



The Garfoot Gazette

March 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.

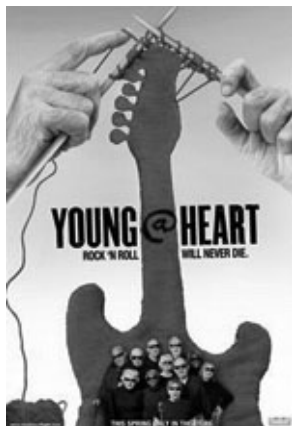
THE KINDNESS OF OTHERS

Occasionally former residents of Cross Plains stay connected with the library through emails, notes and phone calls. One individual who takes this connection to a new level, is Ellen (Bunnie Saeman) Martino. Bunnie and her husband, Andy, have generously donated a series of *Taste of Home* recipe books, a Wisconsin history book entitled *Wisconsin German Land and Life* and a subscription to the magazine *Country*. Along with these great additions to the collection, Bunnie, an avid Wisconsin history buff and author of *Cross Plains Area History*, provides links to various history and genealogy resources. Thanks to the kindness of people like Bunnie and Andy, the patrons of the Rosemary Garfoot Public library have access to some fascinating and useful titles.

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

At **6:30pm on Tuesday, March 31st**, we will meet in the library to discuss *The History of Love*, by Nicole Krauss. According to Kirkus Reviews, this is a "most unusual and original piece of fiction and not to be missed." Booklist stated that the author is winsome, funny, and affecting as she explores the interplay between life and literature. This work features memorable, unique characters and a books-within-a-book narrative. Please join us!

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**. *Totally Joe* is the upbeat and humor-filled story of 13 year-old Joe Bunch, facing his coming out through writing an "alphabiography" for school. 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

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.

Big Kids Booktime:

Wednesdays @ 10

For Preschoolers, children 3-5 years old.

Mark your calendars:

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.

FRIENDS BOOK SALE DONATIONS

Spring is almost here. It must be time to weed out those bookshelves. The Friends of the Library are currently accepting donations of gently used books for their next sale, which will take place the first weekend in May. Please bring your donations to the library.

GREEN NEWS

E Notes for a Sustainable Life

Water Wisdom – Small Ways You Can Conserve this Precious Resource

- ❖ Fix leaky faucets and toilets (A small leak from a faucet can waste 50 gallons of water a day and a leaky toilet can waste 260 gallons a day.)
- ❖ Always wash full loads of clothes and dishes. (Washing machines use 30 to 60 gallons per cycle.)
- ❖ Install high efficiency showerheads, faucets and toilets. (High efficiency showerheads, which cost about \$15, can reduce water use by 50%. Water efficient toilets use 50 to 80% less water.)
- ❖ Water lawns and gardens in the evening or early in the morning to avoid excessive evaporation. (On average, about 35% of household water goes to tending yards.)
- ❖ Replant your yard with native wildflowers, shrubs, grasses and groundcovers. (Native plants are less-water intensive especially in arid climates.)
- ❖ Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly and carefully. (Residential use of pesticides accounts for about 8% of all pesticide applications. Urban runoff accounts for about 14% of common water pollution and just over half of that is due to residential use of fertilizer.)

Source: <http://www.globalgreen.org>

Growing “GREEN” Kids

It's never too early to start teaching kids about “green” living and environmental stewardship. A great website to visit is, *The Greens – a site for kids about looking after the planet*. This PBS site can be found at <http://www.meetthegreens.pbskids.org>

Library hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday: 9am-8pm, Tuesday & Friday: 9am-5pm, Saturday: 10am-2pm
Rosemary Garfoot Public Library, 2107 Julius St., Cross Plains, WI. 53528 – 608-798-3881-www.scls.lib.wi.us/csp/