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Expanding Community Resources

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When building repairs and new equipment are seemingly always needed, it's easy to overlook large projects due to budget constraints. However, 2013 seems to be the year to grow, upgrade and modernize resources within the community.

Alice Baker looks to expand

The Alice Baker Library of Eagle has been exploring an expansion since late 2011. In the past year, the library has made strides to come up with a solution to its currently cramped spaces. The community has weighed in with ideas and contributions as to what they feel they would like and need. The 4,000-square-foot library checks out nearly 65,000 volumes per year to residents from a half-a-dozen neighboring communities and plays host to community programs throughout the year, from mommy and me playtimes to senior Wii bowling.

The project would help the

library expand and renovate the interior and exterior space utilized by so many families. It would become a 16,000-foot facility that would meet up with a path from the school and stay connected to town hall forming a "community campus" environment.

In addition to the exterior changes, the interior would be completely renovated to become more modern. Additional seating, computers, and quiet study rooms were highly requested items from the initial study and will be accompanied by a teen room dedicated room for programming and additional work space for library staff.

"It's just as important for a 60-year-old to have something to read and something to do as it is for a 6-year-old," Library Director Alli Chase said. "We're trying to give everyone the space they need."

This plan comes with a more than \$4.5 million price tag, which right now is projected to be covered through a capital campaign instead of with taxpayer dollars. In the early part of 2013, two meetings were held

with contractors, capital campaign specialists, and the community to discuss a future capital campaign for the little library with big ideas.

Village of Big Bend, too.

In early February, the Village of Big Bend approved a plan to look at expanding their current library and adding additional room to the police department. According to Village Clerk Barbara Woppert, the village is considering a trailer or modular-type device to be built or put next to the library, using the library's large picture window as an entrance to the new structure.

"People from the village are willing to donate their time and their labor, so now is the time to get started," Library Director Sadie Soneberg said. "We have people committed to helping us."

Soneberg said the vision is not grandiose; she is just looking for what she calls "breathing room" in her current location. Soneberg said officials considered a possible trailer, but felt it would not meet their needs,



Staff photo by Kaitlin Phillips

Gregory Baum, a representative from FEH Associates Inc who is addressing the architecture, explains detailed plans of the Alice Baker Library expansion.

and are now working with designers to see what they could possibly do within budget.

"Everyone in this building is tight on space," Soneberg said. "It's going to come down to what is possible to fund as far as

purchase and setup here." Soneberg reiterated the fact that it might be quite some time before the expansion becomes reality, but said she is excited about the benefit it would be to the library.

It's your library... check it out!

Mukwonago Community Library

Board candidates sought

The Library Board of the Mukwonago Community Library is seeking nominations to fill a board vacancy. Qualified applicants must be a Village of Mukwonago resident over the age of 18. The board meets once a month on the third Monday evening. The Library Board term of service is three years. A letter of intent and brief resume may be sent to Ann Lininger, Library Director, Mukwonago Community Library, 511 Division St., Mukwonago, WI 53149. For more information contact her at (262) 363-6411 or alininger@mukcom.lib.wi.us.

Preschool/toddler dance

Bring the little ones to the library at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 11 and/or Thursday Sept.

12 for a preschooler and toddler dance party. Sing and dance to your favorite kids tunes. For children ages 1 to 5; must be accompanied by an adult.

Photo contest

Stop by the library and help choose the winner of our "Groundbreaking" Photo Contest. Entries are being shown in the display cabinets across from the Circulation desk. Grab a ballot and submit your entry today. Winners will be announced Monday, Sept. 9.

Kids' Reader Club

Join the children's Free-Quent Reader Club at the library and receive a free membership card. Bring your card each time you check out and we'll stamp it. Collect eight stamps by Oct. 30 and choose a free prize book. The club is open to Kindergarten through eighth grade.

Sign-up raffle drawing

To celebrate National Library Card Sign-up Month, adults (ages 18 and older) who sign-up for a card at the Mukwonago Community Library in September will be entered into a special drawing and one lucky patron will be randomly selected to win a \$25 Amazon gift card.

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History of Eagle diamond revealed

By Jean Cisler
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Former residents of Eagle, John and Mary Vy-Met-al Taylor, have completed their book, telling the long, sought-after story of the Eagle diamond accurately.

Their story is well researched, including five pages of bibliography, in the book, "Treasure in the Gravel." Years of questions including: who really found the diamond, what happened to it after it was found, where it lied dormant for 30 years and how was it so easily stolen are all answered in the book. In addition to those questions being addressed, the authors tell what happened to the thieves involved in the case.

