



The Garfoot Gazette

May/June 2010 Newsletter of the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

E-NOTES FOR A SUSTAINABLE LIFE

Spring is here and summer is right around the corner. There are many things you can do to embrace sustainability in your outdoor environment:

- Improve your energy efficiency: purchase solar-powered garden products, replace outdoor lighting with compact fluorescent bulbs, install automatic light timers.
- Reduce the use of gasoline-powered yard tools.
- Reduce the threat of invasive species expansion: remove invasive species and replace with native varieties.
- Incorporate a diversity of native plants into your landscape.
- Reduce water consumption: mulch, install rain barrels, adjust your watering schedule, use drip irrigation and xeriscaping.
- Compost kitchen and garden waste.
- Plant lots of trees to absorb carbon dioxide.

Source: *Gardener's Guide to Global Warming: Challenges and Solutions* by Patty Glick, Senior Global Warming Specialist

YARD-BY-YARD UPDATE

With all the feedback concerning the library grass, plans are underway to improve the lawn. The first stage will involve subduing weeds, then a program of aeration, overseeding and compost tea applications will begin. The library is working with Bando Organics to ensure propagation of a healthy, organic and safe lawn.

HEALTHY LAWNS PROGRAM

Sara Downie of the Madison Healthy Lawn Team will present *A Healthy Lawn for a Healthy Community* at the library on **Wednesday, May 19th, 6:30 to 7:45 PM** in the community rooms. Come learn about traditional and natural lawn care practices and how your lawn care habits influence not only the health of your lawn, but also your health and the health of the watershed. Refreshments will be served. Please call the library at 798-3881 to sign-up.

BOOK CLUBS

Tuesday Night Book Group

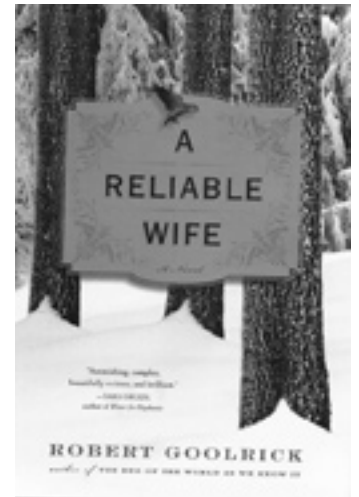
A Reliable Wife

by Robert Goolrick

Tuesday, May 25th

6:30 PM

Please join us to discuss this gothic tale set in 1907 Wisconsin told from two viewpoints: Ralph Truitt, a wealthy businessman who advertises for a wife for practical reasons, and Catherine Land a beauty hungry for riches posing as a dowdy daughter of a missionary.



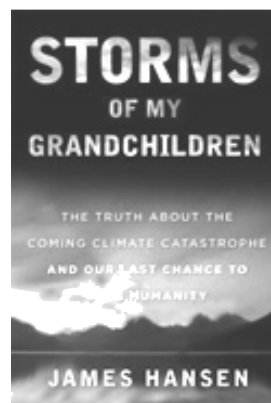
Eco Talk Book Club

Storms of My Grandchildren

by James Hansen

Wednesday, June 23rd

6:00 PM



Join the Eco-Talk Book Group to discuss James Hansen's timely and important book, *Storms of My Grandchildren: the Truth about the Coming Climate Catastrophe and Our Last Chance to Save Humanity*.

Climatologist Hansen, director of the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies and an internationally renowned global-warming expert, provides suggestions

for attaining greenhouse gas reduction and strategies for reducing or eliminating fossil fuel use.

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

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

SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM 2010



Programs for all ages:

In-house registration begins on Monday, June 14th - come in to register, then stay for our program kickoff:

- **MONDAY, JUNE 14, 1:00: CHARLIE WILLIAMS, THE NOISE GUY**, Storyteller and Sound Effectonist, presents "Sound Waves!"

- Join us **TUESDAYS** for special shows. (see the website for details)

- Make sure you save this date:

SATURDAY, JULY 24, 6:00-8:00 PM: GRAND FINALE POOL PARTY! For All registered program participants who turn in at least one reading slip. Kids under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult or caregiver aged 12 or older.

- Kids in **K-5th grade** are invited to join the **Lunch Bunch** on **MONDAYS** at 11:30.

Programs for age 9 and older:

- **THURSDAY** afternoon workshops will run from 6/15 through 7/17. Please see the website (www.rgpl.org) for a complete listing.

- **MONDAY, JULY 19** - The **Tween Book Club** will be reading *The Lightning Thief* and watching the movie, *Percy Jackson and the Olympians*.

- **WEDNESDAY, JULY 21** - The **Teen Book Club** will read *Paper Towns* by John Green.

- **THURSDAY, JULY 22** - get your costumes ready, teens, for a **Teen Movie Night** - *Pirates of the Caribbean* - prizes for the best costumes!



Storytime News

Wigglers and Giggles: Tuesdays @ 10:00

For babies and toddlers. We will learn fingerplays, sing songs, and read very simple books. Mark the following Tuesdays on your calendar: **5/18 and 5/25.**

Big Kids Booktime: Fridays @ 9:30

For preschoolers (3-5 year olds). At Big Kids Booktime we sing, read longer 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 YOUR CALENDARS:

OUR MAY THEME IS "BACKYARD ANIMALS"

5/21 - Mice, Raccoons, Opossums

5/28 - Chickens (special guest *Charity Hirsch with her baby chicks*)

Summer Library Program signup begins on Monday, June 14th! Please join us for our summer storytime programs for 2 1/2-6 yr. olds: 6/16, 6/23, 6/30, 7/7 (special program about Frogs with Anne Moser from the Wisconsin Water Library), and 7/14.

Please go to our website, 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!