

The Voice of the Waushara County Libraries

FIVE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Recently the opinion research organization Public Agenda surveyed cross-section of civically-active adults and national and community leaders on their attitudes towards public libraries. In June, their findings were released in a report: Long Overdue: A Fresh Look at Public Attitudes About Libraries in the 21st Century.

Among their key findings:

Libraries Are Highly Valued.

Libraries received the best grades of any of the community institutions covered in a national survey. Nearly half the public gave libraries an “A” – higher than public schools, the police and the local news media. More than 6 in 10 “strongly agree” that public libraries are essential for “maintaining a productive community.”

Libraries Are Important 21st Century Resources.

The public considers having computers and Internet access in libraries essential, and many also want libraries to provide other multimedia resources. Almost two-thirds of Americans say that having enough computers and online services should be a high priority for libraries.

Voters Love Libraries.

Those who vote in nearly every local election, and who volunteer and donate to charities, are big fans of libraries. Nearly three-quarters have a local library card. Six in 10 of these civically-engaged folks would favor a tax increase to cover library needs, compared with about half of less-engaged citizens.

Libraries Use Tax Funds Wisely.

More than three-quarters of library users believe libraries spend tax dollars well. Even among non-users, 6 in 10 say they believe libraries use their funds wisely.

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COLOMA



The Coloma Public Library recently finished an incentive program sponsored by Culvers. Each child that finished a drawing of a favorite animal book character, scene, event or anything they liked in a book they read, received a coupon for a free Culvers' Ice Cream Cone. In addition, we gave away a Culvers' Ice Cream Cone Doll, a water bottle, three kites and two ring toss games.

We had a total of 55 entries returned.

We are now gearing up for our Summer Reading Program. We will be running it from June 5th to August 3rd. Each week on Thursdays @ 1:00 P.M. we will be having programs that revolve around this year's theme: Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales.

We are also running a reading challenge. We are asking that everyone read 20 minutes a day.

Adults, teens and children each will have their own program. We hope it will be a big success.

WILD ROSE

The library has been a flurry of activity getting ready for the June 25th dedication. Last minute landscaping, grooming, straightening and putting scrapbooks together all come together for a tremendous celebration. The fundraising has been monumental. The project cost was approximately \$725,000; all but the last \$70,000 has been raised!

We managed to sandwich the dedication between summer library activities. Tourism is very high this year; the early hot weather a boon to the economy of the area and library business. There's lots of kids taking the "reading challenge" in hopes of winning the grand prize of an Apple ipod shuffle to be awarded some lucky reader at the end of the 8-week program. We've added a Summer Program just for the Pre-K crowd. Stories, crafts and yummy snacks are a hit with the younger set every Wednesday morning. Older children come to planned events in the afternoon. We have a very active VolunTeen group helping and we couldn't do it without them.

It's not too early to mention that we will have too big events this fall. In October is our annual library banquet and in November we will be having our Third Annual Christmas Rummage and Bake Sale. Sort out those decorations you are tired of and recycle. It's a good excuse to buy new decor!

Our thanks to all who have made our new facility a reality. It is such a wonderful example of the whole community pulling together.

POY SIPP

On Friday, June 2, the "Zoo Mobile" from "The New Zoo" in Green Bay kicked off our Summer Reading Program. The brightly colored van carried a pair of penguins, several types of lizards, a python, a slow-moving tortoise, and a very large rabbit! In addition to learning about key characteristics, habitat, and diet, the children were able to ask questions about the various animals as well as touch or pet them. It was a great way to start our Summer Reading Program "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales." If you haven't signed up for your library's summer program, make a visit to your local library!

REDGRANITE

Beginning 1 July the Redgranite Public Library hours will be:

Monday	3-7
Tuesday	closed
Wednesday	11-5
Thursday	3-7
Friday	10-6
Saturday	9-12

The newly formed Friends of the Library had a successful book sale Memorial Day. Special events are in the planning for Labor Day weekend and throughout the year.

The Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales summer reading program began Memorial Day. Adults, teens and children are participating to earn prizes for reading.

The Zoomobile will be at the library at 1 pm on Thursday, July 27th.

Storytime for toddlers with Betsy is held every Wednesday at 11 am. All ages are welcome.

Each month the library delivers a new selection of books and videos to Preston Place Retirement Community.