John and Mary have since moved to Arlington, VA and completed their book from their new home. The book, an interesting and informa-

tive read, is now available at the Eagle Historical Society Museum as well as a copy donated to each of the local libraries – Powers Memorial in Palmyra and Alice Baker in Eagle.

A discussion on "Treasure in the Gravel" will be given by Elaine Ledrowski, curator of the Eagle Historical Society Museum on Thursday, Sept. 26 from 6-7 p.m. at Alice Baker Library in Eagle. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

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Alice Baker Library Director Allie Chase is given a donated copy of the book, "Treasure in the Gravel" from Barbara Jatzcak of the Eagle Historical Society. The book tells the story of the historic Eagle diamond.



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readers, which are picture books for the very young, to first chapter books and books for teenagers," she said.

Those items only scratch the surface of the library's programs and offerings for people of all ages.

"We have a book discussion once a month for adults, story hour once a week for kids and several special activities," Hookham explained.

Some of those special offerings include: art and craft programs, a full summer program that features live performances and speakers, and, a microfilm machine that allows history buffs to look at old newspapers.

Zinio is one of the newest programs offered through the library. Accessed with a library card, it allows access to magazines that can be read on computers or mobile devices. Speaking of computers, Powers Memorial Library has seven computers available for use as well as a copy machine and fax machine.

Hookham said first-time visitors are frequently surprised at the size of the library, especially for a small town.

"They can't believe what we offer. We've been told that the children's area, which is downstairs, is as big if not bigger, than the total size of libraries in other towns," she said.

Become a "Friend"

The Friends of Powers Memorial Library, according to Hookham, is what keeps the library going and allows it to continue to offer so many great items in addition to community programs.

"They help out with all of the library's extra projects — anything outside of our nor-

mal activities," she said.

Some of those events include: book sales, the chili cook-off and the annual Garden Walk. Additionally, Hookham said, the Friends hosted an appreciation day to thank local officials for their support of the library.

The Friends help purchase items the library needs while also assisting with maintenance. According to Hookham, they buy all of the supplies and items needed for the summer program and also helped pay for the recent roof repair project.

The Friends of Powers Memorial Library, described by Hookham as a "fun and very active group" are seeking additional members and are in need of a secretary as well as someone to head the used book sale. In an effort to boost membership, the Friends' meetings are now being held at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month.

"Selling baked goods and coffee at the chili cook-off or helping out for a couple of hours at the book sale... those little things help a lot," Hookham said.

Options for annual Friends memberships are: \$100, best friend; \$50, exception-

al friend; \$25, ardent friend; \$10, devoted friend, and; \$5, junior friend (available to kids 16 and under.)

