

Kraemer Library Newsletter

August 14, 2017

Library News

Total Solar Eclipse Party – Monday, August 21, 11 am-3 pm

On Monday, August 21, a total solar eclipse will be visible in the United States. The library's eclipse activities will focus on a younger audience, and include live streaming of NASA events, making eclipse cookies and pinhole eclipse viewers, and much more. Special glasses approved for eclipse viewing will be provided. For more information on the eclipse, check out the following websites: Official website: www.greatamericaneclipse.com or the NASA website: www.eclipse2017.nasa.gov



Summer Reading Program – Summary

The Summer Reading Program was a big success – attendance at events was three times higher than previous years:

- 459 people (351 children and 108 adults) attended 34 separate events. An average of 30 children per week turned in their weekly reading and event logs.
- 65 children signed up for the reading portion and 45 participated at least a week, for a total of 31 days of reading.
- 16 adults participated in the summer reading program and submitted written book reviews on the forms provided.

Grand Prize: The winner of the grand prize for the adult summer reading program – a Kindle Fire – was Josh Taylor.

Adult Prizes: Any participant who submitted at least one review can stop by the library to receive a water bottle, key chain, tote bag and their choice of a free book.

Volunteer Opportunities at the Library

We are looking for a volunteer to serve on the library's strategic planning committee - a one-year commitment beginning in late August. The strategic planning committee will develop a five-year plan for the library on topics in areas such as growth, services to both patrons and community, and building usage. Contact Nick for additional information.



We are developing a group of volunteers to help out with upcoming children's events. Contact Brittany Sorg, Youth Services Librarian for more information (bsorg@kraemerlibrary.org), or sign up on sheets at the Information Desk.

For those who like outside work, we are looking for volunteers to trim bushes, pull weeds, and provide maintenance for the library grounds.

Focus On Youth

By Brittany Sorg, Youth Services Librarian

Prize Winners - Summer Reading Program

Juliet (Family Game Night Pack) / **Patrick** (Outdoor Family Fun Pack) / **Will** (Baking Fun Pack) / **Lauren** (Arts & Crafts Pack) / **Hayden** (Teen Pack) / **Arlo** (Camping Fun Pack) / **Jesse** (Future Builder Pack)

Free Family Flick – Rock Dog – Thursday, August 17, 1 pm

Rated PG / Time 1 hour, 30 min / children under 6 must be accompanied.



For the Tibetan mastiffs on Snow Mountain, a dog's life has a simple riff – guard a peaceful village of sheep from the thuggish wolf Linux and his rabid pack. To avoid distractions, mastiff leader Khampa forbids all music. However, when his son Bodi discovers a radio that fell from the sky, it takes just a few guitar licks for the lad's fate to be sealed. Wanting to be a rock n' roll star, Bodi heads to the city to locate Angus

Scattergood, a legendary musician who needs to write a new song.

Youth Services Survey – A general survey regarding youth services provided by the library will be available both through the library's website (kraemerlibrary.org) and paper copies available at the Information Desk.

Library Briefs . . .

- Next newsletter - Monday, August 28.
- August exhibit theme – the August 21 total solar eclipse. Stop by to browse books and DVDs about eclipses and space in general.
- Free stuff on top of the WI History section includes: Edible Madison - Summer 2017, BookPage for August 2017, Farm Fresh Atlas for 2017, and a new publication – Volume 1 of Real Small Towns: The Art of Community.
- Follow the library on Facebook and Instagram: @kraemerlibrary.

Friends of the Library News

By Jennifer Kraemer

Upcoming Events - Pies, Pages, Pottery & Puzzles (P4) - Friday and Saturday, October 20 and 21. Gently-used books, DVDs, and jigsaw puzzles can be dropped off at the library. We are looking for volunteers to bake pies, work during the sale, and assist with setup and cleanup. If you are interested, inquire at the library Information Desk and we will contact you.

Boxes Needed – The Friends need boxes with lids (similar to boxes containing packages of copy paper) to store items donated for the P4 sale. Boxes can be dropped off during library hours, or call the library for pickup.

Membership – Thank you to all who recently renewed annual memberships. New members are always welcome. Annual memberships range from \$2 for a student or senior to \$25 for a business. Membership brochures are available in the library or can be downloaded at the Friends of the Library page on the library's website. The Friends of the Library provide funds for items and programs not included in the library's budget, such as the summer reading program for youth and teens and the monthly senior lunch and movie socials during the fall and winter months.

Upcoming Area Events

Spring Green – Arcadia Books

Sunday, August 20, 2 pm – Lindsey Becker discusses *The Star Thief*, her debut fantasy adventure novel for middle-grade readers.

Plain Page Turners

Tuesday, August 15, 7:30 pm – *Three Weeks with My Brother*, by Nicholas Sparks.

Tuesday, September 19, 7:30 pm – *Close to Shore*, by Michael Capuzzo

Brief Review

Submitted by a participant in this year's Adult Summer Reading Program

The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate: Discoveries from a Secret World, by Peter Wohlleben, published 2016, 272 pages

"We know only a tiny fraction of what there is to know about the complex life that busies itself under our feet [in the soil]. Up to half the biomass of a forest is hidden in this lower story." So writes the author of an entrancing book about what trees do, feel, and how they communicate. Each page is full of astonishing (to me, at least) evidence of what trees are capable of to protect themselves and each other in a community of living beings. I almost wrote "sentient" beings, as after reading the book my definition of sentient now stretches to include trees.



The importance of trees to the viability of the planet's life support systems becomes abundantly clearer than ever before. Not only do they supply oxygen and sequester much atmosphere-destabilizing carbon gasses, provide shade, wind breaks, timber for heat and wood products, and beauty, but one learns lessons here of adaptability, cooperation and fidelity. Species do compete with each other for sunlight, water, and minerals, yes, but are also mindful and encouraging of each other's well-being. Anyone who cares about the earth and perpetuating life on it will find this book a revelation.

Note to All Readers: The book review forms used during the summer reading program will be available year-round at the Information Desk. Book reviews submitted will be posted near the New Books area and may appear in the newsletter.

Recent Arrivals

DVDs

Heartland, Season 1

Going in Style (also BluRay)

Fiction

Death in Cold Water: A Dave Cubiak Door County Mystery, Patricia Skalka

Sweetbriar Cottage, Denise Hunter (Large Print)

Lightning of Gold, Max Brand (Large Print)

Murder at the Puppy Fest, Lauren Berenson (Large Print)

Happy is the Bride, Janet Dailey, Lori Wilde, Cat Johnson, and Kate Pearce (Large Print)

Dark Rites, Krewe of Hunters, Heather Graham (Large Print)

Paradise Valley, C.J. Box (Large Print)

Any Dream Will Do, Debbie Macomber

Barely Legal: A Herbie Fisher Novel Featuring Stone Barrington, Stuart Woods and Parnell Hall (also Large Print)

Nonfiction

Mean Dads for a Better America: The Generous Rewards of an Old-Fashioned Childhood, Tom Shillue

Locally Brewed: Portraits of Craft Breweries from America's Heartland, Anna Blessing

The Master Cheesemakers of Wisconsin, James Norton and Becca Dilley

Holding Out For a Hero, Pamela Tracy

The Horse Dancer: a Novel, Jojo Moyes (Large Print)

