

The Voice of the Fond du Lac County Libraries

FIX YOUR CAR @ THE LIBRARY

Of course you can't actually fix your car *at* the library, but your library has two new online databases that can help you fix not only your car but your lawnmower, outboard motor, or motorcycle as well.

The **Auto Repair Reference Center** has information for most domestic & import makes from the mid-1970s and for some as far back as the 1940s. You can go online and find service bulletins and recall notices, step by step repair instructions, and wiring diagrams.

The **Small Engine Repair Reference Center** has service manuals and other information for almost any kind of non-farm power equipment that you're likely to have, including

- All-terrain vehicles
- Generators & other small engines
- Outboard motors
- Motorcycles
- Outdoor power equipment, including
- Lawnmowers & lawn tractors
- Snowblowers
- Chain saws
- Tillers
- Personal water craft
- Snowmobiles
- Farm tractors



Like most of the library's online databases, you don't even have to go to the library to use it (although you will need a library card). Because they're online you can get to them from any PC connected to the internet. Once you find what you need you can print it out and take it to your shop or garage.

Just go to your library's website; if you don't know the URL go to the Winnefox website (www.winnefox.org) and choose your library.

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NORTH FOND DU LAC

Successful Summer Reading Program at Spillman Public Library

The 2008 Catch the Reading Bug Summer Reading Program was a great success! About 750 area children attended 32 different activities and programs offered through the library and read approximately 25,800 minutes.

Visiting Spillman Library this summer was Hairy Larry the tarantula, who came to us from Ms. Johnson's classroom at Friendship Learning Center. Through the visit, patrons were able to see both tarantula and crickets (Larry's food), up close and personal.

Joe and Micky Wise with their Wise Guy and His Gal comedy and variety act entertained and interacted with students. All were encouraged to sing and dance while exploring the world of reading. A crowd favorite was the dinosaur tail that Wise Guy wore on the back of his shorts!

Over the course of the summer, many insect crafts were created, such as origami insects, bug viewing jars, spider hats, beaded ladybugs and caterpillar/butterfly optical illusions, to name a few.

Our library also received a visit from Chris Langenfeld, a.k.a. CritterrrMan, who inspired children to consider recycling and consider differences between insects and arachnids. Full of energy, he delivered a fun, action-packed performance.

A weekly "Guess the Mystery Bug" game, as well as a weekly estimation jar kept the kids guessing! The summer reading program closed with a "Bug Fest." At the celebration, children were encouraged to play a "Toss the Bug" game to win stuffed animals, generously donated by Kohl's Department Store. An annual carnival favorite, a "Fishing Pond," gave all ages a chance to win a buggy prize. A 3-dimensional jeweled butterfly craft was a crowd favorite, as well as a snack of gummy worms in Oreo "dirt"!

We would like to especially thank our children for their enthusiasm for reading and consistent participation in this year's program, our performers, and our library staff. Thanks for another successful year!



Hanna Wetherbee, Children's Librarian, celebrates with some children who attended the Bug Fest on August 1st.



"Hairy Larry," a 4th grade teacher's tarantula, resided at our library for the summer.

CAMPBELLSPORT

Campbellsport Public Library was a Popular Destination this Summer

The Campbellsport Public Library's 2008 summer reading program was a huge success.

Two hundred and ninety children between the ages of three and twelve registered to participate in the program. The children were encouraged to practice their reading and writing skills during the summer in exchange for rewards. The children collectively read approximately 160,200 minutes.

As part of the program, children and their families were also invited to the Library for weekly activities that revolved around the theme of "Catch the Reading Bug." Children between the ages of 3 and 7 were invited to the Library on Wednesday mornings to participate in story time activities. Some of the kid's favorite activities included cookie

decorating and paper hat making. Older children were encouraged to come to the Library in the afternoon to learn about careers that deal with bugs and to play games.

Families were also encouraged to come to the Library together on a few summer evenings. Besides the showing of a family movie, the Library sponsored a performance of the Soda Pup Dogs. These six small dogs and their two trainers provided a lot of laughs to the over 145 people who attend the event.

On the evening of July 22, the Library hosted an outdoor family event that included a variety of activities for children of all ages. Serwe Implements generously loaned four large new John Deere tractors for children and adults to explore. Local D.J. Rob Peterson volunteered to set the mood for the evening by playing fun music. A group craft activity was enjoyed by many of the children. A special appearance by the Library's mascot Winnie-the-Fox delighted many. Face painting was provided by members of the Campbellsport High School art club. The High School dance team not only organized a mini dance clinic but also sold hot dogs and hamburgers. Students from St. Matt's School held a bake sale fundraiser that benefited the family of one of their classmates. These activities were enjoyed by over 200 people.

For the third summer, the Campbellsport Public Library encouraged area teens to read by holding a teen reading program. The teens were asked to spend some of their free time reading, to record their time reading and to enter their names into the six weekly drawings and the grand prize drawing. Forty-eight of the area teens participated in the program. Collectively they read 152,320 minutes during the six week program. The grand prize winner, Jennifer Kirchberg won an iPod, an iTunes gift certificate and various other prizes.

