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Please note that registration is required with some programs.
Registration can be done in person, over the phone or in some cases, online.



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Newsletter

FROM THE DIRECTOR

It's hard to believe summer is over and school will soon be starting. We had a very busy summer at the library and a very successful summer reading program. There were 497 children, 27 teens and 65 adults who participated by reading lots of books this summer. From June-August, we had the highest number of check-outs ever in a threemonth period, checking out over 66,000 items.

Our new Information Desk by the entrance is working out nicely. Staff can answer your questions, place holds, help you find your items on the hold shelf, and assist you with computer and printing questions.

People have really taken to our self check out station. If you use this, please remember to check your receipt to make sure all your items have been checked out. Or if you don't print a receipt, make sure each title is displayed on the screen before you finish. We have had many instances where people have thought they checked an item out, but they really haven't. It is

important to watch the screen for error messages that sometimes occur. Staff will be glad to help you, so don't hesitate to ask. Also, if you take an item off the hold shelf and decide you don't want to check it out. please give it to a staff member to remove the hold. If you just drop it in the book return, it will come back to you! If you check out DVDs or CDs, please remember to unlock the cases (unlocker is located next to the self check out machine).

Many patrons have damaged cases trying to unlock them at home and we will charge you to replace damaged cases.

The Friends of the Library had their most successful Book and Bake Sale ever in July. We are reaping the benefits from this as the Friends have authorized many new purchases for the library. This group has become very active and we encourage new members to join this great organization. Many

volunteer opportunities are possible, including working the Brat Hut at Frank's Piggly Wiggly, sorting books for the next sale, and working a water station at the Zooma Great Lakes Marathon. We are also looking for someone to help us sell rare books on eBay. If you have any experience with this and are interested in volunteering, please see Angela at the library.

We are excited to offer some new programs this fall. You will find new programs outlined in this newsletter, like 'We Explore' for preschoolers, a teen book club, and movie showings with coffee & donuts for seniors. Homeschooling families are invited to a Meet & Greet on September 11. A speaker from the Wisconsin Parents' Association will be here. We hope that everyone will find something of interest among our variety of program offerings.

Lisa Selje Library Director

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

We are excited to announce a new, year-round program for newborns up to kindergarteners. 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is an easy, fun way to remind yourself to read aloud to your children and use

the library. Reading aloud to young children increases their vocabulary and early literacy skills and will make it easier for them to learn to read when they go to school. You can start the

program any time after September 10 and go at your own pace, earning fun stickers, until you complete 1,000 books and get a special prize book to keep!

Special Services

Computers for public use. There are 15 computers available for general use at the library. All of the computers have high-speed internet access as well as Microsoft Office 2007 Suite. We also have 5 computers that can be used to browse for materials housed within our library or throughout our 52 library system. With your card, you have access to more than 2.8 million items!

Wi-fi. With your laptop or other internet-ready device, you can have access to the built-in wi-fi at the library. Simply connect to the lower level or upper level access points.

Adult Book Clubs. Page Turners Book Club meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The Afternoon Book Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m. Check out a copy of the books at the library!

Children's programs. See pages 4-5.

Audio/visual services. Includes the circulation of books on CD, Playaway and MP3, music CDs, DVDs and videos of both feature films and how-to's.

Local history collection. Provides information of historical value on the city of Elkhorn, Walworth County and the state of Wisconsin. We also have obituary clippings that were published in the Elkhorn Independent dating back to 1974.

Study rooms. There are three study rooms available on a first come, first serve basis.

Interlibrary loan. We can obtain materials from around the state and across the country when they are not available through our library consortium.



For more information, please visit us online at www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us or like us on facebook.

AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT

Elizabeth Berg was born on December 2, 1948 in St. Paul, Minnesota. She grew up moving many times because her father was a member of the military. Twice she went to three schools in a single year. Elizabeth was a Registered Nurse for ten years prior to becoming a writer. Her writing career began with a magazine essay contest which she won. Her debut novel Durable Goods, published in 1993, is part of a trilogy based on her own experiences with her father in the military. The second book in the series Joy School was the American Library Association best book of the year in 1998.

Her current published titles include:

Katie Nash Series Durable Goods Joy School True to Form

Novels

Talk Before Sleep
Range of Motion
The Pull of the Moon
What We Keep
Until the Real Thing Comes Along
Open House
Never Change
Say When
The Art of Mending
The Year of Pleasures
We are all Welcome Here
The Handmaid
and the Carpenter
Dream

When
You're
Feeling Blue
Home Safe
The Last Time I
Saw You
Once Upon a
Time, There
was You

Collections

Ordinary Life The Day I Ate Whatever I

Wanted: And Other Small Acts of Liberation



Source: http://www.elizabeth-berg.net

Nonfiction

Escaping into the Open: The Art of Writing True

Did you know...

