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Audiobooks... Anytime... Anywhere...

As busy people find it harder to find time to sit and read audiobooks are becoming a popular alternative. People often 'read' books while commuting, exercising, or doing housework. Families on long trips listen to books together.

Libraries have had audiobooks for many years. Some of us will remember listening to poetry and prose selections on LP records as children, and there have been recorded books for the blind for many years.

Audiobooks for the general public really took off though when automobile manufacturers started including cassette players in their audio systems. As the music audio industry moved to CD so did the audiobook industry so that now CDs make up a major portion of the multi-million dollar audiobook market.

The latest advance is digital audiobooks, audiobooks that can be browsed online and downloaded to your PC. From there a digital audiobook can be transferred to your portable audio player or burned to a CD for listening anywhere.

It's easy to get digital audiobooks. Just start at your library's homepage (if you don't know what the address is just go to www.winnefox.org and choose your library). From there just click on the link for [digital audiobooks](#) and start browsing the collection.

Before you listen to your first book you'll need to download the OverDrive Media Console, the software that lets you manage and listen to your audiobooks.

Winnefox Library System and the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium have partnered with the OverDrive Digital Library Reserve and your library to bring these audiobooks to you.



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NORTH FOND DU LAC

Library users were greeted with the tantalizing smell of fresh baked bread on Valentine's Day and invited to help themselves to a slice with butter, jam or honey. This was a holiday treat from library staff who had brought in their bread machines to make several different kinds of loaves throughout the day.

The recently formed North Fond du Lac Historical Society held an open house for a "Picture Identification Day" at the library in February. It was such a success that the group is planning another similar day on Saturday, May 20th and are adding a "Share Your Memories of Growing Up in the Village" as well as working on identification of more pictures. Libraries are often depositories for local history information in addition to offering printed materials, audio-visual items and Internet access.



Dr. Seuss' birthday was celebrated with a special preschoolers program on March 2nd. Kohl's Department Store donated *Cat In the Hat* books that the library gave to each of the story time participants.



Classes from St. Paul's Lutheran School make regular visits to the public library. Mrs. Miller's class shared their Polka Dot Day costumes when they came on March 3rd.

The Library was involved in the recent Fond du Lac County READS event. A program for elementary age children tied in with the fireman theme of *Population 485: Meeting Your Neighbors One Siren At a Time* which was chosen for the county wide read. The village fire chief, Dana Sechler, and three of the firefighters presented a program on fire safety and equipment. The best part was when the children got to try on the firefighting gear and spray the parking lot with water. A Good Time was had by all.



Planning for the 2006 *Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales* Summer Reading Program is in full swing. Children will have an opportunity to not only be entertained with stories and activities about beloved pets but will be educated about the humane treatment of animals, responsible pet ownership, and opportunities and careers for animal-lovers. Not to be forgotten are those pets that help us in so many ways such as rescue dogs, therapy dogs, and working animals. For children who cannot have a live pet, we'll offer a session on imaginary pets. We are looking forward to David Stokes, a Live Animal Handler. His presentation will be at the Friendship Learning Center. The Balloon Kid will also make a repeat appearance and do her magic with balloons for the children. Generous donations from the Friendship Learning Center and Bessie Allen Middle School PTO will help fund the summer program.



RIPON

Fond du Lac County Reads:

Population 485

The Ripon Public Library hosted a number of events in conjunction with the Fond du Lac County Reads program this year. Here are a few highlights:

- On March 11, over 60 people attended a children's program on fire safety and prevention. Ripon firemen Tom Nelson and Dave Malkowski performed two skits in the library before leading everyone outside to view and explore a fire truck.
- Renowned Wisconsin author Jerry Apps spoke at the library on March 12. He read selections from a number of his books and reminisced about life in the country before there was electricity or indoor plumbing. Many patrons either purchased books at the program or brought along their personal copies to be autographed afterwards.

