

## The Voice of the Waushara County Libraries

### Ten Reasons Why You Still Need Your Public Library In The Internet Age

#### 10. Your Brain – Use It Or Lose It

Recent research supports the idea that mental exercise provided by reading and thinking — from early childhood through old age — increases the brain's capacities and long-term health. Your public library is an excellent resource for brain-building tools.

#### 9. Knowledge Is Power

What you know is an important part of who you are and it gives you the power to act. Knowledge emerges when a person wrestles with the ideas, opinions and arguments of others. Books (whether ink-on-paper or electronic texts) are a great source of ideas, opinions and arguments. Think of the public library as your knowledge utility.

#### 8. Stories Are Magic

A well-told story will take you far away in time and space; it can even put you inside the life of a person very different from you. The powerful magic of stories transforms lives, whether told aloud to a group of wide-eyed children or jumping from the pages of the latest bestseller. Step inside your public library to see the magic for yourself.

#### 7. The Book – Reports of Its Death Have Been Greatly Exaggerated

The publishers of *Books in Print* put 2004 U.S. book production at more than 195,000 titles, up 14% from the year before and up 72% since 1995. It is clear that most of us still find printed books to be the best package for getting the information we need and the stories we enjoy. Your public library is the place to find them.



#### 6. It's Not "All on the 'Net" & It Probably Won't Be (For A Long, Long Time)

Librarians, archivists and computer scientists have made incredible progress in recent years toward the goal of making human knowledge available in digital formats. Yet, only a small proportion of our records has been digitized. And the long-term integrity and usefulness of computer file formats is still an open issue. The long-term viability of books and paper records is more dependable, although paper records have their own preservation problems.

#### 5. Books and the 'Net are Great, But Libraries Offer Even More

Public libraries are strongly associated with free access to books and the Internet. But they offer much more — videos for entertainment and education; audiobooks for the visually impaired and the commuter; magazines and newspapers that cover the issues of the moment; research databases (often with the full-text of listed articles included); and electronic books. Some public libraries even lend cake pans, garden tools or toys!

#### 4. Libraries Respond To Local Community Needs

Public libraries are rooted in local communities and are always looking for new ways to help. Each public library responds to its community's needs in its own way and to the limits of its own resources. From programs for latch-key kids to non-English language collections to photocopier and fax services, public libraries respond.

#### 3. Access For People from All Walks of Life

Public libraries do not discriminate. They offer riches to people of all races, religions and ethnic backgrounds, whether rich or poor. All the public library asks in return is that users take care of the shared public property they borrow and that they show courtesy to other users by returning items on time.

#### 2. Your Library Buys a Book, So You Can Borrow It (And you, and you, and you...)

Each person involved in creating the cultural products we enjoy — each author, actor, musician, editor, publisher, film director, and others as well — has a monetary stake in the sale of that product. That's why books, videos, and music will continue to be sold and not given away for free. That's why the public library's role of selecting, purchasing and managing a collection of these cultural products to be shared among the people of a particular community will persist. Free access to individuals cannot happen without financial support from the community.

#### *And...The Top Reason Why You Still Need Your Public Library in the Internet Age Is:*

#### 1. The Public Library Is A Real Place Where Real People Are Ready to Help You.

Public libraries — like parks, museums and theaters — provide shared spaces where neighbors come together to socialize and to help each other. Library staff are usually your neighbors, too. They are trained and ready to help you find a good story or the information you may need. In a world where leisure time is filled with virtual experiences from electronic media and service is provided by recorded messages, public libraries build community by offering a place where real people may interact.

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## COLOMA

During the month of November, the Coloma Public Library had the body of a turkey (courtesy of Renee at Winnefox) that filled our bulletin board. Each child that used the Library placed his/her name on a feather that was then attached to our turkey. What a neat display!



Capitalizing on an idea that Markesan Library used last year, we were able to secure cardboard stock from a local paper company. Our senior volunteers then cut them into the shape of a snowman. **We gave out a total of 68 snowmen.** 45 of them were returned to the library in various costumes by local businesses, groups, school classes, and individuals. Patrons and people passing through the building judged the snow people. Winners received a basket of goodies including candy, a ceramic cup with hot chocolate, a stuffed snowman, a snowman pad and pencil. Everyone really had a great time with making snowmen.

