



The Garfoot Gazette

February 2009

Newsletter of the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

COMPUTER CLASS

The library will hold a Microsoft Word Workshop on Tuesday, March 31 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM in the library's community room. Sign up at the circulation desk for this class. We will spend the first hour getting familiar with the word processing program. The rest of the time will be yours to work on a Word document of your choice. Class participants should already be comfortable with basic typing, using a mouse, and keyboard commands. Contact Kate Hull with any questions.

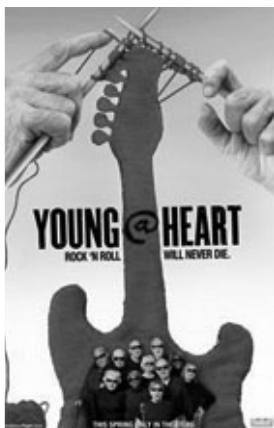
RESUME ASSISTANCE

Are you applying for jobs? If so, or even if you just want to improve and update your current resume, the library is here to help! Call 798-3881 to set up an appointment with our volunteer resume advisor, who has eight years of experience. She can help with issues such as formatting and gaps in work experience, as well as general resume-related questions.

SENIORS CITIZENS MOVIE!

Thursday, March 12th at 1:30 PM
RGPL Community Room

Join us for a special showing of the documentary *Young @ Heart*. This vital and charming film follows a globetrotting senior citizens chorus whose pop/rock/heavy metal repertoire both challenges and rewards them. Their dedication and determination to prevail against life's realities is truly uplifting. Bring a friend and be inspired!



BOOK CLUBS

This month, the **Tuesday Evening Book Group** will be heading to the Mazomanie Free Library to discuss Chris Bohjalian's *Water Witches* at **6:45 PM Tuesday, February 24th**. Publisher's Weekly called *Water Witches* a "moving, life-affirming novel, suffused with ecological wisdom." Please contact Kate Hull with any questions. The library also has schedules of other book discussions taking place in February and March as part of this program.

ECO-TALK BOOK DISCUSSION

Join the Eco-Talk Book Group on **Thursday, April 2 at 6:30 PM**, for a discussion of Jeff Goodell's gripping book *Big Coal: the Dirty Secret Behind America's Energy Future*.



In his book, veteran journalist Goodell examines and debunks the flawed assumptions underlying coal's resurgence and demystifies the myth of cheap coal energy. Through a blend of investigative reporting, political analysis and masterful storytelling, Goodell provides a much-needed reevaluation of one of the most problematic energy sources on the planet.

For more information or if special accommodations are needed, please contact the library at 798-3881.

TEEN BOOK CLUB - MARCH 16TH

The Teen Book Club is reading *Totally Joe*, by James Howe. Please join us on **Monday, March 16th from 4:15 to 5:15 PM**. As usual, there will be *totally* awesome treats for you to enjoy during our discussion. Copies of the book are available at the desk. Please sign up in advance whether or not you need a copy.

GARDENING NEWS

- The library is hosting a seed exchange in its entry way. Feel free to bring in your excess seeds and exchange them for something new to try in your garden. A variety of seed and garden catalogs are available to help with your 2009 garden plans.
- On **Saturday, March 7th** from **10AM-noon**, we will have a **Simple Plant Propagation** demonstration in the library meeting rooms. Suitable for all ages, this is the time to learn how to successfully start plants from seeds, take plant cuttings, and propagate plants in other ways. At least one future plant will go home with each family or participant.



Storytime News!!

Join us for our series of winter storytimes:

Wigglers and Gigglers:

Tuesdays @ 10

These programs are designed for babies and toddlers. We will learn fingerplays, sing songs, and read very simple stories. Preschoolers are, of course, welcome to come, too!

Big Kids Booktime:

Wednesdays @ 10

For Preschoolers, children 3-5 years old. If you have younger children, or even older ones that need to express their physical or vocal exuberance, please bring them out of the room. You are welcome to bring them back in when they are ready to sit quietly again! Toys will be available in the children's area.

Mark your calendars:

February 17 & 18 - Toys

February 24 & 25 - Guess Who?

March 3 & 4 - Tea Party

March 10 & 11 - Teddy Bear's Picnic

After these four programs,

Storytime will be on break until April 7th-8

Stay tuned for programs celebrating the Earth in honor of Earth month!

Twilight Tales Storytime:

Wednesday, March 18th at 6:30 PM

Join us for a program of stories in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Don't forget to wear something green, and watch out, there may be Leprechauns about! This program will be geared toward children ages 3-7. No registration required.

GREEN NEWS

E Notes for a Sustainable Life

Remember Mama's advice and try not to heat the outdoors... During the heating season, keep draperies and shades on your south facing windows open during the day to allow the sunlight to stream into your home and closed at night to ward off the chill you may feel from cold windows.

The scalded look is definitely not in...

Lower the thermostat on your hot water heater to 120° F to avoid that boiled lobster look. Insulate your electric hot-water storage tank, but be careful not to cover the thermostat.

Local Author Sonya Newenhouse Speaks About Her Steps to Greener Living!

Dr. Sonya Newenhouse, founder of **EnAct**, a Madison-based environmental program, will be reading from her new book, *EnAct: Steps to Greener Living*, at **Crossroads Coffee House in Cross Plains on Saturday, February 21st at 2:00 p.m.** The EnAct program was developed by Madison Environmental Group, Inc. to empower citizens to live more sustainably. Over 1,400 households involved in the program enjoy an average household energy savings of \$379. Following the discussion there will be a chance to sign up to become part of an EnAct team in Cross Plains. Come learn how easy it is to green up your life! This program is co-sponsored by the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library.