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Newsletter of the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

FALL FOR A BOOK!

The Friends of the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library will host a **Fall Book Sale Fundraiser** in the library Community Rooms on Friday, **September 19th, from 9 AM – 5 PM** and **Saturday, September 20th, from 9 AM – 2 PM**. Thanks to generous donations from some of our patrons, this sale will include a wonderful selection of art books, including graphic design and illustration annuals. 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 Friday, September 12. For more information call 798-3881.

BOOK CLUBS

Please join us on **Tuesday, September 23rd** as we discuss ***Atonement*** and other novels by Ian McEwan. We will be meeting at 6:30pm in the library. While the main discussion will center on *Atonement*, some group members will be reading other works such as *Amsterdam*, *Saturday*, and *On Chesil Beach*. Copies of *Atonement* are available at the circulation desk for check out. Please contact Kate Murphy with any questions.

ECO-TALK BOOK DISCUSSION - SEPT. 4TH

Please join the Eco-Talk book discussion group on **Thursday, September 4** at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Wendell Berry's essays about the destructive impact of agribusiness on the culture of farming and lives of farmers. The *Unsettling of America* delves into the issue of industrial agriculture-the kind of agriculture, according to Berry "[that] grows out of the worst human history and the worst of human nature." For more information about Eco-Talk book group, contact Kris or Pam at 798-3881.

GREEN NEWS

MADISON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT PHASE II

The library recently received the second installment of a two-year grant from the Madison Community Foundation (MCF). MCF is funding a library collection development project that is allowing twelve Dane County libraries to build and diversify specific collections. The Rosemary Garfoot Public Library's area of concentration is the environmental collection. Thanks to the generosity of MCF, the library has added numerous titles to this important collection.

If you are interested in contributing funds toward the environmental collection, please contact the library at 798-3881.

Portable Energy Meter

The library now has a Portable Energy Meter thanks to the generosity of Madison Gas & Electric. Accurate and easy to use, this plug-in meter works on any standard 120-volt electric appliance. Use it to:

- Measure voltage, electricity cost and electric consumption.
- Find out the exact operating cost of various appliances, from refrigerators to lamps and computers.
- Identify the potential causes of high energy use.
- Predict your savings in reducing appliance use.
- Calculate the payback for replacing older equipment.
- Discover how much power some appliances draw even when switched "off;" i.e., "phantom power."

Borrow the portable energy meter at no cost from the library. Because the meter is popular, you may want to reserve it ahead of time.

Find and/or reserve a meter online by searching for "Portable Energy Meter" in the library's online catalog at <http://www.scls.lib.wi.us/csp/>. Click on "LINKcat Web" to access the South Central Library System catalog.



We Caught the Reading Bug!

Congratulations to our summer readers and their families, and thanks for your participation at all of our summer events at which we "Caught the Reading Bug!"

Special thanks to our grand prize sponsors:

- Styles Salon & Spa
- World of Variety
- All-American Liquor
- Cross Plains True Value Hardware
- Best Buy
- Target
- Marcus Cinemas

... and to our program sponsor:

- The Friends of the Library

A very special thanks to our Friends of the Library volunteers who helped with the "Amazing Flea Circus", Pauline Brunner, Sandy Buss and Susan Hutton. And a BIG THANKS to our summer program volunteers: Danielle Russell, Jordan Foster, Ana Brunner, Grace Vosen, Melinda Janssen, Kyla Hyland, Julia Tibbetts, Maura Jonas, and Sadie Heilprin!! We couldn't have done it without you!

Family Read-In and Ice Cream Social

Come and celebrate the beginning of a new school year, as well as National Library Card Sign-Up month at the library on **Wednesday, Sept. 10, from 6:30-7:30PM**. Begin by creating your own sundae to enjoy in the Community Room. Then find a cozy spot in the library to read with your children. We'll finish with a goodnight story in the Storytime Room. Wear your PJs and bring a favorite toy or blankie.

Fall Storytimes

Join us this fall for a series of storytimes on all things related to farms.

Wigglers and Giggles: Tuesdays @ 10

You can also think of this as "Toddler Tuesdays" - these programs will be designed for babies and toddlers - we will learn fingerplays, sing songs, and read very simple stories. Preschoolers are of course welcome to come too!

Mark your calendars:*

September 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd

October 14th, 21st and 28th

November 4th and 25th

December 2nd, 9th and 16th

Big Kids Booktime: Wednesdays @ 10

These programs will be designed for Preschoolers, children 3-5 years old. We will read stories, sing songs, and have a craft or activity at least once per 4-week session. If you have younger children, or even older ones that need to express their physical or vocal exuberance, please bring them out of the room. You are welcome to bring them back in when they are ready to sit quietly again! Toys will be available in the children's area.

Mark your calendars:*

September 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th

October 15th, 22nd and 29th

November 5th and 26th

December 3rd, 10th and 17th

**It may be helpful to note that the schedule follows a pattern of four weeks on, then two weeks off.*

