



The Garfoot Gazette

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Newsletter of the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

HOOK A BOOK

The Friends of the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library will host a **Spring Book Sale Fundraiser** in the library Community Rooms on Friday, May 2nd, from 8 AM – 6 PM and Saturday, May 3rd, from 8 AM – 2 PM. A pre-sale for members of the Friends organization will be held on Thursday, May 1st, from 5 – 8 PM. You can join the Friends at the library service desk, or by calling Friends president Pauline Brunner at 798-2217. Volunteer to help with the sale by contacting Pauline as well. Proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase new resources for the library. Donations of your gently used books will be accepted for the sale until April 15th. For more information call 798-3881.

BOOK CLUBS

On **Tuesday, May 27th at 6:30 pm**, the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library book club will hold our second of three meetings as part of the Wisconsin Humanities Council's "A More Perfect Union: Domestic Tranquility" program. This series was designed to provoke critical thought about American history and current issues through literature and discussion. Paul Boyer, UW-Madison Professor Emeritus, will be leading a discussion of Barbara Kingsolver's **Prodigal Summer** in the Community Rooms. This program was funded in part by a grant from the Wisconsin Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Contact Kate Murphy if you would like to participate.

GREEN NEWS

Eco-Footprint Quiz #8

At my workplace I: (check all that apply)

- participate in recycling programs
- reuse office supplies when possible
- print or copy double-sided pages
- reduce waste of materials
- use reusable cups and dishes
- use the stairs, not elevators, when feasible

BAG ONE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

In an effort to eliminate the use of petroleum based plastic bags, the library is seeking donations of cloth or canvas bags. If you have any extra bags lying around, we would be happy to take them off your hands. Stay tuned for further details about how these bags will benefit patrons and the community.

ECO-TALK BOOK DISCUSSION - MAY 29TH

Join the Eco-Talk Book Group on **Thursday, May 29th at 6:30 pm** to discuss Marc Reisner's **Cadillac Desert: the American West and Its Disappearing Water**. Reisner's insightful book is a dramatic expose of the billion dollar battle over water rights. Anyone aware of the Great Lakes water wars and the eight-state Great Lakes Water Compact, might want to read this book for further insight into water access issues.

Top Ten Tips for Green Living (source: "Body & Soul" magazine, April 2008 issue.)

*Never underestimate team effort when it comes to setting change in motion.

*Going green doesn't have to be difficult or hard: quite often simple is best.

*Living sustainably comes with learning to see the world in a new way.

*In everything you do, align your actions with your personal philosophy.

*An eco-friendly life happens in stages - with one decision at a time.

*Many of our biggest problems get solved when we view ourselves as part of a whole.

*Think about where your purchases came from - and where they're going.

*Ask yourself how you can use, and reuse, what you already have.

*Make it a goal to spend more time outdoors.

*Rather than worry about the costs of going green, consider what you're investing in.

CD/DVD RECYCLING AT THE LIBRARY

Have you been tossing your scratched or cracked compact discs and DVDs in the trash? If so, you probably don't know that CDs/DVDs contain a layer of recyclable metal and Bisphenol A (BPA), a substance the National Institutes of Health (NIH) announced last week might be linked to breast cancer, prostate cancer, early puberty in females and behavioral changes. When items containing BPA, including baby bottles, Nalgene water bottles, and water cooler jugs, just to name a few, are not recycled properly, they end up degrading in our landfills and releasing toxic chemicals into our soil and water.

You can help by bringing your DVDs and CDs to the library for ethical and safe disposal. We have a collection box in the library for your convenience. Because it costs money to responsibly recycle these items, we will have a donation box attached to the collection box and ask that patrons donate a nickel for each CD, DVD or case recycled. Together we can make a difference!

BIKE AND DOG PARKING

Spring has sprung, and it's bicycle time! Bicycling is great exercise and an earth-friendly way to get around town, so please **do** ride your bike to the library! However, once you're here, we ask that you use the bike rack on the west side of the building. This keeps the library entrance obstacle-free and safe for all patrons. Thanks!

Most people love dogs, but not everyone. Out of respect for all of our patrons, we ask that you dog lovers please tie your leashed dog to a wooden pillar as far away from the entrance and as close to the building as possible. If your leash is not long enough, ask us for a tie-out stake. Thanks for your help!

SPECIAL CLOSINGS

May 6th: The Library will be closed from 1:00 – 5:00 pm on Tuesday, May 6th for staff in-service training.

May 26th: The Library will be closed on Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.



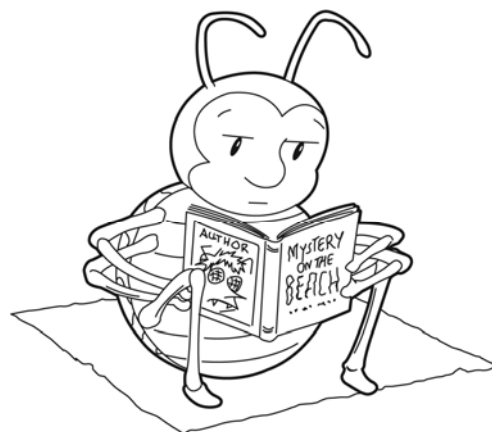
STORYTIME ON BREAK!

Join us this summer for the next series of Story time programs.

The summer story times will be on **Wednesdays, June 18th - July 23rd at 10:00**, for children 2 1/2-5 years old. Ages are given as an approximate guide. Parents, if you have little ones not yet ready to sit still and focus on the program, please bring them out of the room during the session.

This spring we enjoyed ***Stories From Around the World***. Special thanks to those who have shared stories and artifacts from their own experience or cultures: Eric and Daniel Johnson, Saskia Hinze and Katarina Reisenbeck, Heidi Ropa, Jennifer Das, Sandy Buss, Morgan Mahoney, Johanna Gorman-Baer, Mary Jackson-Smith, Marnie, Kyle and Katie Cowling, and Peter Gorman.

Get ready for this year's Summer Reading program, "Catch the Reading Bug". Registration for the program will begin Wednesday, June 11th.



Library hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday: 9am-8pm, Tuesday & Friday: 9am-5pm, Saturday: 10am-2pm
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