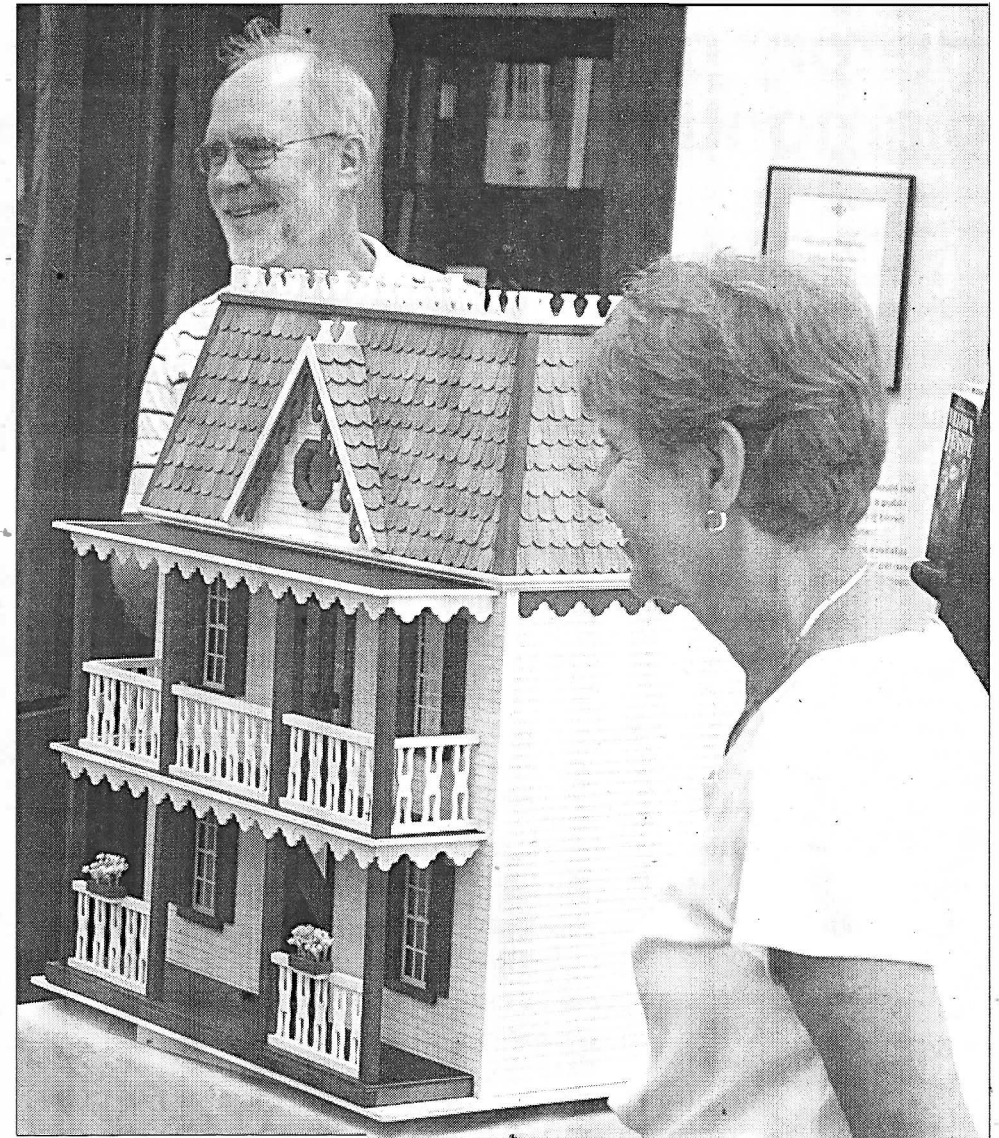
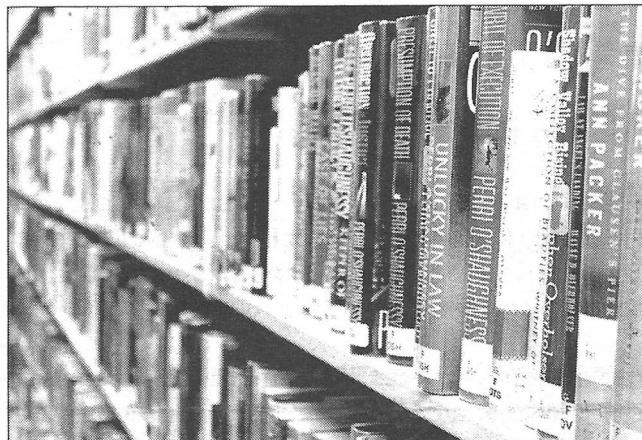
How it all began

William Penn Powers, who is said to have had a love for the preservation of history as well as an unyielding drive for progress, donated the library to Palmyra, the town he grew up in.

In the mid 1920s, Powers donated the funds to build the library under an agreement that the new building would be dedicated to his father, David, a founder of Palmyra, and mother, Eliza.

At his request, family treasures including: portraits of his parents, bronze statues and lantern slides portraying Powers' travels in America, Europe and Japan, were on display during the dedication and library's opening, held Oct. 25, 1927.

For more information call Powers Memorial Library, 115 Main St., Palmyra, at (262) 495-4605, visit the library's website at: powersmemoriallibrary.org/, Pinterest at pinterest.com/powersmlibrary/ or on Facebook at Powers Memorial Library.



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Bill von Rohr, above on left, and Powers Memorial Library librarian, Kathy Hookham, unveil the dollhouse von Rohr and his wife, Nancy, donated to the library for a fundraiser. Tickets, \$1 each or six for \$5, go on sale Monday, Sept. 23 with the drawing slated by mid-December. Books, left, adorn the library's shelves though that's only the beginning of what's available including audiobooks, CDs, DVDs and games.

Library news

Powers Memorial Library Lego club

Stop in during Lego time, 6-7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 23.

Adult reading group

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Alice Baker Library Big library read

Millions of readers around the world are participating in the Big Library Read of the E-book and audiobook, "Fancy Nancy: Nancy Clancy, Super Sleuth." The program runs through Sept. 30. Get the free download through Overdrive.

Large print books

The library has large print books on loan from the Town Hall through Oct. 14.

Kids' choice book club

Reading Rendezvous, for grades 4-6, will present the Kids' Choice Book Club from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m., Monday, Sept. 23 in the Eagle Municipal Building. Join in discussing

"The Lost Hero" by Rick Riordan. Copies available now.

Yu-Gi-Oh/Pokemon

Get your gaming on 5-6:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 20 in the Eagle Municipal Building; for kids in fifth grade and higher.

