Library News

Community Survey Update – The strategic planning survey is complete. We are interested in gathering ideas and opinions from all Kraemer Library patrons, regardless of how often you use the library. To complete the survey, either (1) access the survey online at kraemerlibrary.org, (2) pick up a paper copy at the library, or (3) contact the library (546-4201) or at askus@kraemerlibrary.org to request that a copy be mailed to you. The survey should take only about 5-10 minutes to complete. Responses are anonymous, will not be tracked in any way, and will play important role in the library’s future strategic planning process. The thoughts and opinions of library patrons about current and possibly future services will help us prioritize and provide the best possible library for you and your neighbors. Paper copies are available in the library and will soon be delivered to Village of Plain residents.

Art Exhibit – Back Display Wall

Digital Herbarium – Photography by Eric Ferguson - This series of photographs was inspired by herbaria collections from the 1800s. Traditionally, herbaria, a collection of dried plants, were dried and mounted (or preserved by some other form) for research. This modern collection was scanned and digitized. Eric has been a photographer since the age of 12. He grew up on a farm in Mount Hope, Wisconsin and studied Film and Television Production Still Option at Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana.

Summer Library Reading Program

- Teens and Adults
The Summer Reading Program is open to anyone age 13 and above and runs from June 11 through August 6. Participants who sign up at the library and submit one review each week (forms provided) of books read during the period (limit of nine entries per person) will be eligible for grand prize drawings. (See display case.)

- Children’s Program
The theme of the 2018 Summer Reading and Children’s Programs is Libraries Rock! This summer, Kraemer Library is exploring the exciting world of music. The Summer Reading Program this year runs from June 11th – August 11th. Children ages 0-12 are encouraged to sign up online starting June 1st or by stopping by the library. Once signed up they must visit the library to collect their weekly reading logs. This year each child is encouraged to read 3.5 hours a week with an additional entry won by attending at least one of each week’s
highlighted events. All entries are eligible to entering into various sponsored grand prizes awarded at the end of the summer. Weekly incentives will also be awarded to all active participates each week. (See display case.)

June Activities for Kraemer Library Are Summarized Below:

Children – Storytime on Tuesdays June 12, 19, and 26 beginning at 10:15.

Teens – Teen Tuesday, June 19 at 6 pm with a Sheet Music/CD Art program. Create your own masterpieces from recycled sheet music and CDs. Summer Reading Book review sheets are available at the information desk.

Families – Free Family Flicks on Thursday June 14 (Early Man), 21 (Sherlock Gnomes), and 28 (Annie) beginning at 1 pm.

Other Events (listed below) – open to all. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

Tuesday, June 12, 1 pm – Musical Crafts. Using recycled materials, try your hand at making your own musical instrument and art projects. All you need to bring is your creativity!

Saturday, June 15, 1 pm – Mike Newmeyer Percussion Show. Learn about the marimba in a variety of ways.

Wednesday, June 20, 2 pm – Laura Doherty Concert. Chicago-based Laura Doherty will acoustically rock your world with breezy folk-pop tunes.

Monday, June 25, 3:30 pm – Musical STEM. Multiple stations will be set up for kids to learn about the science of sound waves and other musically-themed science activities that can also be tested at home.

Library Briefs . . .

- Next newsletter – Monday, July 2.
- Are you reading a paper copy of the newsletter? Inquire at the Information Desk about subscribing to the newsletter and receive it via email each month.
- Free stuff on top of the WI History section includes: BookPage and Voice of the River Valley for June 2018 and the 2018 Farm Fresh Atlas for Southern Wisconsin.
- Attention Readers – Check out summer reading selections on the exhibit opposite the Information Desk.
- Follow the library on Facebook and Instagram: @kraemerlibrary.

