

The Voice of the Waushara County Libraries

WHAT CAN YOU GET FOR \$5.50 A MONTH?

\$5.50 doesn't go very far these days. It might cover lunch at a fast food restaurant, a couple gallons of gas, a used paperback book, or a video rental. Or it can buy you one month's use of your local library's resources.

Of course, libraries don't charge a monthly fee for a library card and there's no ticket booth at the door. But \$5.50 a month is about what taxpayers in the Winnefox Library System pay for library service. This is based on the amounts levied by cities, villages, towns, and counties for library service and the average home cost in this area.

For that you get direct access to the collections of books, magazines, videos, and other materials in 30 public libraries in five counties and indirect access to materials in libraries around the country through Interlibrary Loan. Through the library's web site you get access to online resources such as Overdrive audiobooks and the Heritage Quest and Auto Repair databases, and research assistance at any time of the day or night through the AskAway reference service.

Libraries offer other benefits to the community as well. The summer programs that most libraries offer encourage children to read and help them retain reading ability over the summer (studies have shown that children who participate in public library summer programs do better in school the next fall). Library meeting rooms give community groups a comfortable place to meet. And libraries are often a repository for local history and genealogy resources.

All in all, libraries are one of the best bargains around. For an insignificant amount you get access to a whole world of literature, information and knowledge.



POY SIPPI

It's been a busy Spring for the Poy Sippi Library. Circulation is up and activities are full are in full swing.

On Saturday, April 11, 2009, over one hundred fifty children, parents, and grandparents attended the Poy Sippi Public Library's annual Easter Egg Hunt. Wal-Mart of Berlin and 49 Meats & Groceries donated candy. Friends of the Library filled the eggs that were then hidden by Loyal 4-H Club



members. Finally, it was time for the hunt to begin! All had a great time and everyone went home with more than enough eggs!

In addition to the egg hunt, all the young participants were able to register for a great assortment of door prizes that had been donated by Baylake Bank of Poy Sippi, Country Rose Shop, Auto Center Plus, Daryl Conger Construction, K & K Reflections, Kate and Charles Teske, and the Friends of the Poy Sippi Library. Just in case some of the egg hunters would have become faint from their hunt, Mildred Struve once again made sure that they would have nourishment as she baked and donated Easter egg cookies for them. Penny the Cow kept an eye on the moo-ving events and if help was needed, she was there to assist.



Thanks to funds raised at our annual Chili Supper, the Library was able to bring Jack and Nancy Zolkowski's Soda Pups to Christ Lutheran School on April 14. The performance in celebration of National Library Week was a great hit with the entire

school in attendance. Reading was promoted by bringing in books about dog training and pets and bookmarks to endorse our Summer Reading theme, "Be Creative". Christ Lutheran is one of two schools that the Poy Sippi Library rotates books to on a monthly basis.

Other activities included: Story Time with Auntie Suzie, every Monday morning at 11am; Teen Read Book Club, every last Thursday of the month; a Crochet Workshop meeting Monday nights during April; and Game Night held April 13, an every other month event. There is also an ongoing Adult Book Club called the Poy Sippi Page Turners that meets monthly.

Presently, we are gearing up for Summer Reading planning activities and raising funds.

REDGRANITE

Redgranite Elementary *AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM* students visited the library in April. Children in grades kindergarten through fourth were given a tour of the library and read stories by our Assistant Librarian, Karen Gumz. Their teacher requested library card registration forms before the date of the visit and parents completed and returned them. This allowed us to investigate for duplication and issue cards to first time users. Everyone took home a Culver's contest sheet and promised to return it by the end of the month.

Since April celebrates National Library Week, Culver's of Wautoma ran a contest in which participants, ages 0 - 11 years, were able to illustrate their favorite character, event, scene or anything they liked about a recently read book. When the drawing was returned to a librarian, a certificate for a FREE single scoop of frozen custard in a cake cone or dish coupon was the reward. JoAnn Borchardt, Director, then drew one participant's name from the contestants and Maddie Coats was the winner of Redgranite Library's Culver's 4-Square ball. Congratulations Maddie!

Special thanks goes to the Friends of the Redgranite Library. They donated \$500 for the purchase of non-fiction books. We appreciate their efforts to enhance and update our collection.

Be Creative @ Your Library is our Summer Reading Program theme. The program kicks off on Tuesday, June 9, at 1pm with the entertainer, Mary O'Tooley presenting *Art In a Suitcase*. Youth activities will be held on Wednesdays from 3 - 4pm through July 28. ALL ages are encouraged to attend.