Elizabeth Berg sang in a rock band.

Her book *Open House* was an Oprah Book Club Selection in 2000.

She lives mostly in Chicago, but sometimes in Boston or Wisconsin.

Her latest novel *Tapestry of Fortunes* is scheduled to be released in 2013

Sources: www.elizabeth-berg.net, www.wikipedia.org, and www.fantasticfiction.co.uk

THE CHALK MAN SPOTTED AT THE LIBRARY



Steve Leffelman, also known as the Chalk Man around town, has been chalking our library since June. Pictured at right is Steve and his most recent art work which reads "Are You Ready?" and drawn beside it is a backpack loaded with school supplies.

Steve is an Elkhorn resident who is a regular library user. He thoroughly enjoys reading and doing things for the community. He works at Steinbrink's Piggly Wiggly in Lake Geneva.

WISCONSIN'S DIGITAL LIBRARY EXPANDING



Wisconsin's Digital Library (formerly Overdrive) service online? If you haven't visited in a while you

are missing out! What has changed? Libraries across the state have pooled their resources and are now purchasing titles collaboratively, That means that a patron in Elkhorn has the same access to materials as a patron in northern Wisconsin. The digital collection is racing to keep up with demand and has increased about 53% (copies versus titles) since the beginning of the year. There are thousands of materials available including: 8,400 audiobook titles, 12,400 eBook titles, 179 music files and 319 video files (these figures do not include multiple copies of a title).

In the state of Wisconsin, circulation of digital titles is up 69% over the previous six months:

July-December 2011: 310,422 January-June 2012: 525,953

For the overall life of the collection (established in

2005), there have been 1,918,077 checkouts to date. We will hit 2,000,000 by the beginning of September. It is estimated that we will see 1.000.000 checkouts for 2012 alone.

Wisconsin's Digital Library works like a regular library. eBook or audio book titles (or digital licenses) are purchased and if one patron has the item checked out. a second patron will need to wait for the item to be returned. In some cases, multiple copies of a title are purchased if there is demand for additional copies. If an item you are interested in is currently unavailable simply place a hold on the material by entering your email address. You will be notified via email when the item is available for download. You will have three days to check out the material from date of notification.

Are you excited about Wisconsin's Digital Library now? If you haven't had a chance to view our new All-In-One Brochure for Wisconsin's Digital Library, please stop by the library to pick up a copy or you can visit our web site at www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us and click on eLibrary to download a copy. Or visit dbooks.wplc.info to start browsing for your next digital title!

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT

Have you heard the phrase, "There's an app for that." Here in library land, we hear it too! To meet the changing needs of our patron base we are offering electronic services as well as in-person services. Let us introduce a few apps you might consider downloading.

Have you heard of freegal? That's the free library music service available to Elkhorn Library card holders. Download the freegal music app and start downloading.

Make sure you check out BookMyne, the app for the library's catalog. Use it to keep track of items checked out, items you have on hold or library fines.

And don't forget about Overdrive Media Console. This is your gateway to Wisconsin's Digital Library on your smartphone or iPad.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

The library has many drop-in programs. No registration required!

Join Slipped Stitches every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Bring your knitting or crochet project and work with others who share your interests.



Walworth County Genealogical Society welcomes you on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and by appointment.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Nov. 3 9:00a.m.-2:00 p.m. 3rd Annual Craft Fair.

Nov. 6 2:00 p.m. Whole Grain Goodness, presented by your Walworth Co. UW-Extension Family Living Educator, Jenny Wehmeier.

Nov. 9 10:00 a.m. We Explore Natural Thanksgiving with the Welty Environmental Center.

Nov. 14 10:00 a.m. Nook and Kindle eReader Title Swap.

Nov. 16 10:00 a.m. We Explore Healthy Snacking.

Dec. 4 2:00 p.m. Microwave Magic, presented by your Walworth Co. UW-Extension Family Living Educator, Jenny Wehmeier.

Dec. 15 10:30am Cookie Swap for adults and Santa's Kitchen for kids.

YOUTH SERVICES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Fall session ends October 26. Registration for the holiday session (November/December) opens October 27.

Holiday programs will include a Natural Thanksgiving with the Welty Environmental Center Nov. 9 and Santa's Kitchen cookie decorating December 15.