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Wii bowling for adults

Get in on the fun, 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 8 in the Eagle Municipal Building.

Drop-in craft program

What can you do with a box? Find out 1:30-4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 9. The program is based on the book Not a Box by Antoinette Portis.

Cooks and books

Enjoy an evening discussing the book My Berlin Kitchen:

a love story with recipes by Luisa Weiss while also enjoying a tasty treat, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9. There are only 15 spots available and the book must be read in advance therefore, preregistration is required. Please bring a German pastry to share.

Baby lap sit

Join Ms. Maria Hinner for stories and fun on Thursday, Oct. 10. Open for children up to 2 years old though siblings are always welcome.

Puzzle fest

Don't miss out on a celebration

of thinking, math, words and logic during a night of puzzles, brain teasers and Scrabble, 5:30-7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 11. Light refreshments will be provided; open to everyone.

Vampires vs. aliens

Kohl's Wild Theater will present a double feature beginning at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 12. The event kicks off with detective Appletree in an exploration of Wisconsin's forests and waters in The Strange Case of the Alien Invasion. Next up will be Jona-

than Batfield in The Legend of Hibernacula – a musical about the benefits of bats.

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The Big Read 2013

The "Big Read" program, an annual program designed to get people across the state reading about, thinking about, and discussing the same thought provoking book, is upon us once again. This year, the title is "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury.

This American Classic tells the story of Guy Montag who lives in a futuristic, dystopian society. Guy works as a fireman and his job is to destroy the most illegal of commodities, the printed book, along with the houses in which they are hidden. Montag never questions the destruction and ruin his actions produce, returning each day to his bland life and wife, Mildred, who spends all day with her television "family."

But when he meets an eccentric young neighbor, Clarisse, who introduces him to a past where people didn't live in fear and where people saw the world through the ideas in books instead of the mindless chatter of television, Montag begins to question everything he has ever



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known.

Obviously, this story has great thought-provoking potential and various events have been planned across the state to get the discussion going. For example, there will be a "Freedom to Read" book art exhibit, a book discussion, and a theatre production of "Fahrenheit 451" on Tuesday, Oct. 15. All three of these events will be held at the UW-Whitewater campus.

Here at the East Troy Library, we will be having a raffle drawing for people interested in winning either a copy of Bradbury's book or tickets to the play. We currently are not planning on holding our own book discussion, but if people are interested in having a discussion here at the library,

we certainly can arrange such an event.

If you have questions or comments, call 642-6262, or email et@easttroy.lib.wi.us, or visit at 3094 Graydon Ave.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

This year, the Friends of the Library will be holding their annual book sale on Oct. 25-26. This annual event is a great way to both stock up on very affordable books and support the library at the same time (as all profits will be used by the Friends to support the Summer Reading Program, and other expenses that fall outside of our regular budget).

However, we need both shoppers and helpers and the book sale is also an excellent way to learn a bit more about the Friends group and meet the current members, without committing to a very big time commitment. If you are interested in helping, let us know.

New Materials

"The Lord of Opium," by

Nancy Farmer, tells the story of 14-year-old Matt, who lives in the ruins of Tucson, Ariz. in the year 2137. Matt is a clone grown from a strip of old El Patron's skin. Matt is also the leader of an army of eejits - zombielike workers who are harnessed to old El Patron's sinister system of drug growing.

Matt lives in the Land of Opium, which is the largest territory of the Dope Confederacy. The Dope Confederacy snakes from the ruins of San Diego to the ruins of Matamoros. The rest of the world has been devastated by ecological disaster and is now known as God's Ashtray.

But hidden in Opium is the cure. Who is and who isn't an eejit, who is and who isn't microchipped, and who is an enemy and who is a friend makes for a tantalizing puzzle Matt must solve to survive.

The East Troy Lions Public Library is located at 3094 Graydon Ave. For information, call 642-6262 or visit www.easttroy.lib.wi.us/easttroy.

Mukwonago Community Library

Saturday hours resume

The library has returned to regular Saturday hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. That means two more hours each Saturday for patrons to read, browse, check-out books, surf the web, attend programs, study, play games, ask us questions, or just hang out at the library.

Computer classes

The library's free computer classes have returned for fall sessions. Learn all about computers, from Internet and computer basics, to word processing, spreadsheets, graphics, and more. Stop by or call us at (262) 363-6411 for full class schedules and to sign-up. Classes are open to all, but space is limited.

Sign-Up month raffle

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month. To celebrate, adults (ages 18 and older) who sign-up for a new library card at the Mukwonago Community Library in the month of September will be entered into a special drawing and one lucky patron will be randomly selected to win a \$25 Amazon gift card.