The library's garden survived its first winter. Daffodils planted last fall are in full bloom. Spring flowers and Hostas are beginning to emerge and blossom. We are looking forward to a rainbow of color as the seasons change!

BERLIN

Berlin Public Library book discussions are held every month at 1 pm. Upcoming book discussions for the summer will be:

- June 10, *Necklace: Thirteen women and the experiment that transformed their lives* by Cheryl Jarvis.
- July 8 *Innocent Man* by John Grisham.
- August 12 *Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for everything across Italy, India & Indonesia* by Elizabeth Gilbert.
- Sept. 5 *Lady and the Panda* by Vicki Croke.

We have started a Teen movie night and Adult movies. Look for times and movie listings when you visit the library.

June will be sign up for children and adult summer reading. The adult program you can sign up and pick up a card to read 20 minutes a day. Write down the book you read and turn in for a chance to win business dollars. Check out and read a book from upstairs and enter in another drawing. Books read and enjoyed will be on display upstairs every week.

New programs are added frequently so look for posters at the library, or the Berlin Journal. You can call us at 920-361-5420 or visit the library at 121 West Park Avenue, or our website at www.berlinlibrary.org.

PLAINFIELD

Reading Challenge begins June 1 and will continue until August 15. The Grand Prize Random Drawing for each Reading Level will be Monday, August 17.

Preschool through students completing 2 Grade:

Win a prize for every 5 books you read or 5 books read to you. Fill out your Reading Record and bring it to the library to receive a very cool prize! Your name will also go in for the Grand Prize Drawing on August 17.

Kids! Who have finished grades 3 & 4: Win a prize for every 3 books you read. Fill out your Reading Record and bring it to the library to receive an awesome prize! Your name will also go in for the Grand Prize Drawing on August 17.

Teen Reading Challenge!

Grade 5 and older read 20 minutes a day and mark off a symbol on your reading card. After 7 days bring in your card to receive a cool prize and another reading card. You will also be entered for the Grand Prize Drawing, August 17.

SUMMER EVENTS 2009

Wednesday, July 1: Randy Peterson, Musician, 10 am at Tri-County School Lecture Hall

Wednesday, July 8: David Landau, Musician, 10 am at Tri-County School Lecture Hall

Tuesday, July 14: Craft Activity Day 10 - 11 am at Plainfield Library

Wednesday, July 15: Soda Pup Dogs 10 am at Tri-County Middle School Gym

Wednesday, July 22: Stacey Schumde, Balloon Kid, 10 am at Plainfield Library

Wednesday, July 22: Carnival Fun Day at the Library, 10 - 11:30 am. Come join the fun, play games, have treats!

Tuesday, July 28: Craft Activity Day 10 - 11 am at the Plainfield Library

COLOMA

“All children are artists. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up.” – Pablo Picasso.

The Coloma Library is gearing up for an exciting season of creativity and fun. Whether you are in the children’s, teen or adult program you are in for a treat. Planning has been going on for many months and it is starting to come together. So join us this summer on Thursdays at 1 p.m.

In June Critter Man will be heard on the 11th, CREATE is the theme of the second week where you can learn from a talented art teacher, on the 25th of June prepare for a Coloma favorite, The Soda Pups.

July sees the month starting out with The Balloon Artist on July 2nd, a Maskerade drama on July 9th. Rondini the Magician will show the magic of the library on July 16th and on the 23rd of July come and experience Boards and Bamboo, Instruments of Indonesia and to cap off the month on July 30th there is another session of CREATE.

On August 6th we will hold our grand finale as we learn the Art of Origami.

The Teen and Adult programs have a lot of fun activities in the works like carving with George Wilson and Scrapbooking on the 3rd Saturday of each summer month. Check our flyer for even more fun events.



Mrs. Becky Soper's first grade class enjoys some reading time at the Coloma Library.

PINE RIVER

Many exciting things have been happening at the Leon-Saxeville Township Library in Pine River. “Exploring” was the theme for the spring session of story hour. The preschool story hour stars took a trip to the moon and back in April, then hopped on “el Caballo” (Spanish for “horse) and traveled south to “Explore” Mexico. One of our mothers, Kristen Whitney, is a former Spanish Teacher and is sharing both the rich language and stories of Mexico with the kids. We are learning to sing “Ring Around the Rosie” (Vamos Alrededor) in Spanish? We’re still learning the words, but we all know when to fall down. We’ll finish our journey with a “fiesta” that will include the construction and breaking of our homemade “piñata”.