WISH LIST

- Paper towels
- Kleenex
- Baby wipes (refill packs)



- Stickers
- Brown paper lunch bags

TEEN BOOK

A book club just for teens ages 13 and up. Meeting for the first time on **Thursday**, **September 27 at 7:00 p.m.** Lindsay Fournier will lead the discussion. All you have to do is check out the book or audio



"Thirteen Reasons Why" by Jay Asher at the library, read or listen to the book, and join us for a discussion and snacks.

FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN

I'm excited to get started on our fall session! We're offering lots of new programs and making changes to our favorite stand-bys in order to accommodate all the parents and children who would like to attend and keep programs fun for everyone!

Beginning this fall, programming will be broken into 2-3 month "sessions". There will be time off from programming in between sessions to give librarians time to plan new programs, order new books, and take care of all the behind-the-scenes work that makes this a great library! The fall session will run September 10 to October 26.

Toddlers 'n' Books with Miss Pattie will now meet only on Tuesdays. Two sessions, 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., will be offered and each session is limited to 40 people. I will be offering a new program on Friday mornings, We Explore. Each week will have a different theme and there will be storytimes, performers, and more with special guest appearances by Miss Pattie!

Online registration is required for We Explore and some special programs. You can register by visiting www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us and clicking on

the Calendar link. Click on the program link and register online. If you are unable to register online, please call us at (262) 723-2678 and we will register you over the phone or in person. Fall registration will open September 1, holiday session registration will open October 27. We are testing our new registration system, so please let us know if you have any difficulties.

After school clubs will resume on Thursday afternoons. Remember that all ages are welcome and you can drop by any time between 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. for these programs.

Want to know what we are doing at Messy Art Club? Need a reminder for the week's programs? Like us on Facebook! We post a reminder of exciting programs coming up every Monday. Find us at facebook.com/ElkhornLibrary.

For more information about children's programming or services, please contact Jennifer Wharton, Youth Services Librarian, (262) 723-2678 ext. 14 or jwharton@elkhorn.lib.wi.us

HOMESCHOOL MEET 'N' GREET

Would you like to meet other Elkhorn homeschooling families? Interested in homeschooling, but not sure where to start? Join us for an informal meet 'n' greet session.

Join us on **September 11at 6:30 p.m.** in the Community Room. Children are welcome! Registration opens September 1. Visit our web site to register online or call (262) 723-2678.

Deborah Tuszkiewicz, from the Wisconsin Parents' Association will talk about homeschooling in Wisconsin and be available to answer questions. Jennifer Wharton, youth services librarian, will display some of the resources available at the library.

Art activities will be

offered for children during the informational sessions and there will be refreshments afterwards, with time for parents to chat.



YOUTH SERVICES

MISS PATTIE'S CORNER

The following programs are sponsored by the Matheson Memorial Library and Elkhorn Area School District Parent Connections:

Tiny Tots

2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 10 & 24, Oct. 8 & 22 Stories, songs, and discoveries for ages 5 and under.

Toddlers 'n' Books

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sessions are limited to 40 attendees.

Stories, songs, and discoveries for 18 months to 36 months.

Books 'n' Babies

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Stories, songs and discoveries followed by an open playtime for 0 to 18 months

NEW! Family Game Night

Families are invited to come and enjoy board games, Wii gaming, and more. Thursday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. (only one meeting during the fall session). Facilitated by Pattie Woods and sponsored by Parent Connections.



About Pattie Woods

Pattie Woods is the Elkhorn Area School District's Parent Connection's Parent Educator. She offers programs at the Matheson Memorial Library and throughout the Elkhorn community for ages 0-5 and their families. Contact Pattie Woods, Parent Connections and 4K: 262-723-3160 ext. 1416 woodpa@elkhorn.lib.wi.us

FALL SESSION PROGRAMS

Lego Club September 13 & 27, October 11 & 25 in the Community Room.

Children of all ages are invited to drop by between 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. and build with Legos!

Messy Art Club September 20, Back to School with Dotty.



October 4, Painting Pumpkins

October 20, Monster Boxes

Source: bigsislilsis.com

Children of all ages are invited to

drop by between 3:30 and 5 p.m. and use their creativity! Like us on Facebook to see the week's projects.

Preschool Interactive

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Preschool Interactive is an early literacy and art program for ages 3-6. Storytime lasts 30 minutes followed by art projects. Take home crafts and information are provided for each child. No registration is required and children outside the targeted age are welcome to join us!



MS. JENNIFER OFFERS NEW PROGRAM

We Explore is a new program series, aimed at ages three and up. Each week will offer a different experience but all will include stories and activities for ages three and older.

Who: Ages three and older. Younger siblings and friends welcome.

When: Fridays at 10am

Where: Storyroom OR Community

Room



Registration is required and space is limited. Registration opens

September 1.