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each time you check out and we'll stamp it. Collect eight stamps by Oct. 30 and you can choose a free prize book to keep. The club is open to kids in grades Kindergarten through 8.

Planter Tiles

An unfortunate casualty of the new library was the planter formerly at the front entrance of the old building. Although the structure itself could not be saved, all of the tiles with donor names on them were saved.

The library would like to return those tiles to those who purchased them or their family. All of the names from the planter have been transferred to a new recognition plaque in the library's foyer.

Stop into the library and ask at the front desk if you would like to pick up your tile. Tiles will no longer be available after Nov. 30.

Bluegrass Jam

Join in from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, for an evening of music during the semi-regular Bluegrass Jam Session. Local musicians and singers will sing and jam to traditional bluegrass, country, and "old-time" mountain music. Stop by just to listen, or bring a guitar, banjo, or harmonica and

join in. Open to everyone.

Understanding Medicare

Debbie Bisswurm of the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources will be at the library at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 9, to present "Understanding Medicare: Maximizing Your Benefits." Topics will include Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage, how to use the Medicare website, how to navigate the Medicare Plan Finder, and what to consider when choosing a plan. This program is free and open to all.

Friday movie cancelled

Due to a scheduling conflict, there will be no Friday Flicks @ the library this week. Friday Flicks will resume next week, Friday, Oct. 4, at 2 p.m.

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Fall book sale

The fall book sale will kicked off Oct. 17 and features a wide variety of offerings so early shopping is encouraged. The bag sale will run Oct. 21-26.

Lego club

Lego time, held the fourth Monday of the month - 6-7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 21.

Story Hour

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Alice Baker Library

Teen Read Week event

Snacks, trivia and prizes will be offered to teens in 7th grade and older at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 19. A circus magician

is transported to a land over the rainbow and encounters three witches. Wear a costume or bring a friend for a special prize.

Author visit

Wisconsin native and New York Times bestselling author Lesley Kagen will be at the library 3-4 p.m., Monday, Oct. 19 in a program sponsored by Century Fence and Buscher Properties and hosted by the Friends of Alice Baker Library. Kagen's books deal with profound loss but she weaves humor and hope into them and often tells them from the viewpoint of children because of their honesty and enthusiasm. The visit will include a Q & A time and refreshments.

Kids' choice book club

Reading Rendezvous will present the Kids' Choice Book Club at 4:15 p.m., Monday, Oct. 21. Join in a discussion, activities and snacks. Pick up a copy of PIE by Sarah Weeks today.

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Pet costume contest

Be creative and bring your

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Halloween crafts

Make some Halloween crafts, 6-6:45 p.m., Oct. 29.

Dollhouse raffle

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Beat high college costs

A discussion about college costs, including obtaining financial aid, how to calculate and maximize the amount, as well as options to generate additional income and/or cash flow, will be held 6-7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 5 at the Eagle Municipal Building.

Preschool story time

Join Ms. Maria Hinner at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 6 for preschool story time.

Pet costume contest

Be creative and bring your pet dressed in their best Saturday, Oct. 26. The \$1 entry fee will support the library's Teen Library Council. Registration

begins at 11:15 a.m.; judging begins at 11:30 a.m.

Story time/activities

Start the pumpkin party activities at the library. Fall story time will be held at noon, Saturday, Oct. 26 with activities slated 12:30-1 p.m.

Cooks and books

Enjoy an evening of book discussion and a snack 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 7. There are 15 spots available and the book *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult must be read in advance. Copies of the book are available at the library; preregistration is required.

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Alice Baker Library Writing workshop

A workshop for teen and adult writers will be held Friday, Nov. 1 in the Eagle Municipal Building, featuring Deborah and Zachary Posca, siblings who began writing Tales from the Kingdom when they were 15 and 13, respectively.

Write a novel

Writers are invited at 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 2, to attend NaNoWriMo, a fun approach to novel writing. The

goal is to write a 175-page (50,000 word) novel by midnight Nov. 30. Writing may begin on Nov. 1 – register online for NaNoWriMo; no registration is required for the writers group.

Book sale

The Friends of Alice Baker Library will host a book sale Monday, Nov. 4 and Tuesday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Wednesday (Buck-A-Bag day) Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proceeds will support the library.

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Cooks and books

Enjoy an evening of book discussion and a snack 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 7.

There are 15 spots available; the book My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult must be read in advance. Copies of

the book are available at the library; registration required.

Wii bowling for adults

Join in on the fun at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 12.