PINE RIVER

Summer has arrived at the Leon Saxeville Township Library in Pine River! School's out, vacationers are coming to enjoy swimming, boating and fishing on the many lakes and streams in the area and the library is gearing up for the summer reading program *Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales*.

The Reading Challenge starts the week of June 12th and runs through August 5th. Readers who read 20 minutes per day each week will earn points toward donations to Heifer International's Read to Feed program sponsored by the Friends of the Library and will also earn chances at weekly drawings. The program is for kids preschool to teen.

The fun really starts in July with our Thursday afternoon programs. Beginning each week in July at 1p.m. we will have activities and guests to entertain kids of all ages.

July 7 Animal Antics and The Balloon Kid

July 13 The New Zoo's *Zoomobile*

July 20 Pet Day: special guests will bring their pets

July 27 Wisconsin Wolves with Pat Arndt

Also this summer the Friends of the Library are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a beautiful *Wisconsin Author's Signature Quilt*. Signatures were obtained from authors throughout the United States who are either from Wisconsin or have written about Wisconsin. The quilt was then pieced and hand quilted by the Friends. Tickets can be obtained at the library \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

Have a great Summer!

WAUTOMA



Summer has finally arrived, and with it comes our summer reading program, "Claws, Paws, Scales and Tales. So far, 60 children have signed up and we had our first activity on June 15th. The children drew pictures of their pets or their favorite animal, and we had a special guest: Peanut, a one-month old llama. She was a perfect little lady, and everyone enjoyed petting her! Other

activities we have coming up are building bluebird houses, craft day, Randy Peterson, the Critter Man and the Balloon Kid. We're looking forward to a great fun summer!

We're in the process of interviewing professional fund raisers, to help us raise the money we need to remodel the unfinished portion of our building and redo the façade on the west side. The project will cost approximately \$500,000 and we're anxious to begin our fund-raising campaign, so that we can start construction on the project. The library will be really beautiful when it's finished!

HANCOCK

Paws, claws, tales and scales is alive and well in Hancock! Events kicked off with the Zoo Mobile arriving on Monday June 12. The Zoo Mobile comes from the NEW Zoo in Green Bay and brought a range of animals for the audience to get close to and even touch. Penguins were the main attraction...but not to be touched; their bills had the power to crush the bone in your finger! On Wednesday June 14, kids had fun making balloon animals. Some of them are staying at the library. I wonder, how long will they last??

Kids 10 and under are invited to come to the library on Mondays now thru July at 3:00 pm for different activities. Kids 10 and over are invited to come on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. It's never too late to sign up for summer reading!

BERLIN

The Berlin Public Library had a shade gardening program on May 20th. Master gardener Tom Fojtik presented shade gardening to an audience of 26. Tom had handouts with colored photos of his favorite perennial shade flowers. Some of the flowers Tom talked about were Astilbe, Turtlehead, Jacobs Ladder, Bugbane, Hydrangea, Japanese Painted Fern and Toad Lily.

June will start our busy summer with summer reading programs for children, young adults and adults. On June 17 a representative from Demco Company demonstrated book repair.

June 22 there will be a program at 7pm. on prairie gardening sponsored by the Friends Of The Park. Professor David Barnhill from UW-Oshkosh will be the presenter.



Master gardener Tom Fojtik giving a presentation at the Berlin Public Library

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The Public Welcomes a Greater Role for Libraries.

Interviews with nearly three dozen national and community leaders and an in-depth public opinion survey highlighted four specific opportunities for public libraries to integrate themselves more fully into the life of their communities and to position themselves as positive ‘community players.’ The four areas are:

A safe and engaging place for teens

Nationwide, there are excellent examples of teen programming at public libraries, but funding is a challenge.

Literacy skills for a strong workforce

Survey data about adult literacy and workforce development show a clear opportunity for synergy and community improvement. More than half of the public believes communities should emphasize job search assistance, and almost as many believe this should be a high priority for public libraries.

Center for community information

The public sees an opportunity for libraries to fill a gap as a “hub” for improved access to government information and services, including making public documents and forms quickly and easily available.

Greater access to technology

The public says this is a community need that is currently not being met and one it sees as a high priority for libraries.

*From a new public opinion research study. ‘Long Overdue: A Fresh Look at Public and Leadership Attitudes About Libraries in the 21st Century’ published by Public Agenda June 2005.

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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 (Close at 6:30 the 1st Tuesday of month)
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 3-7
Wednesday 11-4
Thursday 3-7
Friday 10-6
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