

# ETHEL EVERHARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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Winter/Spring 2010



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READING EDUCATION  
ASSISTANCE DOGS

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## *Reading dogs??*

### **Not quite.....**

The Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.) program improves children's reading and communication skills by employing a powerful method: reading to a dog. R.E.A.D. dogs are registered therapy animals who volunteer with their owner/handlers as a team. Kids in kindergarten through third grade come to the library every Wednesday morning to participate. If your child is in this age

group, encourage him or her to sign up at the beginning of the school year. Even reluctant readers discover this experience to be relaxing and enjoyable. Home school families may also participate by contacting the library. If you are interested in becoming a dog/handler read team, please contact Karen Robotka [robotka@palacenet.net](mailto:robotka@palacenet.net) or (608) 296-4337.

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The library received a grant through Wisconsin's Library Services Technology Assistance fund to help purchase an **automatic front door opener** for better accessibility. The installation is now complete.

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## **New collection of Usborne Books has arrived!**

Thank you to the following businesses for donating to the recent "[Literacy for a Lifetime](#)" program to bring these popular books to the community.

Walker Agency  
National Exchange  
Bill and Kay (The End Zone)  
Virch's True Value  
Al Wick  
Anonymous



# **COMPUTER CLASSES**

(Adult)

All classes (except the Facebook session) are limited to 4 participants. Call or email to register. Contact information is on the back of this newsletter.

## **► Conduct a Basic Internet Search**

Tues., Feb 16 5-6PM

Thurs., Mar 18 12:45-1:45

*The same class will be repeated twice. Get your feet wet. If you have a specific website you need to access for whatever reason, you can practice on that during the second half of the class.*

## **► Sign up for a free Email Account**

Tues., March 16 5-6PM

Thurs., April 1, 12:45-1:45PM

*Same class will be repeated twice. Participants will register for an email account and learn how to access it and use it from any computer with internet access.*

## **► Basic Word Processing (Microsoft Word)**

Thurs., Feb 18 12:45-1:45 PM

Tues., Mar 30 5-6PM

*Same class will be repeated twice. Learn how to create, edit, and save a basic word document. Participants may learn on word 2003 or word 2007. (Instruction in word 2003 is sufficient for those who have word 2000 at home.)*

## **► Learn about Facebook**

Thursday, March 25, 1:00-1:30

*You've heard of Facebook, but what can you do with it? How is it different than email or other internet-based communication tools? Is it safe for my kids? Is it safe for me? This is an informational session about Facebook, using a digital projector to show examples.*

# **February is Black History Month**

Check out our books, movies and displays celebrating accomplishments of African Americans and many civil rights leaders.

# Mini Book Sale & Valentine Bake Sale

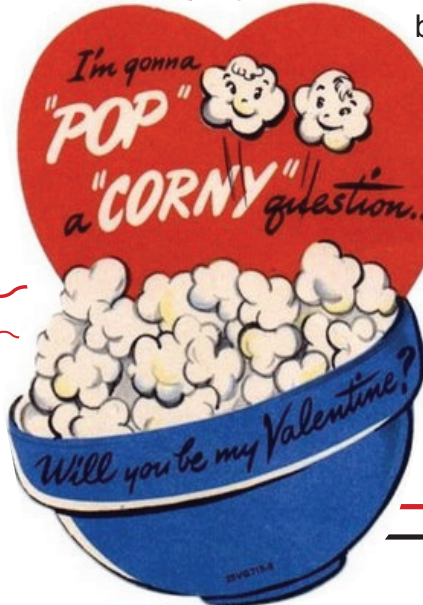
Sponsored by the  
**Friends of the  
Library**  
Saturday,  
February 13  
9AM-1PM

## *Valentine Bookmarks*

(All ages)

Supplies for making cre-  
ative designs will

be available  
the week  
of Febru-  
ary 8 – 13.  
Makes a  
nice gift for  
someone  
special, or for  
marking your  
own books.



## *Valentines for Seniors*

(All ages )

For the love of our seniors --make valentines at the library or bring them in finished. They will be placed on a display board for residents of the Harris Villa, and individual ones will be distributed to homebound residents, along with information about library services.

## ARE YOU HOMEBOUND?

If you or someone you know is homebound with an illness or other debilitating situation, and could benefit from home delivery of material, contact the library to find out if we can help you. (Contact information on back)

# RURAL REMBRANDT'S ART DISPLAY

Paintings on display in March

The Rural Rembrandts are based in Wautoma, WI, and have been holding art exhibitions since 1949. Their membership represents a diverse range of artists working in various mediums and subject matter. This exhibition will showcase the paintings of several members.

## SPRING BREAK WEEK ACTIVITIES

(School-age interest level)

Monday, March 15, 12:45-1:35 **Kite-making**

Wednesday, March 17, 12:45-2:45: **Movie Matinee with popcorn**

All Week: **Find the Leprechaun and the fairy.** Get clues at the front desk and try your luck!



## BLUE SHADOWS FARM



A NOVEL

JERRY APPS

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March 31, 12:45-1:30

Area Author, Jerry Apps, will speak about his latest work, Blue Shadows Farm, which is based on a combination of pieces of Waushara, Marquette, Wood, and Adams Counties. All take place in a fictional central Wisconsin County that he calls "Ames County."

# APRESCHOOL

## Playgroup and Story Time

(Preschoolers & Families)

(Every Thursday)

9:30 Playtime and parent/caregiver networking

10:00 Story Time

10:20 Craft Time, snack, and more playtime

### **Story Time Themes:**

**February 11: Special Delivery!** Send a Valentine across the library using a very fun “string mail carrier system.” Children love watching the letters traverse the air to their recipient’s mailbox, and seeing his expression as he opens the box to find a letter! Our library mascot, Ike, will also begin to travel home with one child each week. The following week, the child can share Ike’s adventures. A parent or other helper may write the story during the week as the child imagines it, to help the child remember.

