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ASK YOUR LIBRARIAN.

anything... anytime... from anywhere...

Libraries have always used technology to extend their services beyond library walls and past regular open hours. Early on libraries saw the potential of the Internet and were leaders in making their catalogs available online. Through your library's web page you have access to valuable reference resources that provide reliable information and rare digitized historical documents.

Now you can have a librarian's assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, even on holidays.

Whether you have an important report due in the morning, need a recipe for Chicken Kiev, or want last week's Milwaukee Brewers scores, a librarian can get the answer for you. Just click on the "Ask Wisconsin" logo on your library's web page to connect to the service. You can find your library's web site by looking at the library directory on the back page of this newsletter, or by going to www.winnefox.org and choosing your library.



You can choose either to send an email or enter a chat session with an experienced librarian who can help find the information you need. The librarian may be as close as your own library or thousands of miles away, but wherever they are they'll have the knowledge and tools to help you.

They'll find the best resources to answer your question; whether it be a specialized online database, a web site or even a book or magazine from the library. If your PC has a current web browser installed (Firefox, Mozilla, Internet Explorer or Netscape 7) you'll even be able to interact with the librarian as he or she brings up different resources on your computer screen to zero in on finding what you need. Once your chat session is done, you'll receive an email with a transcript of your chat session that includes links to all the web sites visited.

The Ask Wisconsin Librarians service is made up of librarians from over 400 libraries nationwide. They have the knowledge and tools to assist in answering any sort of question, no matter how trivial or profound.

This service has been available as an experimental project for over a year, but with limited hours. Winnefox Library System is pleased to be able to expand this service to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This service is funded by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, through Winnefox Library System.



You have
questions,
problems
that need
to be
solved.

Libraries
have
answers.

BRANDON

There may be lazy summer days somewhere but the Brandon Library is a beehive of activity this summer.

Brandon Library is eager to start the summer reading program. This year's theme lent itself to the talents of library assistant Tylor S. Loest who is a student at Ripon College in Drama and History. Tylor created a 10-foot dragon to delight young and old alike. Greg, the Dragon, was named after Tylor's neighbor at the suggestion of a young reader. "We're really going for a Middle Ages theme, but with a joyful touch of fantasy" notes Loest.

The Library is also getting a much need paint job that is in the spirit of the historical nature of the building. The highly detailed work should be finished by the end of June. Loest is also doing that job under the direction of the Brandon Public Works department. Loest has experience from doing historic renovations on homes. The Library's webpage will also receive a needed renovation with some help from the Winnefox staff.

Summer readers will receive a book as part of their reward for completing the reading records, in addition to the ticket to Historic homes, or the Bristol Renaissance Faire. A donation by a patron allowed the library to have plenty of books for prizes.

FOND DU LAC

The Fond du Lac Public Library is gearing up for another busy summer this year. *Summer-time Blues!* is the theme of the reading program for adults. Participants have an opportunity to win prizes by reading anything they want. Reading to your children or grandkids also qualifies for prizes. Teens need to fill a BINGO card with reading minutes to be eligible for great prizes. The children's summer program theme is "Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds." Children earn exciting prizes for reading such as coupons for free meals at A&W, Country Buffet, and Pizza Hut.

Free special events are scheduled throughout the summer for kids including a magician, storytellers, musicians, and a ventriloquist. Tickets for these programs must be picked up in advance at the library. Contests, regular storytimes and craft programs are also planned this summer. Pick up a listing of events in the Children's Room or check the library's website: www.fdlpl.org for more information.

Children and Teens can also join the reading program on the Bookmobile. Regular story and craft programs will be held at the stops in Eden, Rosendale, Mt. Calvary and St. Cloud. Pick up a bookmobile schedule of stops in the library, on the bookmobile or on the library's website.

The library is participating in the "Downtown is Blooming" weekend, July 29-30. A flower show is being sponsored by the library and the Fond du Lac Green Thumb Garden Club. The show will be combined with an art exhibit of floral paintings on canvas and china in the library's Langdon Divers Gallery. The Friends of the Library used bookstore, the BookCellar, will also be open on Saturday, July 30 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

This could be your lucky day if you visit the library and are looking for a popular DVD. Additional copies of the hottest new DVDs have been purchased by the library. Reserves cannot be placed on the "lucky day" titles and will allow customers immediate access to a popular movie. The Lucky Day DVDs are interfiled with the DVDs on the first floor in the Popular Materials area.



Left to right, Lynn Giles, FDL City Transit; Ken Hall, Library Director; Lindee Kimball, FDL City Council President; and Dee Burkhardt, Flyway Signs, are standing in front of the city bus to promote "Buses to Books." Kids can ride free to the library and home again every Thursday during the summer by using their library card as a bus pass. Flyway Signs donated the bus wrap that was designed by Winnefox artist, Renee Miller.

No matter what the weather outside, library users enjoy sitting around the cozy new fireplace in the first floor reading lounge.

The fireplace was donated by Fox Valley LP and M.W. Tighe Roofing. C.D. Smith Construction assisted with the installation.



NORTH FOND DU LAC

Sir Cedric, a four-foot tall knight in shining armor, greets library users this summer. He was graciously loaned to the library by Amy Leemon for our Summer Reading Program. "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds" is a popular theme as many children have signed up to read and take part in the crafts and story times being offered.