Library Information

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Library news

Powers Memorial Library Help decorate dollhouse

The Friends of the Library are raffling off a dollhouse donated by a local couple and are hoping to give away the dollhouse furnished. It has a library featuring a bookshelf but more interior decorations are needed; contact the library to donate items. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The drawing will be held at 10 a.m., Dec. 19.

Story hour

All area preschoolers are invited to attend story hour, held at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays. Upcoming events include: Nov. 20—"Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear," Nov. 27—"Thanksgiving," Dec. 4—"Gingerbread Friends," Dec. 11—"Toys," Dec. 18—"Count-down to Christmas." There will be no story hour on Christmas or New Years as the library will be closed.

Lego club

Meets 6 to 7 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month.

Adult reading group

Join in the discussion at 6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 21 of "Wild: from lost to found on the Pacific Crest Trail" by Cheryl Strayed.

Library information

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p.m.

For more information call (262) 495-4605, fax (262) 495-8617 or visit the website: www.powersmemoriallibrary.org.

Alice Baker Library

Game design/open games

Celebrate International Games Day, 5-6:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 16 with guest Michelle Lichtenberg, a North Prairie resident who will speak about her path to game design followed by her teaching the "Penny for Your Thoughts" game. Open to all.

Scrabble tourney

In honor of International Games Day, get in on the Scrabble tournament at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 16.

Open games

Wii, board and card games as well as snacks will be available, 6:30-8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 16.

Kids choice book club

Kids in 4-6th grade are invited to join the discussion of "The Hidden Staircase" by Carolyn Keene, 4:15-4:45 p.m., Monday, Nov. 18. Copies of the book are available at the library.

Bedtime stories

Join Mrs. Viegut for stories, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 19. Blankets, stuffed animals and PJs welcome.

Preschool story time

Join Ms. Maria Hinnners for stories and fun, 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 20.

Family movie

Movie and snacks provided, 10:30 a.m., Friday, Nov. 22. Bring your pillow!

Author visit

The author of "This Time, Everything" – a story of identity, love and the inescapability of time – will be on hand for a book signing, 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 22. Refreshments will be available.

Game time fun

Yu-Gi-Oh and Pokemon gaming for kids in 5th grade

and higher, 5-6:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 22.

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At the library

Keep up to date with what's happening at the Irvin L. Young Memorial Library, 431 W. Center St., in Whitewater (262) 473-0530

New at the Library in Adult Playaways:

• "The Great Degeneration: How Institutions Decay and Economies Die" by Niall Ferguson

What causes rich countries to lose their way? Symptoms of decline are all around us today: slowing growth, crushing debts, increasing inequality, aging populations, antisocial behavior. But what exactly has gone wrong? The answer, Niall Ferguson argues in "The Great Degeneration," is that our institutions – the intricate frameworks within which a society can flourish or fail – are degenerating.

Representative government, the free market, the rule of law, and civil society – these are the four pillars of West European and North American societies. It was these institutions, rather than any geographical or climatic advantages, that set the West on the path to global dominance beginning around 1500.

In our time, however, these institutions have deteriorated in disturbing ways. Our democracies have broken the contract between the

generations by heaping IOUs on our children and grandchildren. Our markets are hindered by over-complex regulations that debilitate the political and economic processes they were created to support; the rule of law has become the rule of lawyers. And civil society has degenerated into uncivil society, where we lazily expect all of our problems to be solved by the state.

It is institutional degeneration, in other words, that lies behind economic stagnation and the geopolitical decline that comes with it. With characteristic verve and historical insight, Ferguson analyzes not only the causes of this stagnation, but also its profound consequences.

"The Great Degeneration" is an incisive indictment of an era of negligence and complacency. While the Arab world struggles to adopt democracy and China struggles to move from economic liberalization to the rule of law, our society is squandering the institutional inheritance of centuries. To arrest the breakdown of our

civilization, Ferguson warns, we will take heroic leadership and radical reform.

• "Exposed: The Secret Life of Jodi Arias" by Jane Velez-Mitchell

On June 9, 2008,

the butchered body of Travis Alexander was found in his Mesa, Arizona home. The grisly nature of his death made instant headlines: with 29 knife wounds, his throat slit, and a gunshot to the head, Travis was left to die.

The prime suspect in the case was Alexander's ex-girlfriend, the attractive and soft-spoken Jodi Arias. Though Arias initially said that she was nowhere near the scene of the crime, little about this case was as it seemed, and before long she had been caught lying to police.

As the investigation progressed, her lies evolved multiple times before finally resting on an appalling claim: she had killed Travis in self-defense.