The adult users of the Library were not left out of the fun. For each book or magazine adult readers checked-out, read and returned to the Library, they were eligible to enter their name into a random drawing to win one of many great prizes. In June and July, the adult readers entered 244 slips into the drawing.

This program was paid for by donations from individual library supporters and these generous local business; Smith and Hatch, Pick'n Save, Mineshaft, Milwaukee Admirals, King Pin Lanes, Milwaukee Brewers, Milwaukee Wave, Susie's Home Cooking, C.C. Cody's, Schreiner's, Redwing Photography, B & B Productions, Knights of Columbus, National Exchange Bank, Dr. Moos - Dentist, Ben Franklin / True Value, Sprecher Brewing Co., Milwaukee County Zoo, Bean Street Café, Campbellsport BP, Paradise Theatre, Northwinds Supper Club, Betty Brinn Children's Museum, Walmart, Target, Johnson School Bus Service, Pleasure Valley Llamas, Milwaukee Public Museum, Kohl's, and the Milwaukee Bucks.

This summer the Campbellsport Public Library also loaned out a record number of items. In June, local citizen's borrowed 5,636 items, and in July 5,892 items were borrowed. This was a 20.3 percent increase over last summer record usage.

Please stop in at the Campbellsport Public Library to find out more about the great services we provide, such as a selection of new release fiction and non-fiction books, free borrowing of popular DVDs, book club meetings, family, pre-school and after school programming, public computer stations, wireless internet access, copy and fax service and reference help. We are located at 220 N. Helena Street, right next to the post office. You may also call us at (920) 533 – 8534 for more information or check-out our website at www.campbellsportlibrary.org for a listing of new library material and events. The Library is open in the summer on Mondays and Tuesdays from noon till 8 pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 to 6 pm and Fridays from 10 to 5 pm.



Some of the children from St. Matt's preschool came to the Campbellsport Public Library to present a thank you card to the Librarians because they had a great time participating in the summer reading program.

FOND DU LAC PUBLIC

The FDL Public Library is offering a new service outlet in the form of a bookmobile starting September 2nd at the Festival Foods Store in Fond du Lac. The bookmobile will be parked in front of the store and be open Monday through Friday from 2-6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



The library expects people will find it convenient to include a visit to the bookmobile when they shop, bank, or have a medical appointment in this outlying location. The library hopes to provide more convenient access to library materials for those who live a great distance from the downtown library.

People will be able to place holds on materials online and pick them up at the bookmobile.

The bookmobile will offer free library cards and personal assistance. Library cards can be used at any of the public libraries in Fond du Lac County and the other 24 libraries in the Winnefox Library System

PlayTots, a new program for children ages newborn through 24 months will be offered in the Children's Room at the Library beginning September 5. Weekly programs will be held on Friday mornings from 10-11 am, and on Monday evenings from 6-7 pm. Children need to be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. No registration is necessary. The program provides an hour of unstructured free play and socializing for children and caregivers. Play is an important part of child development and stimulates imagination, problem solving, and cooperation skills.

Five themes will be rotated during the weekly programs, Shapes, Colors, Music,

Construction, and Animals. Toys, books, music and parenting materials will be available at each session.

Children ages 9-12 are invited to join the *Pop Right In* after school book club in the Children's Room. The hour long programs will be held on the second Thursday of each month starting Thursday, September 11 from 3:45 – 4:45 pm.

Children will have the chance to talk about the books they like and find out what others are reading too. Each month will feature a book chosen by the group. Popcorn and a fruit drink will be served at each program.

Hooked on Books is a new book discussion group sponsored by the Library and the Friends of the Library. The monthly program will run from September 2008 through May 2009. Each discussion will be led by a community leader on the book of his or her choice.

The first discussion is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Mid-States Training Room located on the lower level of the library. Terry Fleming, Vice-President of the FDL Area Association of Commerce will present the book, *The Inheritance of Loss* by Kiran Desai.

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These new resources join the other online resources that are funded by the Winnefox Library System and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction:

- Consumer Health Resource
- Business Source Complete
- Encyclopedia Americana, New Book of Knowledge, and Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia
- Points of View Reference Center
- Biography Collection
- Magazines and Newspapers online

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BRANDON PUBLIC LIBRARY

117 E. Main Street Brandon, WI 53919
 920-346-2350
www.brandonlibrary.net
 Monday 2-6
 Tuesday 2-6
 Wednesday 2-6
 Thursday 2-6
 Friday 11-5
 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 12-5
 Friday 10-5
 Saturday 9-12

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 9-4
 Sunday 12-4 (Summer-closed)

SPILLMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

719 Wisconsin Avenue North Fond du Lac, WI 54937
 920-929-3771
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 9:30-8
 Tuesday 9:30-8
 Wednesday 9:30-8
 Thursday 9:30-8
 Friday 9:30-6
 Saturday 10-4 (Summer 10-1)
 Sunday 1-4 (Summer-closed)

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