



The Garfoot Gazette

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Newsletter of the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE

Visit our new website at www.rgpl.org, or www.envirolibrary.org. You can use the new site to keep abreast of our summer program activities, connect to the library catalog, check out some green websites, and much more. Take a look and let us know what you think. For comments or questions about the website, contact Catherine at 798-3881, or cabaer@scls.lib.wi.us.

BOOK CLUBS

Please join us on **Tuesday, June 30th at 6:30 PM** as we discuss Anita Shreve's *Light on Snow*. This story centers on the events that transpire after a father and his 11-year old daughter discover an abandoned infant in the snow one December afternoon. Please contact Jan Manchester at 798-3881 with questions. Then in July, join us on Tuesday, July 28th at 6:30 PM for a discussion of *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim*, by David Sedaris. Please contact Jan Manchester with questions at 798-3881.

Eco-Talk Book Club

Join the Eco-Talk Book Group on **Thursday, July 30th at 6:30 PM**, for a discussion of Aldo Leopold's *A Sand County Almanac*. "First published in 1949 and praised in The New York Times Book Review as 'a trenchant book, full of vigor and bite,' *A Sand County Almanac* combines some of the finest nature writing since Thoreau with an outspoken and highly ethical regard for America's relationship to the land." (*Barnes & Noble synopsis*) For more information, contact Kris or Pam at 798-3881.

CROSS PLAINS – BERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Cross Plains-Berry Historical Society now has office hours at the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library in Cross Plains. Curator of Research, Joan Schneeberger, will be available on Wednesdays from 1-4.

A HOST OF GOLDEN DANDELIONS

"It gives one a sudden start in going down a barren, stony street, to see upon a narrow strip of grass, just within the iron fence, the radiant dandelion, shining in the grass, like a spark dropped from the sun."



<http://www.flickr.com/photos/melodysk/499419404/>

Henry Ward Beecher

There is no doubt there has been a bumper crop of dandelions this spring and, there is no doubt, there is a love-hate relationship with those confounding little sprites. Love them or hate them, they certainly have been popular this spring as evidenced by the many comments the library has received both pro and con.

The Library Board appreciates the feedback and is exploring ways to approach the issue without using pesticides or fertilizers that may harm the ecosystem or the health of patrons. Some options being discussed are application of corn gluten, spot treating weeds with vinegar or more frequent mowing.

The library flower gardens are tended by the hands of generous volunteers whose time and commitment is greatly appreciated. Occasionally the volunteers can't get to the weeds before they become noticeable so if you have a little time, this group could use your help.

As the Library Board explores healthy ways to maintain the gardens and lawns, they will provide updates in the Library newsletter. Some information that recently came to light is the fact that the honeybee, which is in grave danger from colony collapse and loss of habitat, relies heavily on bee pollen in the early spring. Dandelion pollen gives honeybees a boost and adds to the health and well-being of the hive. Allowing dandelions to flower is the simplest way to aid in the health of the honeybee.

(Good Fruit Grower Magazine)

GET YOUR SMOOTHIE ON AT THE LIBRARY!



Summer Smoothies Summer Reading Program for ages 16 and up

This summer, the library is giving away smoothies from Crossroads Coffee House. To enter for your chance to win, all you need to do is read! Each time you finish a book, submit a ticket (which you can get from the Circulation Desk) into the drawing box. On the ticket, you will have a chance to tell us what you've read and rate it via a 5-star rating system. At the end of each week, we'll draw a lucky smoothy winner.
Contest runs Monday, June 29 through August 16

SENIOR AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

Join us **Thursday, July 30**, in the Library Community Rooms at **1:00 p.m.** for the madcap comedy, *Some Like It Hot*. Struggling musicians, Joe (Tony Curtis) and Jerry (Jack Lemmon) witness the St. Valentine's Day Massacre and try to find a way out of the city before they are found by the mob. The only job that will pay their way is an all-girl band, so the two disguise themselves as women, Josephine and Geraldine, join the band and board a train. Joe and Jerry both fall for "Sugar Kane" (Marilyn Monroe), the band's sizzling vocalist and ukelele player, and fight for her affection while maintaining their disguises. This Billy Wilder movie was nominated for several academy awards and won Golden Globe award for best comedy. Please join us for cool refreshments and some fun! Run time is 2 hours.

TEEN BOOK CLUB

This summer the teen book club will be reading two novels: *Koyal Dark*, *Mango Sweet*, and *Keeping Corner*, both by local author Kashmira Sheth. We will meet on **Monday, July 20th** for a book discussion, and then, on **Thursday, July 23rd**, **Kashmira Sheth** will offer a presentation and writing workshop from 2:00-4:00 at the library. You may choose to read either or both books. There are copies available at the Circulation Desk.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Friends of the Library Book Sale was a grand success, thanks to the contributions of the community and the help of many volunteers. Thank you to all who contributed, volunteered, shopped and supported the book sale and the Teen Advisory Board bake sale. The Friends of the Library accept donations of gently used books all year.

This summer come and Be Creative @ Your Library!



Join us for **Preschool Storytimes** (2 1/2- 6 year-olds) Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30, June 17 - July 22

SHOWTIME FOR ALL AGES ~~~~~

6/30 at 1:00 - Fox and Branch - folk duo

7/14 at 1:00 - Forte Dance Studio - performance and workshop

7/21 at 10:00 - Traveling Lantern Theatre presents, *The Life of Beethoven*

7/25 at 10:00 - Art Cart Extra! Traveling Art - for children 6-10 at the **Municipal Shelter**

7/28 at 1:00 - **Grand Finale Talent Show and Art Fair** (registration for the show and art fair is on Friday, 7/24 from 3-4).

WORKSHOPS FOR AGES 9 AND OLDER: ~~~~~

Pick up a brochure for information about these exciting workshops. Some of the summer highlights include Theatre Games and a Musical Theatre workshop, a Writing Group, a presentation and writing workshop with author Kashmira Sheth, and a Talent Show!!

TEEN SPACE SIGN DESIGN CONTEST ~~~~~

Teens (12-18) - design a new sign for your space at the library and you just may win the grand prize - an iPod with iLive speakers and dock. Get a copy of the contest rules at the library, or on our website at www.rgpl.org.