Along the way, startling details emerged about the Mormon couple's relation-

ship, and soon graphic stories of their lurid sexual encounters and jealousy-driven blow-outs revealed a dark side to their life together. These revelations launched a trial filled with sex and deception, but also raised substantial questions about Arias's deceit, as people from across the country struggled to understand the bizarre world of Jodi Arias.

Now, award winning broadcast journalist and best-selling author Jane Velez-Mitchell, a veteran of some of the most storied court cases in recent memory, goes behind the scenes of the trial and into the mind of a killer. Using insider accounts from friends who knew Travis and Jodi, Velez-Mitchell turns her sharply focused lens on Arias and offers her seasoned perspective on the case's most pressing questions.

Separating fact from fiction, she reports on the bizarre and explicit stories that have both shocked and fascinated the American public – from Jodi's romantic history before meeting Travis, to their torrid sex life together, to the complicated role their Mormon faith played in the relationship's demise.

With unbridled access to the evidence and the case's key players, Velez-Mitchell unearths Jodi's contentious life with those closest to her,

examining the paranoid and erratic behavior behind each relationship and illustrating the disturbing pattern of a murderer in the making.

Complete with photos from the case and Jane Velez-Mitchell's fresh insights on the crime, "Exposed" takes readers behind closed bedroom doors to uncover the truth behind the secret and sordid life of Jodi Arias.

• "The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Olympics" by Daniel Brown

Daniel James Brown's robust book tells the story of the University of Washington's 1936 eight-oar crew and their epic quest for an Olympic gold medal, a team that transformed the sport and grabbed the attention of millions of Americans. The sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the boys defeated elite rivals first from eastern and British universities and finally the German crew rowing for Adolf Hitler in the Olympic games in Berlin, 1936.

The emotional heart of the story lies with one rower, Joe Rantz, a teenager without family or prospects, who rows not for glory, but to regain his shattered self-regard and to find a place he can call home.

The crew is assembled by

an enigmatic coach and mentored by a visionary, eccentric British boat builder, but it is their trust in each other that makes them a victorious team. They remind the country of what can be done when everyone quite literally pulls together – a perfect melding of commitment, determination, and optimism.

Drawing on the boys' own diaries and journals, their photos and memories of a once-in-a-lifetime shared dream, "The Boys in the Boat" is an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times – the improbable, intimate story of nine working-class boys from the American west who in the depths of the Great Depression, showed the world what true grit really meant. It will appeal to readers of Erik Larson, Timothy Egan, James Bradley, and David Halberstam's *The Amateurs*.

**Descriptions from the publishers.*

Upcoming Events:

- Maker Monday – Nov. 25, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Preschool Storytime – Tuesday, Nov. 26, 10 a.m.
- Toddler Storytime – Wednesday, Nov. 27, 10 a.m.
- The library will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.



Library news

Powers Memorial Library Library closed

The library will be closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

Holiday fun

Holiday activities offered: Friday, Dec. 27, 1-3 p.m., a movie about planes; Monday, Dec. 30, 1-2 p.m., crafts.

Dollhouse winner

Karissa Ridgman was the winner of the dollhouse raffle. Congratulations and thanks to

the von Rohrs for donating it as well as all who bought tickets.

Adult reading group

At 6 p.m., Monday, Jan. 27, the book club will discuss "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jamie Ford. The book tells the story of a Chinese father and his Chinese-American son following the death of the boy's mother.

Lego club

Meets 4-5 p.m. the first

Monday of the month.

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Alice Baker Library

Holiday closing

The library will close at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 31 and resume normal operating hours Thursday, Jan. 2.

1,000 books party

The 1,000 books before kindergarten program encourages parents and caregivers to read to children up to 6 years of age. Join us 10-11 a.m., Jan. 4 for activities, snacks and to learn

more about the program.

Preschool story time

By Ms. Maria Hinnert at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 8.

Mother-daughter club

A new book club — open to girls in 6th-8th grade, and their moms, grandmas, aunts, and other special women — will meet each month through May. Snacks and activities will be offered at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 9 — registration required.

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a year-round collection site for the Eagle Food Pantry. All donations of non-perishable food items as well as personal hygiene supplies, diapers, baby formula, etc., can be dropped off during normal library hours.

Kids choice

Kids in 4th-6th grade are welcome to join in a discussion, activities and snack 4:15-4:45 p.m., Monday, Dec. 16. The book, "Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio" by Peg Kehret, is now available at the library.

Bedtime stories

Join Mrs. Linda Viegut for stories (jammies, blankets and stuffed animals welcome) at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Children's contest

Win a copy of "Barbie in The Christmas Carol" DVD by writing your name and phone number on the library checkout receipt then drop it in the fish bowl. The drawing will be held Dec. 18.