Knitting Class

The library recently offered a beginning knitting class over five weeks. Enrollment was limited to ten people in order to allow for more personalized instruction. Demand exceeded expectations and the class filled up within hours of accepting registrations. There is currently a waiting list and the library is hoping to offer more sessions this spring and summer.

Magazine Collection Being Updated

Library staff is currently evaluating the magazine collection and has been soliciting input from patrons. The most popular request so far has been to add titles on gardening. The library hopes to make any changes in April and May.

BRANDON

Preschool Storytime programs at Brandon

Join us for these upcoming programs for preschoolers and their parents.

Both programs begin at 10:30 AM

- Thursday, April 13th Bunnies and Chicks
- Friday, May 14th May Day for My Mom

CAMPBELLSPORT

On Tuesday, March 14 the Campbellsport Public Library hosted a presentation about Dying Well in Wisconsin given by Andrew Land. Mr. Land's speech touched on the topics of how the Americans deal with and view the loss of a loved now verses 90 to 100 years ago. He also talked about how Hospice Hope of Fond du Lac is striving to make the last days of their patients lives as rewarding as possible and how important it is for the loved ones left behind to come to terms with their loss. The people who came to this presentation left with a greater understanding of an issue that effects of all.



Andrew Land talking about the difficult topic of losing a loved one.

Join us on Friday, May 5th at the Campbellsport Public Library to meet hometown author, Joseph Pesch. *Don't Let Me Sleep 'Till Noon* is the heartwarming story he wrote about his childhood memories of growing up in Campbellsport and his other lifetime experiences. The author will be greeting old friends, meeting new friends, and signing and selling his book at the Library starting at 1 pm. Free refreshments will be served.

OAKFIELD

2006 marks the 10th anniversary of the Oakfield tornado, a time of great sadness and devastation for the village. As we look back over the years we realize that much good has come our way as the village united to rebuild and restore the place we call home. One of the blessings is our new Community Center which houses the Village Office, Fire Department, and our Public Library. As we celebrate the 5th anniversary of our move into the new



building we stop to reflect upon the fact that our relatively small village has a public library. Our thoughts and thanks go back to the early residents of our community who realized the importance of such a place and pioneered its beginning over 100 years ago.



Over 115 people learned about fire safety and toured a fire truck at the library. The program was presented by the Fond du Lac Fire Department.

FOND DU LAC

The second annual *Fond du Lac Reads!* campaign was a great success. The month-long celebration in March encouraged as many people as possible to read Michael Perry's *Population 485*. Many community organizations cooperated with the library to present a schedule of exciting programs. Events included the run/walk benefit sponsored by the FDL Running Club and FDL Police Department. The Foot of the Lake Poetry Collective cosponsored a poetry reading by local celebrities. The FDL Fire Department presented a program at the library and brought a real fire truck for kids to tour. The highlight of *FDL Reads!* was, of course, the appearance of Michael Perry at the author program. He also conducted a writer's workshop for area teachers, students, and others. Everyone is looking forward to next year's program.

The library also celebrated the 104th birthday of Langdon Divers, a native of Fond du Lac and historian best known to readers of the FDL Reporter for his articles about life in the early 20th century. Tom Herre, FDL City Manager, presented the "Key to the City" to Langdon at the library in the Divers Community Gallery.

The library is gearing up to celebrate National Library Week in April. "Hats off to Books," on Sunday, April 2, 1:30-2 p.m. will encourage children to help tell silly hat stories and create a hat of their own to wear home. On Wednesday, April 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m., families will discover magic at the library when they attend the Rondini Magic Show. Middle and high school students from the FDL School District will be exhibiting their art at the library in April.

An online discussion forum has been created on the library's website:

www.FDLPL.org

Readers are invited to join the forum and discuss all things books. The library has also launched *News@FDLPL*, a biweekly e-newsletter to keep you up-to-date on library events, services and resources. Visit the library's homepage to subscribe.

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Sunday 12-4 (Summer-closed)

SPILLMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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OAKFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

130 North Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065
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RIPON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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