## PINE RIVER

The New Year brings new additions to the Leon Saxeville Township Library in Pine River! **The library has expanded its hours;** now open Mondays and throughout the day on Wednesdays. We hope the hours will better serve the needs of our patrons.

Monday	4:00-7:00 PM
Tuesday	2:00-7:00 PM
Wednesday	10:00 AM -7:00 PM
Thursday	2:00-7:00 PM
Friday	2:00-7:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM -1:00 PM

This past fall, **the library was spruced up with a new coat of paint inside and beautiful, rustic murals throughout.** The work was done by local artist, Tammy Schneider and her sisters Deanna and Carrie. Stop by the library to see their beautiful work.

**Story time begins again** Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the library and will be held through April 19<sup>th</sup>. Children of preschool, kindergarten, and elementary home school age are welcome. There will be a story or two read by Director Becky Horvath or a guest storyteller along with an activity each week

**Rivers Edge Readers Book Club meets** the third Monday of each month at the library at 10 a.m. Recent reads have included: *How to Make an American Quilt* by Whitney Otto, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by Mark Haddon, and *A Secret Life of Bees* by Susan Monk-Kidd. New readers are always welcome.

Finally, **lots of new materials** have been and continue to be added to the Pine River collection including best sellers, interesting and practical nonfiction selections, many new books on CD, music CDs, as well as DVDs and videos.

Come down to the Library in Pine River to check it all out or call Becky Horvath, Director, for more information about any of our programs at 987-5110.

## POY SIPPI

**With winter in full force, now is an excellent time to visit your library!** If you're not into outdoor activities or watching regular TV offerings, what could be better than curling up with a good book or watching a movie of your choice? James Patterson and Patricia Cornwell have new novels out; *1776* will give you more appreciation for the soldiers of the Continental Army; Jan Karon has another chapter in the Mitford Series; and *The Year of Magical Thinking* will inspire any reader. For the younger readers, new picture books and board books can be found at any library! We are currently adding several Tamora Pierce titles for our juvenile readers. Also available are the newest releases of DVDs such as *The March of the Penguins* or the very popular *Polar Express*. So, before heading home after work or school, stop check out what is new at your local library!

On February 11, the **Friends of the Library and the Library Board will be hosting a Chili Dinner** at Poy Sippi Elementary School. Dinner includes chili (free refills), crackers, cheese, drink, and a dessert. This will be the first of several fund raisers being planned. All money raised will be given to the Town of Poy Sippi to pay off the loan for the library addition. Currently, we still owe \$7,000 on our loan; since 2003, the library has paid just a little over half of it back to the Town. This says quite a bit about the support the library receives from its users.

## WAUTOMA

November and December were really busy months at the Wautoma Public Library!

The first two weeks of December, we had a 'Food for Fines' drive. We forgave \$1.00 in fines for every food item that our patrons



brought in for the local food pantry. 482 pounds of food were collected! Shown here is library director Beth Knuth with a

representative of the food bank, with all the food items. This drive was so successful that I'm sure it'll become an annual event.

Also in November, our Friends of the Library group purchased Pharos scheduling software for our public access internet computers. It's been so great to not have to keep track of who's on the computer and for how long. The software does it all for us.

On December, the Friends had their annual Holiday Open House. Gloria Speidel wore her elf costume

and gave candy canes to the children and writing pens to the adults.



This picture shows Gloria in the middle, with Sandi Kotinek, president of our Friends group and Susie Frohman, secretary. This year we had the cookies and punch in the main part of the library, instead of the meeting room, and it was a very nice day.

It's hard to believe that 2005 is behind us, and we're beginning a new year. Our wish is that 2006 will be a great year for all the Winnefox libraries.

## REDGRANITE

The Redgranite library board faced with a lack of funds in the budget and a \$900 debt from last year, decided to close the library for the month of December to avoid becoming more indebted to the village. On the last day before closing The Richard and Pamela Chamberlin Family, owners of the Curve-In Cafe in Redgranite presented a \$1,500 donation to keep the library open in December. The community is very grateful to have their library open and are very thankful for the generosity of the Chamberlin family and to others who have made smaller cash donations.

