

Shhhout!



about libraries

The Voice of the Marquette County Libraries

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web page you have access to valuable reference resources that provide reliable information and rare digitized historical documents.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

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You have
questions,
problems
that need
to be
solved.

Libraries
have
answers.

COUNTY LIBRARY USE SOARS

The number of items checked out by Marquette County libraries in 2004 increased by 8,916 items, or 7%, over 2003. 136,303 items were checked out in 2004.

This increase is part of a continuing trend; library use has increased every year since 2001. Between 2001 and 2004 use increased by 31%.

MARQUETTE COUNTY LIBRARIES PARTNER WITH LITERACY VOLUNTEERS

The Marquette County Literacy Volunteers quilts are being displayed at county libraries and the county fair this spring and summer. If you haven't seen them yet, you can find them at these libraries:

July 11 - 22	Oxford Public Library
August 1 - 13	Westfield Public Library
After August 22	Montello Public Library



Visit the Marquette County libraries at the County Fair. Look for the Marquette County Libraries and the Literacy Volunteers of America-Marquette County to have a joint booth at the Marquette County Fair this year. The two organizations work closely throughout the year on various projects and this summer will again join forces to man the fair booth, promote literacy in the County, distribute information, and display their handmade Literacy quilts.

MONTELLO

Montello Public Library had a successful Summer Library Program with the theme Dragons Dreams and Daring Deeds. Four programs were offered in June: Mary Poppins, Dennis "Dino" Tlachac with his live animals, magician Barry Rudesill, and a picnic for all the participants celebrating summer reading and the library.

Montello Public Library Summer Reading Program, promoting reading and library fun, was coordinated by Lisa Bond. Lisa's sons, Mitchell and Maxwell, were helpers, along with Mark Wallis.

NESHKORO

The summer months are upon us and the Neshkoro Library is looking forward to the Summer Reading Program. Our summer program kicks off on July 7 with Dennis "Dino" Tlachac visiting with his rainforest of animals. His show features live parrots, lizards, and snakes—OH MY!!! The following week David Drake brings his "Puff 'n Stuff" program. This is a mix of daring stories, the stuff of dreams as well as an appearance by Puff. Come and see the dragon and other beasts. Then on July 21 Hardy Garrison, better known as "The Story Guy" will entertain all with tales.

Besides the entertainers, the library will have the reading cards with books available and summer fun items when the reading times are meet.

The library will be offering the adult summer craft programs on Saturdays. Stop in at the Library for the complete list of classes to be offered.

The Library has a number of good summer reads—stop in and "check out" all the Library has to offer.

WESTFIELD

Westfield Library's 2005 Summer Reading Program Schedule of Events for July and August

- ♦ Wednesday, July 6, 3:30pm- Milwaukee Zoological Society presents Care for Critters. This year's show is called "Animals of the Night" and will include a variety of live animals, including owls.
- ♦ Monday, July 11, 10:00am- Dave Dahl, musician. Back for the third straight year, this musical performance is always entertaining. This even is being sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
- ♦ Wednesday, July 13, 6:30pm- Jack Armstrong- another local magician performs illusions for the whole family
- ♦ Monday, July 18, 10:00am-Sarah Carrol- A storyteller from Valders, WI, Sarah will entertain us with the telling of her original true story, "There is a Dragon in my Basement."
- ♦ Wednesday, July 20, 6:30pm- Laura Hutler a local naturalist will bring LIVE native Marquette County animals.
- ♦ Monday, July 25, 10:00am-Bob Siegle, Jr.- Americas last wooden shoe carver will hand carve a Dutch shoe in 28 minutes!
- ♦ Wednesday, July 27, 6:30pm- Mr. Tricks- This high energy, fast-paced performance is loaded with comedy and tons of juggling. The Community Clubhouse of Westfield is sponsoring this event.
- ♦ Wednesday, August 3, 6:00pm-End of Summer cook out- free dinner plus the Balloon Kid.

