

Shhhout!



about libraries

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web page you have access to valuable reference resources that provide reliable information and rare digitized historical documents.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

COLOMA

In conjunction with the Culvers promotion, Coloma Public Library held a Plant a Seed - Read program of our own. Each participant had to read a book, make a bookmark, name a plant and tell us about it and draw a flower or cut one out of a magazine. Each time they finished the set of tasks, they received a small prize and their name also went in for our grand prizes. We awarded kites to our winners.

May was National Book Month. Anyone caught reading in our Library received a treat from our Director and/or staff.

Our school year ended with a dinner to honor all of our volunteers. We honored tutors, story readers, book deliverers, Library Board members and teachers from our local school. We served 43 people.



REDGRANITE

This past year will be remembered as the "year the walls came tumbling down". Last September a truck crashed through the front north wall of the library building. Luckily no one was injured.

It was a hectic year meeting with insurance agents and contracts while functioning as a library to make sure patrons received the materials they needed. The library was closed for a week after the accident to clean the debris and another week while shelves and books were moved for recarpeting. Repairs were finally completed after eight months and the library is back to normal.

Storytime with Jennifer Sina and Elizabeth Borchardt is held Wednesdays at 11am. Many young mothers and grandmothers with toddlers too young to attend other reading programs have been enjoying stories and art activities.

Shana Pike is the winner of Culvers Reading and Drawing Contest at the Library.

WILD ROSE

About 200 people attended the groundbreaking for the Patterson Library addition and Community Center on May 24. The High School Band performed and the American Legion Post did a flag ceremony preceding the ceremonial speech and groundbreaking. Cookies and punch were served.

The thermometer is rising and we are getting closer to our fund-raising goal. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Despite the mess, we will attempt a 7-week summer library program. The reading challenge began June 3.

42.5 % of our active registered borrowers are outside our village and make up the majority of those attending over 249 library programs in 2004. In 2005, we will house the Wild Rose meal site in our new community center. Over half participating live outside the village.



HANCOCK

At Hancock Public Library we are passionate about public service. Local libraries are a crucial part of our aims to create a real democracy.

We have begun a monthly "Book Circle", focusing on books set in Wisconsin and written by Wisconsin authors. Music CD's are now part of our collection thanks to a seed grant from WCTS. We feature many different genres, and patrons are responding very positively.

As patrons look more frequently to us to provide some direction in the ever-increasing world of information, we have set a priority on providing high quality reference service. Teaching patrons to use computers has become a significant portion of our staff time, but this educational role is key in bridging the digital divide that has become a mainstream source of information. Many residents would not have access to this technology without their local library.

Circulation continues to rise. There has been a sharp increase particularly in large print books. These patrons simply would not have access to a variety of books without this collection. Participation in Summer Reading Programs continues to increase. We also offer numerous educational enrichment programs throughout the year for all ages.

PINE RIVER

Former director Valerie Husom leaves big shoes to fill after providing three years of energy and creativity in Pine River. Becky Horvath of the Pine River area is carrying on in the position of Interim Director. The position is to be filled permanently this summer. Becky is a teacher and long time patron. She volunteers at the library and is the current president of the Friends of Leon-Saxeville Library.

Becky is busy preparing for the Summer Library Program in addition to her regular duties. Volunteer Maureen Van Amerongen, will provide her award winning *Passport to the World through Children's Literature* for the children. There will also be a companion adult SLP.

Summer should be a busy, enlightening time at the Leon-Saxeville Library.

PLAINFIELD

The Friends of the Library are having two fundraisers this summer and we need your help. If you would like to make baked goods to help the library it would be appreciated.

- ♦ Our 1st fundraiser will be a Bake Sale at the Library on Saturday, July 16 starting at 3:30 pm before the Fire Dept. Parade. Please bring baked goods Friday or Saturday morning to the library.
- ♦ The 2nd fundraiser will be the Book and Bake Sale on August 7 from 10 until 2 in conjunction with the Lion's Bean Fest. Please bring baked goods on Saturday morning to the library or Sunday morning out to the Veteran's Park.

As technology moves forward it is important we provide service and access to the next generation of computer users. We now offer Wireless Internet Access for customers with laptops. Users are expected to follow the Library's Internet Access Policy as it pertains to acceptable use in a public setting. Library staff cannot help you configure your laptop but there is an instruction sheet available.

