



The Garfoot Gazette

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GREEN NEWS

It's Not the Emerald City But it Sure is Close: the Journey Toward a Green Library, was the title of a program presented to libraries from around the country and Europe about building the first "green" library in the state of Wisconsin. Library Director Pam Bosben and architects Ian Griffiths and Valentine Schute spoke to fifty-eight librarians and library board trustees at the Pyle Center on the U.W.-Madison campus. The program entailed the journey from the first fund raising campaign to the completion of the new facility. Attendees learned about LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) and the arduous but rewarding task of designing a building where library design requirements are not compromised by environmental design. In the afternoon, attendees arrived by bus for a comprehensive tour of the facility.

Eco-Footprint Quiz #2

Here is the next quiz in measuring your ecological footprint. Check all that apply. Remember, by engaging in some or all of the practices in these monthly quizzes, you are doing your part in impacting the environment in a positive way.

To reduce *virgin materials*, I:

- o Repair and reuse items
- o Re-use my grocery bags or take canvas bags to the store
- o Purchase goods made from recycled materials
- o Use recycled paper
- o Remove my name from junk mailing lists

NEW INTERNET PROCEDURE STARTS JUNE 1

Starting June 1, the library will require patrons to show their library cards each time they use the Internet. With a busy summer around the corner, keeping track of Internet use and ensuring all patrons have a fair chance to use the computers, becomes a bit intense for library staff. So even if we've known you for years, you will still need to have your card with you if you wish to surf the net or check your e-mail. Thanks for helping us improve our efficiency!

Please remember that children 8 years old and younger are not allowed to use the Internet unsupervised. The same holds true for children using the library – all children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult or caregiver who is at least 12 years old.

GOING ON VACATION? STOP YOUR HOLDS

Have you waited for a best seller to arrive at the library only to have it sent back because you were on vacation? Library staff can set your holds to "inactive", or show you how to do this yourself, so you don't miss out on receiving your materials. The week before your trip, set your holds to "suspend", or call staff to request they stop your holds. When you return, either you or the staff can reactivate your holds.

SPECIAL GUEST REVIEW

The Horse and His Boy

By C.S. Lewis

Reviewed by Marcy Thompson

Imagine a race across the desert, a big desert and a big race. Who wins means life or death to many people. What will happen? To find out, read *The Horse and His Boy* by C.S. Lewis. It is an exciting and suspenseful book, perfect for 5th graders and up, although younger children may enjoy it too. There are some funny little adventures, but it does have some scary or suspenseful parts. It is a good book to read aloud. Although it is part of a series, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, it stands on its own.

This book takes place in the fictional countries: Narnia, in the North, Archenland, in the middle, and Calormene, to the South. Four characters meet up, all with the same goal, to escape Calormene and reach Narnia. Hwin and Bree, two talking Narnian horses want to escape slavery. Shasta, an orphan, escapes to keep from being sold into slavery to an evil man. Arivis, a Calormene lady, is escaping marriage. They have many difficulties including getting along and getting through Tashbaan, the crowded capitol of Calormene. In Tashbaan, they get separated. Arivis hears the king's evil plans. Also, people think Shasta is Corin, the prince of Archenland. Can the four of them get back together and warn Archenland, or will Shasta be taken to Archenland, knowing nothing of the plan?

The author, C.S. Lewis, wrote six other books about Narnia, four of which are now movies. The others are *The Magician's Nephew*, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, *Prince Caspian*, *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, *The Silver Chair*, and *The Last Battle*. The Last Battle won the Carnegie Award. The seven books were published from 1950 – 1956 in Great Britain.

I really enjoyed this book. I liked the suspense, adventure, mystery, and fantasy. I also liked how they all had to work together. I could barely put it down. I have read the book three times and still like it! If you like exciting and mysterious fantasy books, you will probably enjoy it. It is both for adults and kids. Even if you don't like fantasy, you may like it. It is a great book.



SPRING STORYTIME NEWS

We had fun this winter and spring talking, singing and reading stories about "Healthy Bodies and Minds". Thanks to our special guests, Dr. Grelle, Dr. Blanchard and Erin Dubas for their special visits. We also had fun at our "EarthDay" Party on Monday evening, April 23rd. We celebrated by blowing out the candles on an Earthday cake, and planting seeds to take home.

Join us in June for our Summer Library Program "**Get a Clue @ Your Library**". **Preschool Storytimes** will be on **Wednesday mornings at 10:00.**

6/20 – "I Spy"

6/27 – "Nature Clues" with special guest

Eileen Harrington

7/11 - "Who Am I?"

7/18 – "How do you say...?" Bi-lingual stories, (Spanish/English) with Eileen

7/25 - "Nursery Crimes"

These programs are designed for kids 3-6 years old, please bring younger siblings out of the room with you if they need to be able to move around and make noise. Thanks!

Toddler Times will be **on Wednesdays at 10:30.**

MACARONI AND CHEESE AGAIN?

Parenting Program

Monday, May 14th

6:30 PM, Library Meeting Room

Good nutrition may be the last thing on your mind when you are scrambling to make supper. Come to this FREE program with Wellness Educators, Jodi Barnhart and Lindsay Frank, to get some ideas for getting your kids to improve their diet and some tricks to making this summer a healthier one.

Please register at the front desk, or call 798-3881.

CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOP & EXHIBIT

MAY 19TH -10:30 - NOON

"WE ARE ALL ONE PEOPLE"

Join us this special day for the opening reception for *Portrait of a Neighborhood*, and a related art workshop taught by artist educator Nancy Giffey. Interviews and over 50 photographs by JoAnna Been of Madison's diverse Triangle Neighborhood have been touring Dane County at such sites as the U. of Wisconsin Multicultural Center, Meriter Hospital Atrium and the UW Welcome Center.

Children will be featured in the Cross Plains exhibit which will be on display May 19th through July 9th. The workshop will help children explore and discover who their urban counterparts are and why diversity is positive and life enhancing. There is no charge for the workshop, supplies and materials will be provided by the Artsbridge program of Bayview Community Center.

Children ages 6 - 11 may sign up for the workshop. Spaces are limited to 12 participants. Please register at the front desk, or call 798-3881.

This project has received funding from the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission and the Capital Times Kids Fund.

BOOK CLUB

This month we will be reading the funny, yet moving, literary detective story, *Case Histories* by Kate Atkinson. Join us, for a lively discussion, on **Tuesday May 29th at 6:30 p.m.** at the library.

BE A FRIEND

The Friends of the Library will hold their Annual Meeting on **Thursday, May 24th at 7 PM in the Library Meeting Room.** Guest speaker Tom Gross will present a program about the Ice Age Trail, refreshments will be served. Please join us to learn more about the Friends organization, and enjoy the company of others, like you, who wish to support the library. Everyone is welcome!

CALLING ALL CELL PHONE USERS

Please use the area just outside the Meeting Rooms, when using your cell phones. If you need to answer the phone quickly, the building's entryway is another option that will not create a disturbance to others using the library. THANKS!