Special programs include: face painting and balloon animals by Stacey Schmude, "Puff and Stuff" presented by musician and storyteller, David Drake and North Fond du Lac's own Richard Weinberger demonstrating dulcimer music. The grand prize drawing for participants in the children's program is a scenic flight airplane ride for three at the Fond du Lac Skyport. An adult and teen reading program that was tried for the first time last summer is being offered again this summer. Remember that **READING** is for **EVERYONE**.

An often-asked question at our check out desk is "what's next in this author's series that I'm reading?" Our library now has laminated booklists of over 30 popular authors available for readers and staff to find the answer to this question. Winnefox graphics did good work on this so take advantage of these oversize lists.

A mural was painted on a wall in the storytime room commemorating the library's upcoming centennial. The "All Aboard the Reading Train" theme ties in with the village's history. The books in the freight car and the depiction of a library building show the importance these have played over the years. Thanks to the mural artists Nancy Wood and Laurie Bargaquest.



Hanna Wetherbee, children's librarian, reads to the NFDL Head Start class who were faithful visitors every month.

CAMPBELLSPORT

The Campbellsport Public Library staffs, along with many very dedicated volunteers, have managed to enter over half of the Library's collection into the Winnefox Automated Library System catalog. Eleven weeks into this ambitious project we have entered 9,656 titles into the online catalog. It is our goal to have the rest of the collection entered by the end of August and to start entering patron data by September. The Library Staff and Board are really excited to see the progress we've made towards becoming a full participant in the WALs system



Joan Hoff, Library Board President has spent many hours entering Campbellsport Public Library books into the WALs system.

OAKFIELD

Summer is here and the Summer Library Program is in full swing. We invite young and old to family night on Wednesday, July 20 for the Rick Allen Magic Show at 6:30 P.M. Wednesday, August 3 is another family night, "supper with a good book," at 5:30 P.M. followed by Mister Billy at 6:30 P.M. We hope many families will join us for these special programs.

The most popular giraffe in the area, Geoffrey, of Toys R Us will visit our library on Wednesday August 17 from 4 to 6 P.M. Have your picture taken with Geoffrey and get a special gift.

With summer heat often comes humidity, too. If you need to cool off, come into the air-conditioned library and read, watch a movie or catch something on cable TV. We have many new DVD's and the latest best-seller books. You just can't beat it!!!

RIPON

The Ripon Public Library kicked off its first annual adult summer reading program, "Good to the Last Page," on June 13. The program runs through July 30 and patrons can register in person or online at <http://www.riponlibrary.org>. For every book a patron reads or listens to, they can fill out a slip and drop it off at the library to be entered in weekly drawings for prizes, including author autographed books and Little White Schoolhouse Tee Shirts. There will also be a number of grand prizes, including gift certificates to local businesses. Patrons can also read to help feed. For every book a patron reads, the Friends of the Library will donate ten cents to the Ripon Area Food Pantry.

The library is holding weekly art print auctions now through December. One framed print will be sold each week in a silent auction format, with bids starting at just \$10. The prints will be on display at the front desk. A complete list of available prints, including pictures, sizes and descriptions, and general information about the auction is available on the library's website. All proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Library organization.

EXCITING TIMES AT WINNEFOX LIBRARY SYSTEM...

These are exciting times for Winnefox! In 2004 we replaced our outdated DRA catalog/circulation system with a new Sirsi system. By mid-year Fond du Lac Public Library had joined the system, adding increased richness to the shared collection. The next addition to the system will be Campbellsport Public Library, in Fond du Lac County. The 3 remaining libraries that aren't part of the shared system—Brandon, Neshkoro, and Oakfield—are either considering joining or are making plans to do so.

In 2005 the *Ask Wisconsin Librarians* service was expanded to 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Library users needing research help or answers to questions can reach a trained librarian through their local library's web page at any time.

We expect to see more changes in 2005 and 2006 as director John Nichols retires and a new director is chosen.

Fond du Lac County Libraries

BRANDON PUBLIC LIBRARY

117 E. Main Street Brandon, WI 53919
920-346-2350 www.brandonlibrary.net
Monday 2-7
Tuesday 2-7
Wednesday 2-7
Friday 10-5
Saturday 9-12

CAMPBELLSPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

220 North Helena Street
Campbellsport, WI 53010
920-533-8534
www.campbellsportlibrary.org
Monday 12-8
Tuesday 12-8
Wednesday 10-6
Thursday 12-8
Friday 10-5

FOND DU LAC PUBLIC LIBRARY

32 Sheboygan Street Fond du Lac, WI 54935
920-929-7080 www.fdlpl.org
Monday 9-8
Tuesday 9-8
Wednesday 9-8
Thursday 9-8
Friday 9-6
Saturday 9-5 (Summer 9-1)
Sunday 1-5 (Summer-closed)

SPILLMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

719 Wisconsin Avenue North Fond du Lac, WI 54937
920-394-3281 www.northfonddulaclibrary.org
Monday 12-8
Tuesday 10-5
Wednesday 10-5
Thursday 12-8
Friday 10-5
Saturday 10-1 (Summer-closed)

OAKFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

130 North Main Street Oakfield, WI 53065
920-583-4552 www.oakfieldlibrary.com
Monday 1-8
Tuesday 9-2
Wednesday 1-8
Thursday 1-8
Friday 1-5

RIPON PUBLIC LIBRARY

120 Jefferson Street Ripon, WI 54971
920-748-6160 www.riponlibrary.org
Monday 10-8
Tuesday 10-8
Wednesday 10-8
Thursday 10-8
Friday 10-8 (Summer 10-6)
Saturday 10-4 (Summer 10-1)
Sunday 1-4 (Summer-closed)

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