



# The Garfoot Gazette

August 2010

Newsletter of the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

## E-NOTES FOR A SUSTAINABLE LIFE

Summer is a great time for naturally drying your laundry using sun power. Along with natural drying are safe and natural concoctions for removing stains, putting the whiteness in your tidy-whites and laundering in general.

\*Pre-wash stain spray: ½ cup white vinegar, ¼ cup baking soda, 3 cups water. Stir together and fill a labeled spray bottle. Spray on stains (always test on a hidden spot first).

\*Washing powder: 16 cups baking soda, 12 cups borax, 8 cups castile or glycerin soap flakes, 3 tablespoons lavender, lemon or grapefruit essential oil. Combine dry ingredients, whisk in essential oil. Use 1/8 cup per load.

\*Bleach/Brightener substitute: 1 cup hydrogen peroxide, ¼ cup lemon or grapefruit juice, 12 cups water. Add 2 cups per load along with detergent.

\*Stain removal: Erase coffee, tea and wine stains by putting cloth over the sink and pouring boiling water over the stain until it disappears. Remove grease by making a paste of granulated sugar and water. Rub into stain and let set before washing. Dry in the sun.

Source: *Natural Home Magazine July/August 2010*

## LIBRARY IN THE NEWS

The Rosemary Garfoot Public Library was highlighted in the summer edition of the Simpson Street Free Press. The article touts the library as the first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) public library in the state. While the reporters found this reason enough to visit the facility, they were also impressed by the beautiful setting, welcoming atmosphere and “friendly and helpful” staff.

## WWII DISPLAY

The Cross Plains-Berry Historical Society and Cross Plains American Legion have created a WWII display as part of an on-going project honoring area veterans. The display includes army and navy uniforms, mess kits, steel

helmets, ration books, dog tags and much more.

The Legion and Historical Society have also sponsored a collection of military books and movies available for check out.

## BOOK CLUBS

### Tuesday Night Book Group

*Book group takes the month of July off, but reconvenes on August 31st at 6:30*

#### *Olive Kitteridge*

by Elizabeth Strout

**Tuesday, Aug. 31 - 6:30**

*Olive Kitteridge* is a penetrating portrait of ordinary coastal Maine characters living lives of quiet grief intermingled with flashes of human connection. Although the stories are about loneliness, fears and insecurities, they are infused with gentle humor and a nourishing dose of hope. This collection of stories are easy to read and impossible to forget.



## FREE AT YOUR LIBRARY

**Music Jam** - Do you have a guitar gathering dust? Are you a harmonica player without a band? Don't play an instrument, but like to sing or simply listen? Stop by the library on **Monday nights at 5:30** and join other area musicians in a weekly music jam! From beginner to way good, all abilities welcome!

**Driftless Zone Photo Group** - This group is a small informal group of photo enthusiasts who gather to share their work and gain new perspectives in a relaxed non-competitive environment. Hosted by Peter Robert Thompson, a fine art photographer, the meetings are held the **1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at 2:00 PM** in the community rooms. No sign-up is required, and everyone is welcome! For information call Peter @ 608-553-1926.

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

## MORNING MOVIES & ECO MOVIES

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The Morning Movie and Eco Movie series are on hiatus for the summer. Please join us again in the fall.

## SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM THANKS

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The 2010 Library Program was a Splash Hit thanks to many volunteers!

- We couldn't man the registration/prize table without the help of our teen volunteers: Grace Vosen, Samantha Roll, Amy Harper, Amy Sullivan, Mikala Durham, Sadie Heilprin, Jacob Hart, Jack Schutske, and Kasey Wilson. Another very special thanks goes out to Minetta Koblings, our stellar Volunteer Coordinator.
- Our gratitude as well to the Friends of the Library who helped with our summer events: Barbara Borns, Nancy Bruins, Pauline Brunner, Sandy Buss, Barbara Dull, Susan Hutton, Connie Kane, Jean Hilgers, and Barbara Saeman.
- Many folks contributed their special expertise. Thanks to our three teen workshop presenters, Hannah Buckland, Helen Widdicombe and Johanna Gorman-Baer. Thank you Mim Buckland for lending your set decoration skills to the Pirates of the Caribbean program! Also, our special guests who donated their talents to storytime and Lunch Bunch: Anne Moser, of the Wisconsin Water Library, and local author Carolyn Nelson.
- Thanks to Arlene of Main Street Lanes for the popcorn for our film festival, and a very heartfelt thanks to the Friends of the Library, especially Martha Brunner who organizes and runs the book sales, and the South Central Library System for funding the entire Summer Library Program!
- And finally, I would like to thank my coworkers, who experience an extra heavy work load during the summer program, and whose support, team spirit, and dedication to good service never seem to waiver in the least. Thanks Pam, Kris, Holly, Jan, Vicki, Jennie and Barb!

Thanks team! - Catherine Baer, Youth Services Librarian



## Storytime News

### September Storytimes Schedule:

**Storytime will be on break for the month of August. Please join us for the following September programs.**

#### Wigglers and Giggles - Tuesdays @ 10

For babies and toddlers. We will learn fingerplays, sing songs, and read very simple books.

Mark the following Tuesdays on your calendar: **9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28.**

#### Big Kids' Booktime - Thursdays (NEW DAY) @ 10

Designed for preschoolers (3-5 year olds). At Storytime we sing, read 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 the following Thursdays on your calendar: **9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23.**

**Please go to our website, [www.rgpl.org](http://www.rgpl.org), for more information.**

### **BICYCLE AND STROLLER PARKING**

It's time again to remind everyone that we need to keep the book drop and entrance to the library free of obstacles. Please park all bicycles in the bike rack located on the west side of the building. Wagons and strollers may be brought up to the building, but please park them to the right of the entrance under the pergola. Thanks!