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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.

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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.

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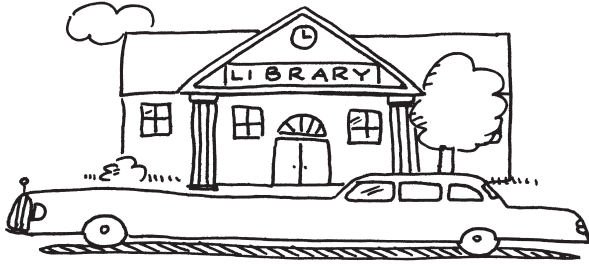
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WESTFIELD

The **Ethel Everhard Memorial Library** welcomed its new **Director, Marie Boleman**, in January. Marie would like to encourage people of all ages to take advantage of library services. After all, it's YOUR library!

In March, the library celebrated **Dr. Seuss' Birthday**. People played Seuss trivia and other Seuss inspired games. Stories were read, cookies were eaten.....

and all went home
much richer and fatter
flown home by the
Katroo Birthday Bird
On a soft birthday platter.



Women's History Month was observed with a fine display of materials that call attention to women's suffrage, women in the arts, athletes, and other amazing women who have made major contributions. Can you name this woman? Answer-Carrie Lane Chapman Catt, a Wisconsin Women's Suffrage leader pictured in 1896. Woman did not get the vote until 1920, although some Wisconsin women were allowed to vote in school board elections before then. For these, they often had a separate "women's ballot."

The library display case featured "**I Spy: Luck and Leprechauns,**" A visual collage of cultural symbols for luck.

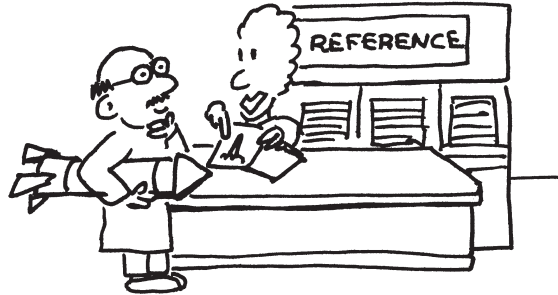
PACKWAUKEE

Thanks to **Thyme Share**, the Marquette County Master Gardeners and Friends, Packwaukee library has several new gardening and horticultural books—just in time for spring! One title is **THE GARDEN BOOK FOR WISCONSIN**. This book shows select plants that will grow in the variety of Wisconsin soils, common pests associated with each plant, and how to introduce native Wisconsin plants to your landscape. **THE CURIOUS MOREL; Mushrooms Hunters' Recipes, Lore and Advice** by Larry Lonik is another new book. Try Potatoes Gratin with Mushrooms or Morel Zucchini Egg Bake while reading the tips on where to find morels.

Also check out the **Pruning Basics** book by David Squire and **The Pruning Handbook** by Steve Bradley for more information, pictures and tips on pruning climbing plants, roses, trees, vines and soft fruit. Packwaukee also owns the video: **Introducing Square Foot Gardening** with Mel Bartholomew. This 36-minute video has public performance rights permitting a non-profit setting to show the tape.

The Packwaukee Library is helping to coordinate several clubs and associations that are relatively new to Packwaukee. A **Drama Club** for ages 5-90 is in the beginning phase and the year-old **Packwaukee Historical Society** (meets on the first Thursday of the month) are two possibilities to join. A **Poets Review** group is starting up and needs 1 more person to share their poems. If you are interested in participating in any one of these groups, contact the library at 608-589-5202 and we will forward your name to the club leader. Lastly, the Library has started a **puzzle swap**. Bring in a used puzzle and swap for one that is new to you! (If you don't have a puzzle to swap-come anyway!) Because of some generous and puzzling Packwaukeeians we have plenty of puzzles to swap!

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