.

Mason Jar Mixes

Wednesday, December 4, 6:00 p.m.

Make mason jar mixes at the library. These would be great to give as gifts or keep for yourself! Open to ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Contact Charlene at 643-8318 with questions. Thank you to the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library for sponsoring this event.

Book of the Month

A Tale for the Time Being by Ruth Ozeki

Hi! My name is Nao, and I am a time being. Do you know what a time being is? Well, if you give me a moment, I will tell you...

On a remote island in the Pacific Northwest, a Hello Kitty lunchbox washes up on the beach. Tucked inside is a collection of curious items: an antique wristwatch, a pack of indecipherable letters, and the diary of a sixteen-year-old Japanese girl named Nao Yasutani. Ruth, who finds the lunchbox, suspects that it is debris from Japan's devastating 2011 tsunami. Once Ruth starts to read the diary, she

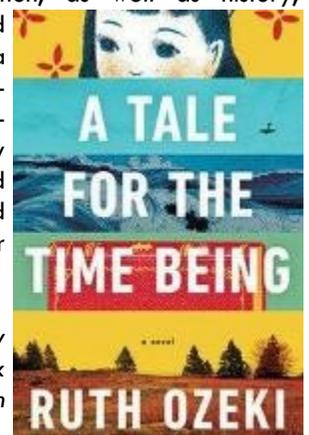
quickly finds herself drawn into the mystery of the young girl's fate.

In a manga café in Tokyo's Electric Town, Nao has decided there's only one escape from the loneliness and pain of her life, as she's uprooted from her U.S. home, bullied at school, and watching her parents spiral deeper into disaster. But before she ends it all, she wants to accomplish one thing: to recount the story of her great grandmother, a 104-year-old Zen Buddhist nun, in the pages of her secret diary. The diary, Nao's only solace, is her cry for help to a reader whom she can only imagine.

Full of Ozeki's signature humor and in-

sight, *A Tale for the Time Being* weaves across time and space as it probes the relationship between writer and reader, fact and fiction, as well as history, memory, and myth, in a brilliantly inventive, beguiling story of our shared humanity and the search for home.

--Summary from book description





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At the Library in August

Thank you for a fun final Meet & Greet in August with Draco, Gilbert and Madeline and to our librarian Kris for making cut-out cookies! Jenna McCann also stopped by to answer questions. The pets are back to school in Mrs. McCann's class again.



Teen Tuesdays:
Candy sushi & Virtual Reality



Maker Mondays:
Stop-Motion Animation, LEDs, Green Screen & Slime!

