



# The Garfoot Gazette

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Newsletter of the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

## E-NOTES FOR A SUSTAINABLE LIFE



### **EARTH DAY** - *Gaylord Nelson, Earth Day Founder*

Earth Day is 40 years old on April 22, so it's a good time to reflect on small things you can do in your life to be thoughtful stewards of the environment. Here are a few tips for thought:

- Do an energy audit of your home to see what you can do to save energy. Replace standard light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs, unplug electronics when not in use and turn down the thermostat a few degrees in winter and up a few degrees in summer (if you have air conditioning). Check out a portable Watts Up Energy Meter from the library.
- Lessen water consumption. Turn off water when brushing your teeth. Use water sparingly when rinsing dishes or make sure the dish washer has a full load before turning it on. Put weighted bottles in your toilet tank, safely away from the operating mechanisms. Or, buy an inexpensive tank ball or float booster. This may save ten or more gallons of water per day.
- Buy or build a composter so you can turn vegetable matter and other waste into compost. (Watch the library website for an upcoming program on composting.)
- Check out environmental books from the library's excellent collection. Read about green living or educate yourself on hot topics such as climate change, mountain-top removal or oil dependency.

## **LOVE YOUR LIBRARY - LEND A HAND!**

Like many libraries, we operate on a shoestring budget which means there's a lot of room for dependable volunteer help. For a complete list of volunteer opportunities, come to the library or call Kris at 798-3881, or check our website [www.rgpl.org](http://www.rgpl.org).

## **BOOK CLUBS**

### **Tuesday Night Book Group AND Teen Book Club**

#### ***The Book Thief***

by Marcus Zusak

**Tuesday, April 27th**

**6:30 PM**

This month these two book clubs will come together to discuss one great selection.

*The Book Thief* was published as a young adult novel in this country in 2006, but it was originally published in Australia, the home country of the author, as an adult novel in 2005. Set during World War II in Germany, Markus Zusak's groundbreaking novel is the story of Liesel Meminger, a foster girl living outside of Munich. Liesel scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. This is an unforgettable story about the ability of books to feed the soul. It is the story of courage, friendship, love, surrender and triumph as told by a very unusual narrator.

### **Eco Talk Book Club**

Please keep an eye on our website [www.rgpl.org](http://www.rgpl.org) to find out when our next meeting will be and for information about the selection. For more information call Kris or Pam at 798-3881.



### **Seeking Teen Volunteers for Summer Library Program: Make a Splash @ your Library!**

Now is the time to sign up to help out with the program table this summer. Volunteers must be 12 or older, and able to work at least a couple of 2-hour shifts a week, between 6/14 and 7/24. To sign up, or get more info. please contact Catherine at 798-3881 or [cabaer@scls.lib.wi.us](mailto:cabaer@scls.lib.wi.us).

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.rgpl.org](http://www.rgpl.org)

## APRIL MOVIES

### THE PROPOSAL

THURSDAY, APRIL 8  
10:00 AM -11:45 AM

#### Library Community Rooms

Sandra Bullock stars in the romantic comedy, *The Proposal*, as a Canadian immigrant who creates a demanding and difficult work environment for her subordinates at the office. When the news arrives that she's about to be deported to the Great White North, she rushes into a marriage of convenience with her young assistant (Ryan Reynolds) to prevent such a catastrophe from occurring. Join us for the fun! Refreshments provided. Adults only. Please call 798-3881 to sign up.



## DON'T MISS THE FOL BOOK SALE!

Come find lots of treasures at the ever-popular Friends of the Library Book Sale: **Friday, April 30th from 8-6, and Saturday, May 1st from 8-2.** The Friends continue to graciously accept your donations of gently used books at the library.

## Storytime News

### Wigglers and Gigglers: Tuesdays @ 10:00

For babies and toddlers. We will learn fingerplays, sing songs, and read very simple books. Mark the following Tuesdays on your calendar: **3/30, 4/6, 4/13, and 4/20**

### Big Kids Booktime: Fridays @ 9:30

For preschoolers (3-5 year olds). At Big Kids Booktime we sing, read longer stories and occasionally have a craft project, snack or a special activity based on our theme. These programs are designed for children who are ready to sit and listen to stories. Please bring younger siblings out of the room during the storytelling portion of the program.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

#### OUR APRIL THEME IS "FARM FRIENDS"

**4/2 - Sheep** (*special guest Kriss Marion with lamb and spinning wheel!*)

**4/9 - Goats, 4/16 - Pigs, 4/23 - Cows**

### ECO-FILM - ADDICTED TO PLASTIC



*THE RISE AND DEMISE OF A  
MODERN MIRACLE*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14TH

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - Library  
Community Rooms

For better and for worse, no ecosystem or segment of human activity has escaped the shrink-wrapped grasp of plastic. ADDICTED TO PLASTIC is a global journey to investigate what we really know about the material of a thousand uses and why there's so darn much of it. On the way, we discover a toxic legacy, and the men and women dedicated to cleaning it up. Snacks provided. Discussion after the film for those interested. Adults only. Please call 798-3881 to sign up.

## Family Earth Day Celebration with Magic Mama! Thursday, April 22 - 6:30-7:30 PM, for all ages! Library Community Rooms

Magic Mama is an Eco-Edu-tainer who performs Organic Hip Hop and World Beats for the Whole Family. Magic Mama delivers an empowering and hope-filled message of love and respect for all and inspires creative thinking and Earth-friendly actions.

She plays an eclectic variety of instruments including acoustic guitar, harmonium, canning jars filled with water, and a recycled paper drum. With the help of a loop machine, Magic Mama records and layers vocals and multiple instruments live, building to a full band sound. She also provides the audience with handmade, recycled instruments, including empty cheese-puff bags, rainsticks and used water-filter shakers.

There's nothing like a Magic Mama show. Her genre-elusive music is challenging to describe, "You have to see it to hear it." Questions? Ask Catherine - 798-3881