If you haven’t seen our nature garden, it’s starting to bloom! The Friends’ of the Library Annual Plant & Book Sale is held on Memorial week. This year we are able to offer up a few of our native plants for sale. Hopefully you are able to stop by and buy one or two plants.

Mark your calendars for the Summer Reading Program, **June 24 through August 5 - “Be Creative...Express Yourself at the Leon-Saxeville Township Library.”** Children and families will be able to take part in a variety of “creative” adventures...crafts,

WAUTOMA

“Believe it or not, it looks as if we are on the home stretch of our remodeling project. June 1 and 2 we are emptying the children’s room so that it can be painted and new carpet laid down. The room will be put back together June 10 and 11. The new circulation desk will be installed on June 12, and we will be closed June 15-18 to move back into the main library. It is going to be beautiful! And the outside has gotten a real face lift, with a new stucco finish, new paint, stone facing halfway up the wall and a wonderful entrance with a portico and double doors with handicapped accessibility. We’re going to have so much room, we won’t know what to do! Plans for an open house haven’t been finalized yet, but we will certainly have one to show the new library to all our patrons. It has been worth the wait.

Unfortunately, because of the remodeling, we are going to have an abbreviated summer reading program. We will begin registration on July 6 and end with our summer picnic on July 30. We will be able to have three performers for the children: Bill Kehl, musician; Stacy Schmude, the Balloon Kid; and the Pepsi Pups. Even though our program will be shortened, we’re still going to have lots of fun for our kids.

We hope all of you have a great summer, and a safe one. If you’re in Wautoma, stop in and see all the changes. You won’t believe your eyes!”

(Pine River continued)

music, art, theater, to name a few. All programs will be held on Wednesday Mornings, at the library. Here’s some of what we will be offering: on July 2, we will do “nature Prints,” July 8 will we see a demonstration by Compassionate Paws, a group that trains service dogs for children with autism, July 15 we will be constructing nature houses. Each week we will be featuring a different creative person, based on recommendation of our patron. All will have an opportunity to post pictures on the “What’s Going On” billboard. This summer’s special contest will highlight the upcoming 50th Anniversary of the library. Patrons will be asked to design/ create a special bookmark that will be used to promote the library’s anniversary. Watch the website www.pineriverlibrary.org for more details about events at the Leon-Saxeville Township Library.

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Waushara 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)

COLOMA PUBLIC LIBRARY

155 Front Street Coloma, WI 54930
715-228-2530 www.colomalibrary.org
Monday 10-5
Wednesday 10-5
Thursday 10-7
Friday 10-5
Saturday 10-1

HANCOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY

114 South Main Street Hancock, WI 54943
715-249-5817 www.hancocklibrary.org
Monday 12-6
Wednesday 10-6
Thursday 12-6
Friday 12-6
Saturday 10-1

LEON-SAXEVILLE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

N4715 County Road E Pine River, WI 54965
920-987-5110 www.pineriverlibrary.org
Monday 4-7
Tuesday 2-7
Wednesday 10-7
Thursday 2-7
Friday 2-7
Saturday 10-1

PATTERSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

500 Division Avenue Wild Rose, WI 54984
920-622-3835 www.wildroselibrary.org
Monday 10-6
Tuesday 10-6
Wednesday 10-6
Thursday 10-9
Friday 10-8

PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

126 South Main Street Plainfield, WI 54966
715-335-4523 www.plainfieldlibrary.org
Monday 12-5
Tuesday 10-5
Wednesday 10-5 & 7-8
Friday 10-5
Saturday 9-12

POY SIPPI PUBLIC LIBRARY

W2251 Commercial Street Poy Sippi, WI 54967
920-987-5737 www.poysippilibrary.org
Monday 10-7
Wednesday 12-7
Thursday 3-7
Friday 3-7
Saturday 9-12

REDGRANITE PUBLIC LIBRARY

135 W. Bannerman Avenue Redgranite, WI 54970
920-566-0176 www.redgranitelibrary.org
Monday 11-6
Wednesday 11-7
Friday 11-5
Saturday 9-12

WAUTOMA PUBLIC LIBRARY

410 West Main Street Wautoma, WI 54982
920-787-2988 www.wautomalibrary.org
Monday 9-6
Tuesday 9-6
Wednesday 9-6
Thursday 9-6
Friday 9-6
Saturday 10-3

