

Shhhut! about libraries

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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library's web page you have access to valuable reference resources that provide reliable information and rare digitized historical documents.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.

BERLIN

Berlin Public Library hosted a demonstration on "Found" Container Gardening presented by the Green Lake County Master Gardeners, Rose Wick, Lloyd and Pat Lundeen, Liz Dillman, and Kay Carroll, and UW- Extension Agriculture Agent, Carla Heiman. Liz Dillman used a wagon as a container, a washtub to make an eatable garden and a copper container for a porch garden. Liz recommended using a soil mixture for containers, so that fertilizing and weeding would be held to a minimum. She also gave pointers on selection of plants to make an attractive container planting. Liz encouraged gardeners to be creative and try different found containers. Some gardeners are even using old purses as containers to hang on a fence. As a closing to the program Liz planted the library planters with plants donated by Master Gardener member Becky Olson. Before the program the group worked on weeding the flowerbeds they had planted and continue to maintain for the Berlin Public Library since 2003.



Our summer reading program was introduced to all of the school children in Berlin with a play written and presented by members of the Forensics Club from Berlin Middle School. This is the second year these student playwrights and actors partnered with the library for a fun day culminating with a lunch at Shepherd's Drive In. The Library will also have an Adult and Teen Reading program. The summer reading programs will run from June 16 to July 28.

GREEN LAKE

July is all about summer fun at the library! Join us for all sorts of activities for children throughout the month. From great performers like Randy Peterson, Ken Lonquist and Mr. Billy, to sharing board games together, to cool movies and popcorn, to creating great crafts, the Caestecker Public Library invites you to join us! There are too many events to list here, so please come by the library and pick up our detailed flyer or call us at 294-3572 to discover what we are doing that day!

As well as all those events, the library will also be hosting a Harry Potter Party celebrating the release of *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* on Friday, July 15th at 4 pm. There will be a trivia contest, treats, and a potions class. Fun for all ages, even if you haven't read all of the books yet!

Also in July, the library will be showing a series of blockbuster movies on every Tuesday in July at 7:00 pm. The films will be *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, *The Producers*, and *Pirates of the Caribbean*. Join us for this free film series at the library and enjoy some of our favorite films together.

On Tuesday, August 9th at 7:00 pm, come to *Tour Wisconsin through Works of Its Traditional Artists*. Presented by Anne Pryor, folk arts education specialist for the Wisconsin Arts Board, the program is a Wisconsin Humanities Council Speaker's Bureau presentation. Our adult program series will continue throughout the year with monthly programs. You can pick up a schedule of the programs at the library.

PRINCETON

Are you looking for family friendly activities that won't break the bank? Head to the Princeton Public Library. There's something for everyone at the library this summer. For starters, "Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds," our summer library program (SLP) continues through July. Here's a list of SLP events:

- ♦ Randy Peterson—tunes, tales, and more, Thursday, July 7, 2:00
- ♦ The Balloon Kid—balloon sculpting & fun, Thursday, July 14, 2:00
- ♦ Judy Farrow-Busack—story-telling, Thursday, July 21, 2:00
- ♦ Fang (Timber Rattlers' mascot) visit, Thursday, July 28, 2:00 p.m.

There's still plenty of time to sign up and read, read, read whether you're a teen, tween, preschooler, or senior citizen. Record the titles you've read or that have been read to you to earn passes to the Renaissance Faire in Bristol, or to some of Wisconsin's great old castle-like homes, and to enter weekly drawings and be eligible for other great prizes—like plush dragons, cool t-shirts, chamber gift certificates, and more! Children are also invited to sign up for the Timber Rattler reading program and read for game tickets and other prizes.

The Library Friends will host the food booth at the Princeton Flea Market Saturday, July 16. There is a sign-up sheet at the front desk for volunteers. Of course, all are invited to stop by for a chilled beverage or a brat or burger. It's a delicious way to support the Friends!

Princeton celebrates its Fox River lore and history with Riviere du Renard Days, July 23 and 24. The library will participate with a used book and more sale from 9:00 - 3:00 and a children's program from 2:00 - 3:00 on Saturday. Also, Winnie the Fox will be on hand to shake your hand!

If you're a Harry Potter fan, you've probably been counting the days until the release of *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince*. Join us to celebrate this long-awaited book during our August First Friday program, August 5, 6:00 p.m. Serious Harry Potter fan and children's librarian Linda DeNell will transport us to Hogwarts for tons of Harry Potter fun. All who attend will be entered in a drawing for their very own copy of the book! After the fun at the library ends, you're invited to wander up and down Water Street to enjoy live music and more.

Please call for information on these on-going programs: Knitting circle/classes; cribbage and chess classes; First Tuesday book discussion & potluck; and TGIF children's crafts.



Congratulations to the lucky winners of this year's Culver's reading promotion. All smiles with their Culver's goodies are (from left to right) Callista, Courtney, and Mark (with mom). More than 75 children participated in this year's event at the Princeton library. The reading promotion was sponsored by Culver's Restaurants, the Wisconsin Library Association, and libraries throughout the state. All entrants received a coupon good for a free custard at their favorite Culver's and a chance to get creative with drawing materials!



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.

Green Lake County Libraries

BERLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

121 West Park Avenue Berlin, WI 54923
920-361-5420 www.berlinlibrary.org
Monday 9-8
Tuesday 9-8
Wednesday 9-8
Thursday 9-8
Friday 9-6
Saturday 9-5 (Summer 9-1)

CAESTECKER PUBLIC LIBRARY

518 Hill Street Green Lake, WI 54941
920-294-3572 www.greenlakelibrary.org
Monday 9:30-6:00
Tuesday 9:30-7:00
Wednesday 9:30-6:00
Thursday 9:30-7:00
Friday 9:30-6:00
Saturday 9:30-12:30
Sunday 1:00-4:00

MARKESAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

75 North Bridge Street Markesan, WI 53946
920-398-3434 www.markesanlibrary.org
Monday 10-7
Tuesday 10-6
Wednesday 10-6
Thursday 10-7
Friday 10-6
Saturday 9-12:00 (Summer-closed)

MILL POND PUBLIC LIBRARY

151 North South Street Kingston, WI 53939
920-394-3281 www.millpondlibrary.org
Monday 1-6
Tuesday 1-6
Wednesday 9-11 & 1-6
Thursday 1-6
Saturday 9-11

PRINCETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

424 West Water Street Princeton, WI 54968
920-295-6777 www.princetonpublib.org
Monday 9-6
Tuesday 10-8
Wednesday 10-8
Thursday 10-8
Friday 9-5
Saturday 9-1

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