September 14, We Explore Autumn

September 21, We Explore Colors

September 28, We Explore Monsters with optional costume swap

October 5, We Explore Outdoors: Ice Age Trail with Barb Converse

October 12, We Explore Healthy Snacking with Pattie Woods from EASD Parent Connections



October 26, We Explore Giant Boxes

If you have any questions about We Explore or any of the programs geared toward children, please contact Jennifer Wharton at (262) 723-2678 ext. 14 or jwharton@elkhorn.lib.wi.us

ADULT SERVICES

SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS

We celebrated our many volunteers on August 22 at the 2nd Annual Volunteer Appreciation Ice Cream Social. Angela Meyers, Adult Services Librarian, and Lisa Selje, Library Director, thanked the volunteers for their service to the library. We also played a game of Get to Know You where each person wrote down one thing (silly or serious) that the group may not know about them. After a round of guess who, we learned a lot more about our fabulous volunteers including one person who ran a marathon in Japan, another who worked in one place of employment for 48 years and another who ate a chocolate covered cicada in Lake Geneva. We had a great time sharing experiences and eating ice cream!

Volunteers from indoors to out were recognized including: library trustees, Friends members, Adopt-A-Shelf volunteers, Walworth County Genealogical Society volunteers, the Chalk Man, the master gardeners and more!

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers. You make our library a great place to visit!





Katie James and Nancy Walczyk discuss future volunteer activities (above)

Volunteers make their way through the ice cream buffet (left)

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBER WINS VOLUNTEER AWARD

We recently learned that Penny Rausch, an invaluable volunteer for our community and United States Air Force veteran, has won an Outstanding Senior Citizens award. She will receive her award at a ceremony being held during the Walworth County Fair.

A passion for reading and helping others led Penny to the Matheson Memorial Library over five years ago to work part-time at the Circulation Desk. She then also joined the non-profit organization, Friends of Matheson Memorial Library, which is the fundraising arm of the library. Last year, she decided to retire and focus more on her family and volunteer activities.

Penny is the Vice President and Membership Coordinator for the Friends of the Library. She is active in every committee with the group and has helped raise money and increase membership with her persistence and dedication. In the last year alone, she has helped raise over \$10,000 for the library and increased memberships. She is also the co-chair of the Cookbook Committee, whose efforts have raised over \$2,500 for the library. She typed and edited hundreds of recipes and is now actively selling them wherever she goes!

Penny's involvement in the library doesn't stop there, she is also an active Adopt-A-Shelf volunteer. Adopt-A-Shelf is a self-paced volunteer program where volunteers can "adopt" an area to maintain in the library. This includes shelfreading, straightening and dusting a shelf range. Penny has taken on 2/3 of the Biography collection. And most recently, she has started volunteering as a homebound delivery person. On a monthly basis, she takes reading materials to a woman who lives in a nursing home who wouldn't ordinarily be able to get the library.

Penny is involved with the Lakeland Health Care Center Nursing Home as a volunteer as well. She volunteers by covering

Penny Rausch

the reception desk so the staff can hold monthly meetings without interruption.

Penny enjoys her time volunteering and would, without a doubt, drop what she is doing to help out with any project for the library at a moment's notice.

Congratulations Penny and thank you for all that you do!

ADULT SERVICES

BOOK CLUBS WELCOMES YOU

Our library offers two book clubs that are open to the public. The Page Turners meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. and the Afternoon Book Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Copies of the books are available for check out 3-4 weeks prior to the book club meetings.

In September, the Page Turners will discuss "State of Wonder" by Ann Patchett. October's book selection is "A Reliable Wife" by Robert Goolrick.

The Afternoon Book Club will meet in September to discuss "Please look after mom" by Kyŏng-suk Shin.
October's pick selection is "The Lonely Polygamist" by Brady Udall.

MEAL PLANNING 101

Help us welcome back Dannelle Gay, couponing pro, for a program



on meal planning. Come learn how to save time and money by simple meal planning! We will talk about using your stockpile, how to get creative with leftovers and work the grocery store meat cycles to your advantage! This class is 1 hour long and has a mini cookbook to take home.

Saturday, Sep. 8, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

COMPUTER CLASSES

We are once again offering an Introduction to Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint 2007. Classes run 1.5-2 hours. Basic keyboard and mouse skills required. There is a \$5 refundable deposit for each class due at the time of registration.

Wednesday, September 12 9:30am—Microsoft Word 2007

Wednesday, September 19 9:30am—Microsoft Excel 2007

Wednesday, September 26 9:30am—Microsoft PowerPoint 2007.



