



The Garfoot Gazette

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Newsletter of the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

GREEN NEWS

Eco-Footprint Quiz #3

Measure your eco-footprint by checking off all that apply. Every collective step we take, no matter how small, results in huge, positive impacts.

#3 – To reduce pollution in my home, I:

- o use phosphate-free soaps and detergents
- o limit or eliminate use of household pesticides
- o dispose of toxic substances in designated places on designated days
- o purchase very few commercial toxic materials
- o clean windows with water and vinegar
- o steer clear of formaldehyde products

BUTTERFLY PROGRAM

Please join us at the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library in Cross Plains on Monday, September 10th at 7 p.m. for an hour program on *Butterflies of Wisconsin*. This Power Point presentation will include numerous photos displaying the beauty of these insects. We will learn about all aspects of butterflies, their life history and butterfly watching. Topics discussed will include habitats, poisonous butterflies and mimicry, migration, hibernation, courtship, nectaring, patrolling, puddling, threatened and endangered species, gardening, surveys, photography, how to find butterflies, butterfly binoculars, predation and defense, the “war” between butterflies and plants, and more. Several handouts will provide additional resources.

Presenters will be Karl and Dorothy Legler of the Southern Wisconsin Butterfly Association. For more information, or if you need special accommodations, contact Sue at 608-798-3881.

ECO-TALK BOOK DISCUSSION

If you've always wanted to join a book discussion group that caters to your need for thought-provoking and spirited conversation about ecology and the environment, look no further than the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library. On Thursday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 PM, this flagship program will kick-off with a discussion of the classic work by Rachel Carson, *Silent Spring*. Please contact Kris or Pam at 798-3881 if you are interested in participating.

BOOK CLUB

Join us on **September 25 at 6:30 p.m.** for a discussion of *The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger. This bestselling novel chronicles a most untraditional love story between librarian and time traveler Henry DeTamble and artist Claire Abshire.

FRIENDS BOOKSALE!

It's time once again for another fabulous booksale sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The sale will take place on Friday, Sept. 14 from 9 to 5, and Saturday the 15th, from 8 to 2. We are still accepting donations of gently used books at the library, no encyclopedias or textbooks please. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the sale, please contact our Friends President, Pauline Brunner, at 798-2217.

MEETING ROOM CONTRACTS DUE

It is time to make 2007 – 2008 reservations for use of the public meeting rooms. The current booking period runs from September 2007 through May 2008.

You may call the library to find out if a time slot is open. However, the reservation does not take effect until the application has been submitted and approved in writing by library staff. The 2006 - 2007 contract will not hold your meeting slot for 2007 – 2008.

Keep in mind that the Library and other Village departments take precedence over all other uses of the meeting rooms. In the unusual event the Village or Library “bumps” your meeting, we will try to provide an alternate in-library space for you.

WE OWE A DEBT OF GRATITUDE

One Hardbound Book - \$26.95, One Compact Disc - \$14.99, Library Volunteers – PRICELESS!

Over the past year, the library has gained some incredible volunteers. We'd like to give a colossal thank you to the following folks who selflessly pitch in when the library gives a shout-out: Denise Baylis, Pauline Brunner, Martha Brunner, Linda Hein, Barbara Borns, Bobbi Fehr, Barbara Dull, and Marsha Schaeffer.

Thank You Optimist Club of Cross Plains!

We would also like to thank the **very** generous Optimist Club for donating \$1000.00 to build our Juvenile Environmental Collection. Come enjoy some beautiful new Environmental books in the Children's Section!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW EMPLOYEES!

Clayton Servais and **Kelsey Meinholz** will be joining the staff as library pages. We look forward to having them on board. Thank you to outgoing and dedicated pages: Hannah Buckland and Olivia Schjonberg, good luck in your future endeavors!



WELCOME BACK TO STORYTIME!

This fall we are trying a new format for our programs. Please read over the descriptions and decide what session is best for your kids.

Big Kids Booktime (3-5 yr. olds)*

Tuesday mornings at 9:30

These programs are designed for kids who are able to sit quietly for 20 minutes to listen to stories. Craft activities, songs and games will be geared toward kids who can handle some independence. If you have smaller children, please bring them out of the room at this time.

Wigglers and Gigglers (all ages)*

Wednesday mornings at 9:30

Open to all ages. There will be more singing and playing opportunities, and shorter books than the Tuesday session.

**Grown-ups, you are the best judge of which group is the best fit for your child, regardless of age – the ages listed above are only intended as a rough estimate.*

Here are the dates and themes:

September – Alphabet

11 & 12, 18 & 19, and 25 & 26

October – Colors

2 & 3, 9 & 10, 16 & 17, 23 & 24

November – Numbers

6 & 7, 13 & 14, Break, 27 & 28

Twilight Tales (all ages)

Thursday evenings at 6:30

September 20th – Alphabet

October 18th – Colors

November 15th – Numbers

December and January – Family Fun

Parents and Grandparents are invited to share stories about their own family's mid-winter traditions. Please call Catherine to sign up for a day.

New! After School Book Bunch

(for kids entering 1st -5th grade)

Come and enjoy an after school snack and a chapter book with Catherine. We will meet six Wednesdays after school. Please **register at the Circulation Desk**, beginning Sept. 4th.

Wednesdays, Sept 26th – Oct. 31st *
3:30-4:15

***Our final session will be a Halloween Party with Spooky Tales, games and treats. Start planning your costume now!**



SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS

We will be collecting donations of new school supplies to be given to children at local schools. Please place your donations in the bin provided under the "Back to School" display near the Library Entrance. Thanks for your support!