

The Voice of the Waushara County Libraries

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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.

Libraries have had audiobooks for many years. Some of us will remember listening to poetry and prose selections on LP records as children, and there have been recorded books for the blind for many years.

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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REDGRANITE

Redgranite Library has been a very busy place. 2005 saw a 29.70% increase in circulation, the largest percentage increase of all Winnefox libraries. Circulation increased from 18,532 items checked out in 2004 to 24,036 items in 2005. Redgranite loaned out 2,898 items to other libraries this past year and borrowed 3,767 from other libraries in the shared system.

Patrons continue to use the library in different ways. Many people use the internet computers each day. DVD and video check out is extremely popular as is reading the best seller books.

The library began its weekly story time with Betsy in January. All ages are invited to join Betsy every Wednesday at 11 am for a story.

Ann Marchetta, nurse practitioner from Aurora Health Center in Redgranite read health care stories on March 1st to introduce the children to the roles doctors and nurses play and help squelch their fears.

POY SIPPI

This past month, the Friends of the Library and the Library Board hosted a Chili Dinner as a fund-raising event. It has been mentioned many times in the past about the great support the library enjoys from its community members. This latest fund raiser was another example as more than \$1,000 was raised to help pay our Building Loan! Way to go Poy Sippi!!

With spring on its way, our Friends of the Library will be thinking about the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Once again, Country Rose Shops of Poy Sippi will be donating door prizes. The Egg Hunt is held on the library grounds the Saturday before Easter Sunday and is intended for children Grade 4 and under. Local 4-H Club members come early and take the part of the Easter Bunny as they hid the eggs! May the trees and grass soon turn green as so many of our patrons are getting tired of brown and gray!



Library Board President Tammi Klawitter serves at the Chili Dinner.

COLOMA

Things are really hopping here at the Coloma Public Library. In December we celebrated our 27,000th checkout. Glenda Warzinski was so excited; she said she never wins anything. We gave away a basket loaded with lots of things to keep her warm in the winter.

Our display case over the last couple of months has been filled with many items. In December dioramas from the Coloma Elementary School depicted a scene from one of the Laura Ingalls Wilder books. Not only were they in the display case but they were all over the library. In January we had the director's snowmen; she brought in 100 items from her over 300-piece collection.

This year we had an increase in the number of kids who completed the Milwaukee Bucks challenge "Read to Achieve". 10 young adults read a total of 8,301 pages. 9 of those 10 read the bonus, so their name will be in for the autographed basketball.

WAUTOMA

Spring is on the way and we're ready for it at the Wautoma library! In February, we had "We Love Our Patrons" week Feb. 13-18. We handed out candy and cookies on Valentine's Day and our patrons registered for six prizes, three for adults and three for children 12 and under. 277 adults registered and 87 children. Even though we closed one day in February due to the weather, we still circulated 4% more items than we did in February 2005.

The most exciting news about the library is that the library board has hired MSA Professional Services from Baraboo, WI, to do an architectural rendering showing us how we could open up the rest of the building and remodel it for the library. We have met with their representative and have the rendering and cost estimates for the project. Now we're actively looking for members of the community and surrounding area who would be willing to work on a fund-raising or building committee. We have a long road to travel, but the determination is there to make the library even better than it is now.

We're planning a great summer reading program based on the theme, "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales." I know that the children will enjoy the many activities we have planned for them—a pet show, some animal-related crafts, the Balloon Kid and other performers. Spring is the time for new growth and we certainly have new things happening at our library. Come visit us and see for yourself!



WILD ROSE

The Patterson Memorial Library opened its doors to the new facility on January 16th and many exciting things have been possible because of the additional space. We have expanded our programming to include tutoring after school once again. The tutoring is in addition to an already well attended afterschool program where the kids can have a space to do homework and have a snack 5 days a week.



We have a new "tutor" named Corporal. Corporal is a therapy dog who sits and lets the children read to him on Monday afternoon. He is a big hit and sometimes whispers in the child's ear to express his appreciation!

We have added an adult enrichment program on the 2nd Thursday of the month. The March program was "Starting your garden from Scratch". The April program is on Scapbooking.

Story time is going well on Wednesday mornings and we have Toddler Dance class on Friday mornings.

Our book discussions on the third Tuesday is growing and judging by the laughter, I think they are having fun with it.

We are looking forward to rotating art displays from the local Rural Rembrandts and quilting clubs in the area to grace our new Reading Room.

Our local history collection is a work in progress. We are in the process of binding all our local histories and putting some collections together before the summer tourism season starts!

We invite anyone who has not had an opportunity to visit to do so. We are anxious to give you a tour!

PLAINFIELD

The happenings at the Plainfield Library

March blew in with cute lambs & lions made by the Tri-County Kindergarten Classes. They are currently on display cheering up our library.

Pre-School Story Time continues to be a great time for little ones to be together making crafts, listening to stories and doing activity songs to work their fine motor skills. Moms also enjoy their time together exchanging ideas and making friends. Our story time is every Wednesday at 10:00, lasting about 45 minutes. Story Time will continue till the end of May.

A Wisconsin Literary Bash is planned for Saturday, April 22-Earth Day, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Hamerstrom Property, N6789 3rd Avenue Plainfield. There will be Readings, Food & Fun, Books and Art Sale. This is a fund raiser for "The Hamerstrom Restoration Project" sponsored by the Wisconsin Center For the Book.

BERLIN

The Berlin Public Library has sponsored a number of interesting programs this year. A game day was featured on February 11. A number of children & adults learned how to play chess, cribbage and mandala, as well as participating in a number of old favorites like checkers, Guess Who, and Battleships.

On March 18, Brian Lovett demonstrated turkey calling using the slate call, diaphragm call and the box call. He demonstrated each instrument and discussed the advantages of each.

Healthy snacks information for children and their preparation was featured as part of an evening Storytime in March. Presenters Molly Haak, Family Living Educator UW-Extension Green Lake County co-ordinated the program with a registered dietician from Berlin Memorial Hospital and the library in order to reach young children and their parents with this nutritional information.

A bilingual Storytime was initiated in March as well.

Upcoming programs will include high school and middle school students performing their solo ensemble pieces on April 6 6:30-8p.m., kites in the park on April 8, Easter egg decorating on April 15, shade gardening information from Tom Fojtik, master gardener Saturday May a 20 at 10 a.m., prairie gardening sponsored by the Friends Of The Parks Thursday June 22 at 6:30.

Summer reading, Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales will begin in mid June.



Jennifer Caravella, family living educator from Waushara County UW Extension shares diet tips.



Forensics students from Berlin High School and Middle School share their performance pieces with the public at the library.

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