The Redgranite Public Library was saddened by the loss of Opal O. Barclay who passed away on November 16, 2005. Opal was active in many organizations in Redgranite. She was instrumental in the fund drive that resulted in a new library. Opal was a dedicated member on the library board of trustees and served as secretary and then as treasurer on the Board from 1987 to the present. She was Secretary of the Friends of the Library since their formation in May of 1993 and served as President since 1997. An avid reader, Opal also loved writing poetry and was published in "A View From the Edge" by the National Library of Poetry in 1992. Because of Opal's commitment to and love for the library her family is providing a memorial in her memory.

## BERLIN

The Berlin Public Library will be very busy during the month of January and is offering free programs for you to attend.

Have you participated in forensics in the past, or wondered what forensics was like and how students are doing now or always? On Thursday, January 19 at 6:30 you have the opportunity to watch Berlin High School and Middle School students in action.

Is it a struggle to get your child to do homework and apply themselves in school? Amy from the Sylvan Learning Center will talk about motivating your child on Wednesday January 25 at 6pm. The program is free, but sign up is requested. Sitting is limited so sign up early.

## HANCOCK

"Pickles and Books" was our December activity. We followed the Old World German tradition, which says that the child who finds the hidden pickle in the tree on Christmas morning will have a year of good fortune and get an extra gift. We hid 30 (paper) pickles in books for all ages. Anyone who checked out a "pickle book" received a yummy treat!

This November, the Friends of the Library held their 22<sup>nd</sup> annual craft fair! The event was as popular as ever. There are new vendors every year, and a book and bake sale are also held.

Finally, a gift for the whole community was purchased in December. A new digital microfilm reader/printer and laser scanner! It is an MS6000, which is considered a high quality unit. The features are numerous and the prints are amazing! Our old machine will still be used as a backup.

## Hurricane Katrina Relief

Many Winnefox member libraries have been collecting money to restore damaged libraries in Mississippi. Funds collected here are being sent to the Harrison County Library system. Harrison County includes the communities of Biloxi and Gulfport which were heavily damaged and six of the ten libraries in the county remain closed.

If you wish to contribute you can turn in a check at your local library, made out to 'Winnefox Library System'.

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**10. Your Brain – Use It Or Lose It:** Dr. Robert S. Wilson and colleagues reported on a link between mental activity and prevention of Alzheimer's Disease among a group of 801 Catholic nuns and priests in the following article: "Participation in cognitively stimulating activities and risk of incident of Alzheimer disease," JAMA: the Journal of the American Medical Association.) 2002 Feb 13; volume 287, number 6, pages 742 – 748.

### 7. The Book – Reports of Its Death....:

1 R.R. Bowker May 24, 2005 Press Release found at: [www.bowker.com](http://www.bowker.com);  
2 R.R. Bowker historical book production statistics found at: [www.bookwire.com](http://www.bookwire.com).

**6. It's Not "All on the 'Net'":**...: Even while praising the power of Google, Washington Post writer Joel Achenbach acknowledges that: "...most old books remain undigitized. The Library of Congress has about 19 million books with unique call numbers, plus another 9 million or so in unusual formats, but most have not made it onto the Web. That may change, but for the moment, a tremendous amount of human wisdom is invisible to researchers who just use the Internet."  
"Search For Tomorrow: We Wanted Answers, And Google Really Clicked. What's Next?" By Joel Achenbach, Washington Post Staff Writer, Sunday, February 15, 2004; Page D01

## Jeff Gilderson-Duwe New Director of Winnefox Library System & Oshkosh Public Library

Jeff Gilderson-Duwe has been chosen to replace retiring director John Nichols by the Winnefox Library System and the Oshkosh Public Library boards of trustees. He will start at Winnefox in early January.

Jeff has a wide range of experience in libraries of different sizes around the country. His most recent position was been director of the Brown County Library in Green Bay and he worked as a reference librarian at Oshkosh Public Library from 1989 - 1992.



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## Waushara County Libraries

### BERLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

121 West Park Avenue Berlin, WI 54923  
920-361-5420 [www.berlinlibrary.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.poylippilibrary.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](http://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](http://www.wautomalibrary.org)  
Monday 9-6  
Tuesday 9-6  
Wednesday 9-6  
Thursday 9-6  
Friday 9-6  
Saturday 10-3