

# Kraemer Library Newsletter

## May 22, 2017

### Library News

#### Exhibiting at the Library

- Watercolors by Mary Frances Nachreiner will be on display during May, her third exhibit at the library.

- We are always looking for new exhibits for both the display wall and the glass cases. If you have a collection you'd like to share with the community or know an artist or collector who may be interested, contact Nick at the library.

Park Avenue Construction – Road reconstruction on Park Avenue, the street bordering the library's west side, should be completed by the end of May.

Adult Summer Reading Program – The adult summer reading program begins in early June. For additional details, inquire at the Information Desk or call the library at 546-4201.

#### **Focus On Youth. . .**

**By Brittany Sorg, Youth Services Librarian**

The Youth Summer Reading Program kicks off on June 5. The theme is "Build a Better World." Pick up a brochure at the library to keep track of weekly scheduled events for different age groups.



ZooZort Returns – The first family event of the Summer Reading Program takes place on Friday, June 9 at 2:30 pm when ZooZort returns.

Tree House Explorers – The theme of summer events for children ages 5-9 will be the *Magic Tree House* book series by Mary Pope Osborne. The first event on Monday, June 12 from 1-2:30 pm will focus on Prehistoric Creatures.

Storytime – The first summer storytime for children 5 and under will be Tuesday, June 13 at 10:15 am. The theme for the first week will be Construction / Builders.

#### **Libraries and the State Budget**

**By Katie Green**

The crisis facing our libraries has ratcheted up this budget season. Not only has the proposed State budget again cut assistance to libraries (which have not had an increase in spending for staff or vendors for years despite the rise in prices for everything), but the supplementary grant assistance available in the past from the Federal government has been cut to zero in the proposed Congressional

budget for 2017. In the next week or so the State budget will reach final form. A vocal public has already impacted the provisions therein, resulting in additions and subtractions. If you, or those you who care about and love your library, please contact Senator Howard Marklein and Assemblyman Todd Novak to encourage both to support library funding.

During recent listening sessions, I have heard impassioned pleas from librarians to restore some of the funding they depended on in the past. It's poor economics not to restore funding, as they pointed out, since libraries pick up much of the slack for cuts to agencies that previously supported community well-being. For example: libraries provide a safe, educational and civilizing place for children to gather after school and on weekends; assistance with job searches and resume preparation; access to computers for those rural residents who can't receive signals or other folks who don't own their own computers; help with taxes and locating or connecting with medical or mental health services. This is a far different, expanded picture than that which those who don't visit libraries might suppose.

## Library Briefs . . .

- Next newsletter - Monday, June 12.
- On display until the end of May – a variety of gardening-themed books.
- Follow the library on Facebook and Instagram: @kraemerlibrary.

## Friends of the Library News

By Jennifer Kraemer

**Become a Member**

When you join the Friends of the Kraemer Library and Community Center, you will enjoy the following benefits:

- Receive a 10% discount on Friends merchandise
- Receive up to 5 photocopies free per day
- Enjoy special events to honor volunteers

Enjoy the recognition and appreciation of family, friends, and neighbors for helping nurture and support this great community asset.

*Libraries Encourage patrons to Preserve the past and Imagine the future.*

**Memorial and Honor Program**

The **Memorial and Honor Program** is the perfect way to remember friends and loved ones, including your pet. You can commemorate birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, retirements and other important events while benefitting the whole community. Special donation envelopes are available at the library.

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**Attention Annual Members** – June is membership renewal month. Annual members (individual, family, business or senior) may receive a reminder postcard in early June. We hope you consider renewing your membership to the Friends of the Library. 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 Events Sponsored by the Friends –

Friday, June 30 and Saturday, July 1 – Brat and Turkey Sandwich sale. The stand will be next to the Cenex station on Route 23. Additional details will be provided in future newsletters.

Friday, October 20 and Saturday 21 – Pies, Pages, Pottery, and Puzzles sale. Donations of books, DVDs, and puzzles can be dropped off during library hours.

New members are always welcome. Membership brochures are available at the library. Feel free to share ideas and suggestions for future library programs or activities with the library director or directly to the Friends of the Library Board members through email at [krlibfol@gmail.com](mailto:krlibfol@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Events

### PLAIN PAGE TURNERS

Tuesday, June 20, 7:30 pm – *Dead Wake*, by Erik Larson.

## Book Review

*Hidden Thunder: Rock Art of the Upper Midwest* by Geri Schrab and Robert Boszhardt

By Katie Green

Some years ago, Geri Schrab and her husband paid an unplanned visit to a spectacular Native American sacred rock art site in Wyoming: Legend Rock State Park. It changed the focus of her life and set her on the path to becoming a respected artist. Since then, she has seen, photographed, and painted evocative interpretations of both pictographs (painted designs on stone) and petroglyphs (symbols carved into the stones) in many states and on several other continents. Some years she vends her works at art shows, and her studio in DeForest is on the annual art tours for the Madison area.

Now the Wisconsin State Historical Society has published this splendid book on selected rock art sites in Wisconsin and Minnesota that is a collaboration of Geri Schrab and well-known geologist Robert "Ernie" Boszhardt. Both authors contribute text and photos and Geri's soulful paintings embellish this newly-published volume. Not all the known rock art of our state is listed, as many occur on private property and their locations have to be zealously guarded against further damage from pilferers and modern graffiti "geniuses" as well as natural weathering. Alas, much has already been defaced or lost since white men first described and sketched these sites in the 1800s.

In Geri's words, actual sites inspire her paintings but aren't scientific documentations. She tries to capture the "spiritual or emotional essence" of the rock art after repeated visits in different seasons, taking into account the surrounding environment. Back in her studio, she tries to guess what the original artists intended based on the available evidence and intuition.

**On June 3 at Roche A Cri State Park, at 1 p.m., "Ernie" Boszhardt and Geri Schrab will be at the park's combination petroglyph/pictograph site to describe what they know and don't know about it and to answer questions. Late breaking: Hidden Thunder just won history and design awards from the Midwest Independent Publishers Assn.**

## Recent Arrivals - DVDs



**Adult:** Bad Moms | The Boss | Command and Control: The Unknown Story of the Day Our Luck Almost Ran Out | The Disappointments Room | High-Rise | Influenza 1918: The Worst Epidemic in American History | A Monster Calls | Mother's Day | Rogue One: A Star Wars Story (also Blu-Ray) | Secrets of the Six Wives | Whiskey Tango Foxtrot

**Juvenile:** Alice through the Looking Glass | The BFG | Curious George: Saves the Day | Dennis the Menace | Elena of Avalor | Finding Dory | The Great Gilly Hopkins | Middle School | Moana | Pete's Dragon | Sing | Storks | Trolls (also Blu-Ray)