**February 18: Arctic Day.** We’ll ice fish and compare our size with that of a seal, a polar bear, a whale and a penguin.

**February 25:** We will have a puppet story, and introduce a few new Usborne books.

**March 4: Dr. Suess’ Birthday.** Become a Sneech and climb through the “Star on & off machine,” and play pin-the-hat on the cat.

**March 11:** Experiment with structures with the Three Little Pigs

**March 25:** Look at the night sky with our star box.

**April 1st: Aprils Fool’s Day.** Everything is backward!

**April 8: Floating and Sinking**

**April 15: Shadow play with Mother!** Mother! I feel Sick

**April 22: Eric Carle** The Hungry Caterpillar Puppet story, and Hungry Young Reader’s Program for T.V. Turn-off Week

**April 29: Get Colorful!**

**May 6: Stories of Kings and Queens.** Join Grandma Luckie and the Library Lady in dressing up in costume if you’d like.

**May 13: More Fairy tales**

**May 20: Puppet story**

**May 27: Prelude to Summer Library Theme:** “Make a Splash.....Read”

# Culver's Coloring Contest

(Ages 0-11)

April 1-14

- 🕒 Pick up an entry coloring sheet anytime after April 1st.
- 📅 Submit your finished entry by Wednesday, April 14th.
- 🕒 Age categories will be: 0-5, 6-8, 9-11
- 🕒 Award recipients to be notified by April 16th.

## NATIONAL T.V. TURN OFF WEEK

April 19-April 25

### Eric Carle Hungry Young Readers Program

(For kids 6 and younger). Pick up your program cards which are segments of the caterpillar.

For each day that you and your child read as well as complete some of the reading readiness activities, make a new segment by filling in titles and activities. Fill in five or more titles and drop them off so they can be added to the growing caterpillar. Then, take home your butterfly!



## MY T.V. TURN OFF WEEK

(Kids over 6 and teens)

Kids and teens!!! Your library wants to know what you're up to during T.V. Turn-Off Week this year. Stop in at the library anytime from Monday, April 12-Monday, April 26 to pick up a special booklet in which you write or draw what you did instead of watch T.V. throughout the week. You can also email pictures to the librarian at [director@westfieldlibrary.org](mailto:director@westfieldlibrary.org). Then, your name will be entered into a drawing for a prize of your choice. A compiled list of all the kid's activities and teen activities will be displayed.

# NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 11-17

## “Communities Thrive@ Your Library”

Westfield area community groups, clubs and organizations will be featured on our special “read” posters displayed throughout the library. The posters are based on the American Library Association’s popular design. Participants will hold up a favorite book for the picture.

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# NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

April 18-24

A “Mystery Seed” will be planted for each volunteer as a reminder of the promise and growth they provide to the library and the community. We will watch the seeds as they sprout and grow.

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## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are now needed for the following positions:

- **One-on-one computer tutors**

Schedule is flexible and works according to what is convenient for both student and tutor. Some may require one meeting, while others may need several meetings depending on their goals.

- **Home-Bound Delivery Service**

Help us provide library service to those who cannot get to the library. This volunteer position will be an “as needed” service, for which you would be asked to deliver and/or pick-up materials for one or two residents about once per month.

- **Shelvers**

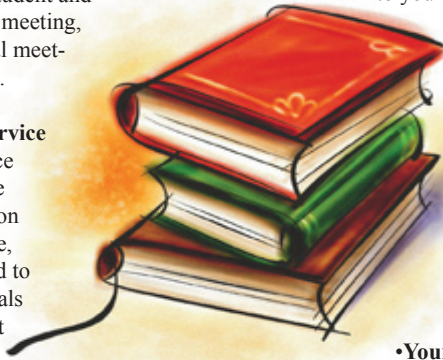
Currently, these shelving shifts are needed: Second Saturday of each month, 10:30-12:00; and, Mondays for 30 minutes in the afternoon (the time is somewhat flexible). Some shelf reading-to keep materials in order—will also be performed.

Summer Library Program Volunteers

Several adult or older teen volunteers are needed for craft day and boat race day. Call to find out how you can help.

- **Reading Buddies**

Adults or Teens 12 and older are needed to provide reading help and encouragement to younger readers while they participate in the library reading program over the summer. Reading Buddies will meet with their partner approximately two times per week (or more if you’d like!) at the library in the meeting room.



- **Young Performers**

Teens and older grade school-aged kids are needed to help perform two short stories for our June 30th program. There are no speaking parts other than the story reader. Performers are needed to manipulate the scenery, props, sound and lights. 6-8 rehearsals will be scheduled throughout June. The librarian will hold informational meetings at the high School and Grade Schools. Interested Home-schooled children can call the library to find out when these meetings will be held.



## BOOK CLUB

(Adult)

Meets the third Thursday of the month. February's selection is **Still Alice** by Lisa Genova. March's selection will be **The Glass Castle** by Jeanette Walls. Call or email the library if you'd like to join.

## TEEN BOOK CLUB

Coming soon.....Watch for our first meeting date. The librarian will survey interested teens about books they enjoy and find out what days are good for meeting. Contact the librarian if you have input or want to be notified of the first meeting date.

## TEEN GAME DAYS

(Ages 12 and older)

February 6, March 6, April 10

11:00-2:00

Want to try out several Wii and PS2 games??? Bring your games and try out others. In addition to electronic games, we will also have chess, cards, and Sorry. Bring snacks or other games if you'd like.

**Sorry!** PS2 **Wii**

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### HOURS

Monday-Thursday.....9-6  
Friday & Saturday.....9-12