



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

The library book clubs of Mazomanie, Black Earth and Cross Plains will be meeting on **Wednesday, April 23rd at 6:30 PM** in the Community Room to discuss Jane Hamilton's *When Madeline Was Young*. This book was chosen in conjunction with *Dane County Libraries Celebrate . . . Jane Hamilton*. Please contact Assistant Director, Kate Murphy, to join us.

The Wisconsin Humanities Council's "A More Perfect Union: Domestic Tranquility" was designed to provoke critical thought about American history and current issues through literature and discussion. On **Tuesday, April 29th at 6:30 PM**, the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library book club will hold the first of three meetings as part of this series. Charlotte Meyer, Professor of English at Edgewood College, will be leading a discussion of T.C. Boyle's *The Tortilla Curtain*. This program was funded in part by a grant from the Wisconsin Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Contact Kate if you would like to participate.

GREEN NEWS

Eco-Footprint Quiz #7

For transportation, I: (check all that apply)

- walk or ride a bicycle when possible
- carpool
- share a single family car with my family
- combine car trips
- eliminate unnecessary trips
- have a low-horsepower, high-MPG car
- maintain efficient exhaust emissions control
- keep my car tuned up
- keep tires properly inflated
- recycle used motor oil and tires

TAG - YOU'RE IT!

Starting in April, library staff will begin tagging "green" articles in magazines with "Eco Tags". These markers will take you right to environmental articles. If you find an unmarked article, let us know so we can tag it.

ECO-TALK BOOK DISCUSSION - APRIL 3RD

One need only look back to the Dust Bowl Disaster of the Great Depression to understand how total disregard for our environment unleashed chaos and destruction that led to the most prolonged environmental disaster in the U.S. Timothy Egan's book, *The Worst Hard Time*, is the untold story of a decade-long catastrophe as seen through the eyes of those who survived the brutal High Plains dust storms of the 1930s. Join us at **6:30 on April 3rd** for a discussion. For more information, contact Kris or Pam at 798-3881.

SEED EXCHANGE

Check out the Rosemary Garfoot seed exchange basket located in our entryway. Trade your unwanted seeds for new and different ones to try in this year's garden. To help you in planning the garden, there is an assortment of garden catalogs to thumb through in the library.

EARTH DAY IS APRIL 22ND

Beginning April 1st, come to the library and check out a book from the Environmental Collection to enter a drawing for a reusable canvas tote bag and water bottle. On Earth Day we will hold the drawing with three prizes (adult, teen and children) being awarded. Everyone is invited to help us celebrate the occasion on Tuesday, April 22nd with a piece of Earth Day cake!

STAFF NEWS

We are happy to welcome three new employees to the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library.

Kate Murphy, the new Assistant Director, grew up in Spooner, Wisconsin. She has a Bachelor's degree in English from UW-Madison, and a Master of Library Science from the University of North Carolina. Kate just moved to Mt. Horeb and is very excited to be back in Wisconsin and part of the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library family! When not working, Kate enjoys biking and hiking outside - and of course - she loves to read!

Library Assistant **Emily Goad** is currently a graduate student at the UW-Madison and hopes to get her degree in Library Science next year. After receiving undergraduate degrees in Psychology and Writing from Northland College, she worked in Montana with Americorps. Emily is very excited to be working at the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library! When she is not working, Emily's dog Roufus keeps her busy. She also enjoys writing, reading, traveling and cooking with friends and loved ones.

Carol Kroll, also a Library Assistant, grew up in Racine Wisconsin. Having always been interested in art, Carol got her degree in Drawing at the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design. While attending school in Milwaukee, Carol met her husband Mike. Carol is now a Web Designer and works with her husband on their internet/web design business. When Carol has time, she loves to paint (watercolor and vintage collage), sing in her band - Sweet Jelly, and volunteer with LEARN, a Lab Rescue based in Madison.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 13-19, 2008 marks the 50th anniversary of National Library week, with the theme "Join the Circle of Knowledge @ your library". Children 11 years old or younger are invited to draw a picture inspired by a favorite book to receive a coupon for a free scoop of Culver's frozen custard and a chance to win a special prize. Ask for an entry form beginning April 1st and return your picture by April 19th. The prize drawing will be held on April 21st.



WELCOME TO STORYTIME!

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

Tuesday mornings at 9:30

For children who are able to sit quietly for 20 minutes to listen to stories. If you have smaller children, please bring them out of the room at this time.

Wigglers and Gigglers (all ages)*

Wednesday mornings at 10:00

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

**Grown-ups, please determine which group is the best fit for your child, regardless of age.*

This spring we have been enjoying **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, Sandy Buss, Morgan Mahoney, Johanna Gorman-Baer, Marnie, Kyle and Katie Cowling, and an upcoming contribution of fiddle music from Catherine's husband, Peter Gorman, (on April 15th). We have three programs left for this session.

April:

- 1, 2 – Tricksters around the World
(April Fools)
- 8, 9 – France
- 15, 16 – American Tales