The Summer Library Program has begun. Come in and find out about our three reading challenge levels; preschool through students completing 2nd grade, kids who finished 3rd & 4th grade and our Teen reading challenge of 5th grade and older.

July Summer Events include the following

- ♦ **Rick Allen, Magician**
Wednesday, July 6 10 am
Tri-County School Lecture Hall
- ♦ **Craft Activity Day at Plainfield Library**
Tuesday, July 12 10-11 am
- ♦ **Musicians Casey & Greg**
Wednesday, July 13 10 am
Tri-County School Lecture Hall
- ♦ **Craft Activity Day at Plainfield Library**
Tuesday, July 19 10-11 am
- ♦ **Storyteller Judy Farr-Busack**
Wednesday, July 20 10 am
Tri-County School Lecture Hall
- ♦ **Care For Critters: Animals of the Night**
Wednesday, July 27 10:30 am
Tri-County School Lecture Hall
(Please Note Time for this Program_

Have a Happy and Safe Summer and we hope to see you at the Plainfield Library.

BERLIN

Berlin Public Library hosted a demonstration on "Found" Container Gardening presented by the Green Lake County Master Gardeners. Liz Dillman used a wagon as a container, a washtub to make an eatable garden and a copper container for a porch garden. She recommended using a soil mixture for containers, so that fertilizing and weeding would be held to a minimum and also gave pointers on plant selection. Liz encouraged gardeners to be creative and try different found containers. Some gardeners are even using old purses as containers to hang on a fence. Before the program the group worked on weeding the flowerbeds they had planted and continue to maintain for the Library.



Our summer reading program was introduced to all of the school children in Berlin with a play written and presented by members of the Forensics Club from Berlin Middle School. This is the second year these student playwrights and actors partnered with the library for a fun day culminating with a lunch at Shepherd's Drive In. The Library will also have an Adult and Teen Reading program. Summer reading programs run June 16 to July 28.

WAUTOMA

Summer is here and the time is right for all kinds of happenings at the Wautoma Public Library. Summer Reading Program began June 6 with a great response so far.



We have new shelving for the large print, reference, fiction, audiobook and DVD collections. Our patrons appreciate the fact that the materials aren't so tightly shelved together. Our only problem now is running out of room to put new shelving as our collections grow!

Our Friends of the Library group purchased a digital camera for the library that we're slowly learning how to use. It's great to be able to send pictures to the local paper and to Winnefox, without having a photographer come to the library to take the pictures.

The duck and goose population continues to grow in the park next to the library. A local restaurant is donating bread to give to patrons for feeding them. Now if

Our busiest time is Summer, so we've hired a new employee, Sharon Fravel, who will work Saturdays with the librarian. Sharon checks in and shelves materials and keeps track of internet users, which frees up the librarian for other uses. We're also grateful for our volunteers who help us during the week. Their presence is vital to the smooth running of the library, not just in summer, but year-round.

All of us at the Wautoma Library wish everyone in Waushara County a safe and happy summer. And don't forget to visit your local library while you're taking some time off. We have the materials you need to entertain and enlighten you!

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.

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 10-3
Wednesday 10-5
Thursday 10-7
Friday 10-5
Saturday 10-12

HANCOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY

114 South Main Street Hancock, WI 54943
715-249-5817 www.hancocklibrary.org
Monday 12-5
Wednesday 10-5
Thursday 1-6
Friday 1-6
Saturday 10-1

LEON-SAXEVILLE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

N4715 County Road E Pine River, WI 54965
920-987-5110 www.pineriverlibrary.org
Tuesday 2-7
Wednesday 10-12 & 2-7
Thursday 2-7
Friday 2-7
Saturday 10-1

PATTERSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

500 Wisconsin 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.poylippilibrary.org
Monday 10-7
Wednesday 10-7
Thursday 2-6
Saturday 9-12

REDGRANITE PUBLIC LIBRARY

135 W. Bannerman Avenue Redgranite, WI 54970
920-566-0176 www.redgranitelibrary.org
Monday 10-6
Wednesday 10-6
Friday 10-6

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

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