All events are free and open to the public. The Summer Program is made sponsored by the Winnefox Library System, The Friends of the Westfield Library, Community Clubhouse of Westfield, Hair Creations, Thal Acres, Hands for Heart and Soul, Pioneer Mercantile, TNT Health Beauty and Fitness Spa, and The Montello Movie Theatre.

Successful silent auction

The Friends of the Westfield Library recently concluded their first ever Silent Auction and by all accounts it was a success. Many items were donated, many bids were received, the Friends put much time and effort into the event, and much money was raised for the Library. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans also contributed with matching funds. Each year the Friends of the Library purchase new books for the Library, sponsor portions of the Summer Reading Program as well as advocate for the Library in their communities and to their legislators. The funds raised at the Silent Auction will go in part to purchase a microfilm reader/printer for public use in viewing Westfield's old Central Union newspapers, which are on microfilm in the Library.

PACKWAUKEE

2005 Summer Programs at Packwaukee Library Corner of Chestnut and State Streets.

Programs are held Mondays at 2 p.m. and are about 45 minutes and open to all ages and abilities.

Feel free to join us for our July programs:

- ♦ July 11th We're hoping for a warm day to enjoy ice cream making at the library. Find out how this delicious dessert is made and then try making some yourself! Ingredients will be provided, but bring a sweet tooth!
- ♦ July 18th Dragon Days!! Fill the library with a giant (real-life size?) dragon and hear some favorite music. An area artist will be on hand to spark your imagination, so come-dreaming of dragons.
- ♦ July 25th Dragin Dragons remote-control vehicle racing. There will be a Rodeo racing with stuffed animals, obstacle course, drag racing series race and- for smaller children- a try-out option. Bring your vehicle and your battery charger (or an extra set of batteries) and join our Packwaukee Dragster Master in this fast-paced event! Ready, set, GO!

Our summer activities conclude with a booksale at the Packwaukee Brat Fest- Saturday, July 30 in the Town Square.

Library staff will make reasonable accommodation to allow residents with special needs equal access to library services. Anyone needing assistance should contact Packwaukee Library (located in Town Hall) at 589-5202.

Jared meets a Revolutionary War Re-Enactor at the Packwaukee Public Library on June 13.



ENDEAVOR

Director Suellen Peterson resigned her position in May. the library has started a hiring process for a new director and hopes to have it filled later this summer. A reception was held on June 9 to thank Suellen for her service to the library.

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.

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WINNEFOX LIBRARY SYSTEM

Marquette County Libraries

ENDEAVOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

413 Academy Blvd. Endeavor, WI 53930
608-587-2902 www.endeavorlibrary.org
Monday 10-6:30
Wednesday 10-6:30
Thursday 9-6:30
Saturday 9-12:30

ETHEL EVERHARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

117 East West Third Westfield, WI 53964
608-296-2544 www.westfieldlibrary.org
Monday 9-6
Tuesday 9-6
Wednesday 9-6
Thursday 9-6
Friday 9-12
Saturday 9-12

MONTELLO PUBLIC LIBRARY

128 Lake Court Montello, WI 53949
608-297-7544 www.montellolibrary.org
Monday 10-7:30
Wednesday 10-5
Thursday 10-7:30
Friday 9-2
Saturday 10-1

NESHKORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

132 South Main Street Neshkoro, WI 54960
920-293-4026 www.neshkorolibrary.org
Monday 9-5
Wednesday 9-5
Friday 12-50

OXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

129 South Franklin Ave. Oxford, WI 53952
608-586-4458 www.oxfordlibrary.org
Monday 10-12 & 2-5:30
Tuesday 2-7
Wednesday 2-5:30
Thursday 10-12 & 2-5:30
Friday 2-5:30
Saturday 9-12

PACKWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

N3511 State St. Packwaukee, WI 53953
608-589-5202
www.packwaukeeelibrary.org
Monday 10-6
Tuesday 3-6
Wednesday 1-6
Thursday 10-6
Saturday 10-3 (closed the 5th Saturday of each month)

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