You can sign up for one or all three! Spots are limited so register early!

CLASSIC MOVIES FOR SENIORS

Whether you are classified as a senior by AARP or Social Security, you are invited to this special program for seniors. Pease join us for a new program called "Coffee, Donuts & a Movie for Seniors." We will be showing classic films from the 30s-60s on the big screen on selected Friday mornings in the fall. And if this program is a success, we will continue showing films in 2013!

Friday, September 21, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. "Bringing Up Baby."

Friday, October 26, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. "For Whom the Bell Tolls."

Coffee and donuts will be provided. Bring a friend!

Movie showings are generously sponsored by the Friends of Matheson Memorial Library.

FALL VEGGIE FEAST EBAY

Fall is the perfect time to enjoy the harvest of deep colored vegetables like pumpkins, kale, and squash. What can you do with this delicious bounty? Learn more about preparing vegetables while maintaining their nutritional value and expand your veggie vocabulary by joining our workshop, led by Walworth County UW-Extension Family Living Educator Jenny Wehmeier. Come hungry, leave healthy!



Register in person at the library or download the flyer from our web site www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us/

wordpress/adult/

Tuesday, October 9, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.



This two no

This two-part class will be held on Oct. 16 & 23 9:30 a.m.12:30 p.m. \$20 materials fee due at time of registration (This class is best suited for those with intermediate computer skills).

DECADENT DESSERTS

Do you love to bake? Do you have a sweet tooth? Then this program is a must! Bring a scrumptious dessert and enjoy the sweeter part of life on **Saturday**, **October 6 at 2:00 p.m.** Recipes will be collected the day of and distributed to attendees via email.



Please reserve your seat by calling (262) 723-2678, register in person at the library or on our web site.

FRIENDS OF MATHESON MEMORIAL LIBRARY UPDATE

BOOK & BAKE SALE BREAKS RECORDS

The July Friends Book & Bake Sale was a huge success by raising over \$4,150 for the library in only three days! We sold \$3,063 in books, \$956 in baked goods and \$135 in new memberships. This was by far our largest sale to date and required a small army to organize. Special thank-yous to the Walworth County Fairgrounds for the use of their tables and the Sale Committee for their efforts: Katie James, Leslie McLeer, Penny Rausch, Judy Tucker and Ce Ce Wytrykus. Lastly, the sale was only made possible by the 69 volunteers and entire library staff who helped set up, bake goodies and work the event. Thank you to all who came out to support the Friends!

COOKBOOK TO BE FEATURED IN WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL

The Friends Hometown Favorites cookbook has been selected for the Wisconsin State Journal Sunday Edition in September. Several recipes from the cookbook will be featured and to show people from all over the state our wonderful cookbook. Copies are still available at the Circulation Desk for \$10. With the holidays fast approaching, give this community cookbook as a special holiday gift!

JOIN US FOR LUNCH AT FRANK'S BRAT **STAND**

The Friends will be working at the Frank's Piggly Wiggly Brat Stand on Sunday, September 9th and Saturday, October 13th from 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Come support the Friends by enjoying lunch with us! All sale proceeds will go to the library.



THANK YOU FOR BEING A FRIEND!

National Friends of the Library Week activities will be held October 17th-19th at the library. We will be celebrating the accomplishments of Matheson Library's amazing Friends group. We will have a lobby table with giveaways and raffle prize, sign up new members and display some of our most recent



donations to the library. Come say hello!

Also, please join us for a special meeting/party on October 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center as a special thank you to all our Friends. Hope to see you there!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

The Friends of Matheson Library has over 80 members and we want to hear from you! We will be sending short surveys to all Friends members in the coming weeks to gauge interest, determine participation level and get ideas for 2013. So please keep an eye out for your mail or e-mail survey soon.



MOVIE NIGHT IS BACK

The Friends Movie Night will return on Friday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m. with a special showing of The Hunger Games. Adapted from the New York Times bestselling series by Suzanne Collins, this film broke box office records and delighted fans and critics worldwide with the story about a teenage girl forced into a life-or-death match to spare the life of her sister. May the odds be ever in her favor! Admission, popcorn and soda are



all provided by the Friends. This film is rated PG-13 so children under 13 will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Friday, October 12th at 6:30 p.m. will be showing one of the greatest action movies of the year and third-highest grossing film of all time, The Avengers. The greatest superheroes in the Marvel Comics universe team up for the first time on screen to save the world. This film is also rated PG-13 so children under 13 will need to be accompanied by an adult.



Interested in helping out on movie night for setup and supervision? Contact Friends President Katie James at friends@elkhorn.lib.wi.us.