Friends of the Library News

By Emily Benz

I am excited to be stepping into the role of President of the Friends of the Library and very grateful to our outgoing leader, Jennifer Kraemer, for her many years of thoughtful service and dedication to keeping this community so vibrant. Our organization buoys the library in a myriad of ways, including supporting summer programming, special events and student offerings. We have helped host a monthly senior lunch and movie series and this summer we will help bring River Valley students to the library during summer school.

Please join us! June is membership renewal month for those of you who are already annual members. Annual members may receive a reminder postcard in early June. We hope you consider renewing your membership to the Friends of the Library and continuing to help fund items that are not typically in the library’s budget. If you are not yet a member, please consider becoming one this month.
We have chosen not to participate in this summer's brat sale and instead are focusing our attention and effort on a special event this winter. Stay tuned!

The annual Pies, Pages, Pottery & Puzzles event is scheduled for October 19th and 20th. Donations of gently-used books, DVDs, music CDs, and jigsaw puzzles are always accepted. In addition, we always need empty copy paper boxes with lids to store youth donations.

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.

**Upcoming Area Events**

**Arcadia Books, Spring Green**
Saturday, June 9, 3-4 pm – Matt Rothschild, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, discusses his book, *Who Rules Wisconsin? The Power Behind Scott Walker’s Throne*.

Sunday, June 10, 3-4 pm – Shawn Francis Peters discusses his latest novel, *The Infamous Harry Hayward*.

Saturday, June 16, 3-4 pm – Chloe Benjamin discusses her latest novel, *The Immortalists*.

Sunday, June 24, 12-2 pm – Patricia Skalka will sign copies of her book, *Death Rides the Ferry*, the fourth book in her Dave Cubiak Door County Mystery Series.

**Spring Green**
Saturday, June 23-Sunday, June 24 – Arts & Crafts Fair.

**Plain Page Turners**

The Plain Page Turners are looking for new members. Meetings are the third Tuesday of the month. A journal of books the group has read and discussed since the group started in 2001 is displayed on the table in the library vestibule. Selections for June and July are listed below:

- Tuesday, June 19, 7:30 pm – *Play Like a Girl: How a Soccer School in Kenya’s Slums Started a Revolution*, by Ellie Roscher.
- Tuesday, July 17, 7:30 pm – *Tangled Threads*, by Pegi Dietz Shea.

**Focus on Reading**
**By Niki Johnson**

As noted above, author Chloe Benjamin (a Madison resident) will visit Arcadia Books on June 16 to discuss her recent novel, *The Immortalists*. This is a fascinating novel about family dynamics and a “what if” story. The Gold siblings visit a fortune teller known for accurately predicting the date of a person’s death. The novel focuses on the effect that this knowledge has on the family and relationships between each sibling.

**Popular Holds During May 2018**
The following books and DVDs were the most popular holds in the South Central system during May.


**DVDs (in rank order):** Game Night | Red Sparrow | I can Only Imagine | Chappaquiddick | Newton’s Law Season 1 | Rebecka Martinsson, Series 1
Recent Arrivals
A selection of new items received during May

**DVD** - Call the Midwife, Season 7


**Fiction**
*Grist Mill Road*, Christopher Yates
*The Cast*, Danielle Steel
*The Crooked Staircase: A Jane Hawk Novel*, Dean Koontz
*17th Suspect*, James Patterson and Maxine Paetro
*Sweet Vengeance*, Fern Michaels
*The High Tide Club*, Mary Kay Andrews
*The Fallen: A Quinn Colson Novel*, Ace Atkins
*The Sixth Day*, Catherine Coulter and J.T. Ellison
*The Forgotten Road*, Richard Paul Evans
*An American Marriage*, Tayari Jones

**Nonfiction**
*Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind*, Yuval Noah Harare
*Caddyshack: the Making of a Hollywood Cinderella Story*, Chris Nashawaty
*Russian Roulette: The Inside Story of Putin’s War on America and the Election of Donald J. Trump*, Michael Isikoff and David Corn
*Debbie Macomber’s Table*, Debbie Macomber