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web page you have access to valuable reference resources that provide reliable information and rare digitized historical documents.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



You have
questions,
problems
that need
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solved.

Libraries
have
answers.

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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.

OMRO

DRAGONS, DREAMS, AND DARING DEEDS is promising to be a great Summer Reading Program in Omro. We start July 13 and end August 17th. Some of the exciting entertainers this summer are: a live animal handler, Dino Tlachac; secret science guy, Gary Lefko; magic and melodies by Mr. Billy; Ear Ticklin tales by Marge Loch-Wouters and a surprise guest at the wrap up party!

Omro is fortunate to have some generous groups that help support the summer reading programs. Thanks to the Winnefox Library System, Omro Lions Club, Omro Cheese House and the Friends of the Omro Library for this year's financial support.

The Culver's support for National Library Week was appreciated by many Omro youth. We had over 95 entries this year and the winners for the "Dreaming of Dragons" drawing were Cassie Borgardt and Haylee Feuerhelm.

Omro's Friends of the Library is having their first ever raffle. We are selling tickets for a beautiful handmade Omro colored quilt with a matching pillow and two small plush foxes as the first prize, a 2005 Guinness Book of Records for 2nd prize, and a \$15 Barnes and Noble's gift card for 3rd prize. Tickets can be purchased from any Friends member or at the Omro library circulation desk. \$1/each or 6 tickets for \$5. The drawing will be held at the end of our summer reading program August 17th.



A beautiful handmade Omro colored quilt with a matching pillow and two small plush foxes will be the grand prize as part of the Omro Friends of the Library's first ever raffle!

WINNECONNE

School is out and circulation is soaring. The busy time of the year is ahead!

We just awarded prizes for our coin guessing contest to celebrate National Coin Week. Dakota Nuetzel won a 2005 pure silver dollar for first prize, guessing 10 of 11 foreign coins correctly. picture



The summer reading theme for 2005 is called "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds" and programs have been finalized. Five guest artists are expected in on Wednesdays at 1:30 PM, including story tellers Dr. D-Lite, and Sarah Carroll. Also, fine balloon artist Stacy Schumde. Wrapping up the performances are musical entertainers Bill Kiehl and Mr. Billy.

Preschool story times are set for 10 AM on Tuesdays. Programs for the older kids, ages 7 and up, are set for Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 (These will need pre-registration).

As usual, readers can pick up "minutes" sheets to turn in for small donated prizes, which include a rubber ducky and a ballpoint pen with feet and rubber hair. Adults get in on the fun by reading a book and writing a short report. There are six levels of prizes. The best comes later, though, because all the sheets turned in are put in an end of summer drawing for books, DVDs and music CDs. Lots of prizes and surprises planned this summer with everything open to the public. Guest artists will put on their programs on Wednesday afternoons. Be sure to check the library schedule for exact times and dates.

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.

CARTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY - OMRO

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Omro, WI 54963

920-685-7016

www.omrolibrary.org

Monday	10-7
Tuesday	10-5
Wednesday	10-5
Thursday	10-7
Friday	10-5
Saturday	9-12

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www.winneconnelibrary.com

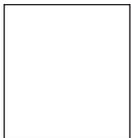
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Friday	10-6
Saturday	10-1

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