



# The Garfoot Gazette

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Newsletter of the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

## GREEN NEWS

### Eco-Footprint Quiz #4

Measure your eco-footprint by checking off all that apply. Every collective step we take, no matter how small, results in huge, positive impacts.

**#3 – When I'm Shopping I:** (check all that apply)

- o read labels and avoid highly toxic products
- o bring my own re-usable cloth bags for bagging my groceries
- o avoid purchasing unnecessary toys and gadgets
- o buy durable, long-lasting products
- o shop for clothing and other items at resale stores
- o limit use of disposable products such as paper towels, plastic storage bags and disposable sweeper products
- o check for EnergyStar label rating on appliances
- o consider my eco-footprint at time of purchase
- o encourage others to adopt good environmental habits
- o encourage manufacturers and merchants to limit excess packaging

### Vinegar – It's Not Just for Salads *Going Green Tips for Healthy Living*

Did you know that plain white distilled vinegar is a natural, non-toxic disinfectant and a whiz bang window cleaner? Combine ¼ c. vinegar, 2 cups water and ½ teaspoon dish detergent, put in a spray bottle and you'll have the most economical, streak-free window cleaner around.

Not exactly lovin' last night's fried fish at 6 a.m. the next morning? Place a pan of distilled white in your kitchen overnight, and the odors are zapped.

For more great tips on "green" cleaning, check out these books....

*Green Clean: the Environmentally Sound Guide to Cleaning* by Linda Mason Hunter  
and *Green Clean! Volume 1, Greening Your Cleaning* by Deirdre Imus.

## BOOK CLUBS

Join the library book club on **Tuesday, November 27, at 6:30 p.m.** We will be reading *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See. A bestseller and a hit with book clubs, See journeys back to 19th century China to explore the complex and intimate relationship of two women bound together in friendship and love.

### ECO-TALK BOOK DISCUSSION

Jeff Smith's *Seeds of Deception* is the selection for this month's Eco-Talk Book discussion, which will take place on **Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** at the library. Smith's book is touted as "an insightful expose on the dangers of genetically modified (GM) foods and the forceful industry influence and political corruption that permit them to be put on the market." For more information contact Kris or Pam at 798-3881.

## SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS

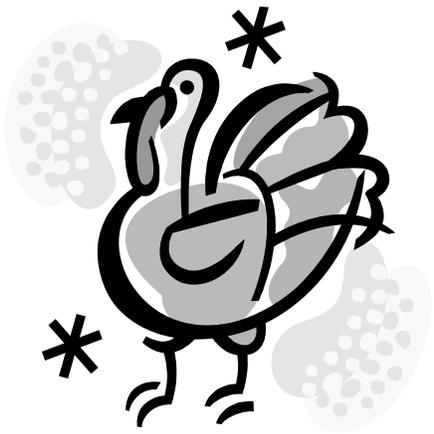
Thank you to all library patrons who answered the call for school supply donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

### LOOKING FOR A THOUGHTFUL GIFT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?

The Rosemary Garfoot Public Library will once again be selling engraved bricks which will be incorporated into the ellipse in front of the library. For a \$100 donation, you can purchase a 4"X8" brick which accommodates two lines of text, 13 characters per line. Also, there are a limited number of 8"X8" bricks available. They may be purchased for \$200 each and accommodate up to three lines of text, 13 characters per line.

Orders blanks are available at the library, and orders must be submitted no later than January 1, 2008. Checks should be made out to the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library.

Please call Kris at the library with questions.



## 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. Craft activities, songs and games will be geared toward kids who can handle some independence. If you have smaller children, please bring them out of the room at this time.

### Wigglers and Gigglers (all ages)\*

**Wednesday mornings at 9:30**

Open to all ages. There will be 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 – the ages listed are only a rough estimate.*

### Here are the remaining dates for fall:

**November 13 & 14, Break, 27 & 28**

### Twilight Tales (all ages)

**Thursday evenings at 6:30**

**November 15<sup>th</sup> – Family Read-In** ●

### December and January

#### Family Fun

Parents and Grandparents are invited to share stories about their own family's mid-winter traditions. Please call Catherine at 798-3881 to sign up for a day. Here are the special programs we are looking forward to so far!

Tues. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>-Sophie's grandpa, Mr. Reader!

Wed. Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>-Haven's grandma

## Storytime with Beebo!

Join us for a special infant and toddler storytime program on Wednesday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 with BeeBo the Baby Signs Bear!! Come learn how to "talk with your baby before your baby can talk". This program is being offered by Tamara Smith. No registration required.



## Celebrate Children's Book Week

**November 12-18**

Children's Book Week introduces young people to new authors and ideas in schools, libraries, homes, and bookstores. Through Children's Book Week, the Children's Book Council encourages young people and their care givers to discover the complexity of the world beyond their own experience through books.

Join us on **Thursday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30** for a special "**Read-In**" in celebration of this special week. Families are invited to come with their children, find a cozy spot in the library and read silently or aloud together. Catherine will read one or two selections in the Storytime Room to kick-off the event at 6:30. We will provide popcorn and cider, and books! You bring blankets and pillows or stuffed animals, and kids!