Holiday craft time

Families are invited to drop in between 4 and 5 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 18 for a holiday craft project.

Christmas days of old

Lynn Walter-Gibbs will speak about holiday traditions 4-5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 20. Featured will be displays of toys, paper doll Santas and fashions worn in winter. Walter-Gibbs will also read "Twas the Night

Before Christmas." Open to all ages.

Tech Talk Tuesdays

Stop in between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Tuesdays for computer help and learn how to download free audio books and eBooks.

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Photo opportunity

Bring a favorite doll and have a photo taken with the amazing dollhouse the library is raffling off. The final photo date is today, Dec. 13.

Story hour

All preschoolers are invited to attend story hour at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays. Upcoming events include: Dec. 18, "Countdown to Christmas." There will be no story hour Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

Name the lion

Help the library name its new lion friend — slips are available at the front desk.

Adult reading group

At 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 19, "Skipping Christmas" by John Grisham will be discussed. Bring a treat to share during the book discussion.

Dollhouse décor needed

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featuring a bookshelf but more interior decorations are needed; contact the library to donate items from furniture to a Christmas tree to appliances. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The drawing will be held at 10 a.m., Dec. 19. All proceeds will benefit the library.

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ALLI CHASE, (262) 594-2800

Olympic Movie

Watch an Olympic-themed movie from 2 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5. Bring your pillow. Movie snacks will be

provided.

Wii Bowling for Adults

Join in the fun at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11. Immediately follows Eagle Recreation

MUKWONAGO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

CHRIS STAPE, (262) 363-6411

Valentines event

Stop by at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6 and create a batch of creepy valentines a' la Jack Skellington. Snacks will be served. Meet in the Hideout. For grades seven through 12

Alabama. Starring Tom Hanks. All movies are free and open to everyone.

AARP tax preparation

AARP Tax Aide volunteers will offer free tax help in the li-

Department's bingo at 10.

Lapsit Storytime

Join Maria Hinners at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb/ 13 for stories and fun.

Bedtime Stories

Come to the library to hear stories read at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 18. Jammies and blankets are welcome.

Preschool Storytime

Join Maria Hinners for stories and fun at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19.

Wellness Program

Stop by the Eagle Municipal Building from 11 a.m. to

noon Thursday, Feb. 20 for a free blood pressure check and to meet therapy dogs. Co-sponsored by the Eagle Recreation Department and the Alice Baker Library.

Reminders

Olympics Opening Party: Fun Olympic games and food for all ages from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7.

R.E.A.D. (Read, Eat, and Discuss): Register with the library for the potluck dinner from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12 and plan to share a book you are reading, have read, or would like to read.

Mother Daughter Book Club: For 6th - 8th graders

and their moms, grandmas, aunts, or favorite females. Registration required for this program from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13. Snack and activity. This month's book is "Mother-Daughter Book Club" by Heather Vogel Frederick.

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Bluegrass Jam

Join in from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10 for an evening of music during the semi-regular bluegrass jam session. Local musicians and singers will sing and jam to traditional bluegrass, country, and "old-time" mountain music. Stop by just to listen, or bring a guitar, banjo, or harmonica and join in. Open to everyone.

Making a Sled Dog Team

Meet sled dog Boo-Boo and musher Rick of Door County Sled Dogs at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12 as they teach the ins and outs of creating a sled dog team. For families of all ages.

Friday Flicks

Drop in at the library every Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. for a special showing of a well-known movie on a giant screen and hi-def projector. This week's film on Feb. 7 is a 2013 Academy Award nominated true story of Captain Richard Phillips and the 2009 hijacking by Somali pirates of the US-flagged MV Maersk

Alabama. Starring Tom Hanks. All movies are free and open to everyone.

AARP tax preparation

AARP Tax Aide volunteers will offer free tax help in the library's Community Room from 9 a.m. to noon every Monday through April 7. Registration is required. Stop by or call the library to register.

Tax forms

The library has received Wisconsin state tax forms. We have also received some of the federal forms (although not all.) Any additional forms we receive will be put out as we get them.

You can also download all your tax forms from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue website and the Internal Revenue Service website.

Library information

The Library, 511 Division St., is open from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Learn more by visiting www.mukcom.lib.wi.us or calling the circulation desk, (262) 363-6411 or the reference desk (262) 363-6456.

All programs are free and held at the library, unless otherwise noted.

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Property Tax Relief is on the way.



Governor Walker is proposing to return more than **\$400 million** in state surplus to the hardworking families of Wisconsin in the form of property tax relief. That's **more than \$100** for the

average homeowner. Property taxes make homes less affordable. So we want to keep the money for government spending

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