



# The Garfoot Gazette

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Newsletter of the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

## RESUME AND COMPUTER ASSISTANCE!

### Free resume assistance now offered through the library

Do you need help creating an effective professional resume? Are you worried about gaps in your work experience or the appropriate format for your resume? A local volunteer with eight years of experience is available to work with you. Contact Kate Murphy at 798-3881 to set up an appointment.

### Computer Help

Are you interested in taking a class at the library to learn basic information about computers, the Internet? We will hold a series of introductory classes in January 2009, and we would like to know your preferred topics. Possible topics include how to use a mouse, set up an e-mail account, using free library databases, etc. Please contact Kate Murphy at 798-3881.

We are always willing to provide one-on-one computer assistance to our patrons. Please contact the library in advance to set up an appointment at 798-3881.

## HELP THOSE IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY

### Food For Late Fees

The library will waive overdue fees in the month of December in exchange for food pantry donations. If you have a book owned by the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library with a due date of 12/01/08 - 01/01/09 that is overdue, bring in items for the Mazomanie food pantry when you return the book and we will count each item as 50 cents. **Please consider bringing in a donation even if you don't have overdue materials, and help those in need this holiday season!** The food pantry's wish list includes personal hygiene items, peanut butter, canned fruit, macaroni and cheese, cereal, tuna, and beef stew.

## BOOK CLUBS

On **Tuesday, December 30th at 6:30pm**, you are invited to join in a discussion of *Miracle at St. Anna*, by James McBride. This story of black American soldiers fighting the German army in the mountains of Italy in December 1944 was recently made into a film by Spike Lee. Request a copy of the book at the circulation desk!



Please join the **Eco Talk Book Club** for a side trip as we discuss Naomi Klein's international bestseller, *The Shock Doctrine*. Klein examines the big-business agenda to show how disasters -- unnatural ones like the war in Iraq and natural ones like the Asian tsunami and Hurricane Katrina -- allow governments and multinationals to take advantage of citizen shock and implement corporate-friendly policies. Meet at the library on **Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** to discuss this interesting and controversial book.

The **Eco Talk Book Club** will be discussing *Cities in the Wilderness : A New Vision of Land Use in America* on **Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** In this insightful narrative of environmental progress, former Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt makes the case for why we need a national vision of land use. We may have a space program, he points out, but here at home we don't have an open-space policy that can balance the needs for human settlement and community with those for preservation of the natural world upon which life depends. The author demonstrates that balance is as achievable as it is necessary. This is not a call for developing a new federal bureaucracy; Babbitt shows instead how much can be--and has been--done by making thoughtful and beneficial use of laws and institutions already in place.

For more information or if special accommodations are needed, please contact the library at 798-3881.

## TAKE IN A MOVIE AT THE LIBRARY!

The Driftless Zone Photography Group in cooperation with the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library, invite you to a free screening of the PBS documentary film, *Ansel Adams*, on Wednesday, **December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** This film, written and directed by Ric Burns and co-produced by the Sierra Club, is part of the PBS series, the *American Experience*. *Ansel Adams* is an intimate portrait of an iconic artist and ardent environmentalist who believed life, art, photography, wilderness, creativity, communication, love and expression were inextricably connected.

Peter Thompson, who knew Mr. Adams, will host this event and will be available after the film for Q&A.

## Teen Read Book Club – Jan. 12

In honor of this year's theme for Teen Read Week, "Books With Bite", the Teen book club is reading *New Moon*, by Stephanie Meyer. Please join us for a hauntingly appealing book discussion on **Monday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:15 to 5:15.** There will be some delicious "bites" for you to enjoy while we discuss the book. A limited number of copies of the book are available at the desk. Please sign up at the desk in advance whether or not you need a copy of the book.



## Special Holiday Gift Bag Program

Thursday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>: 6-7 PM

It's always a challenge to think of gifts kids can afford or manage to make for their families. Join us at **6:00 PM on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** for a special program in the Storytime Room. Give your children a list of books you would like to read, and a librarian will help them find a book to check out on *their* card and put in their handmade gift bag to present to you or another family member at holiday time. We will have materials available for kids to make gift bags. All ages are welcome.

## Storytime News!!

Join us for our grand finale of farm-themed storytimes on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>!

### Wigglers and Giggles: Tuesdays @ 10

You can also think of this as "Toddler Tuesdays" - these programs are 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 - Dec. 16th

### Big Kids Booktime: Wednesdays @ 10

These programs are designed for Preschoolers, children 3-5 years old. We read stories, sing songs, and at least once per 4-week session, have a craft or activity. 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:

**December 17** - Barns - come join the "barn dance" with **special guest fiddler Peter Gorman!**

**Storytime will be on break for two weeks.**  
**Please join us for the following programs in January when our theme will be "Let's Play":**

January 6 & 7 - Playing in the snow  
January 13 & 14 - Let's pretend  
January 20 & 21 - Friends  
January 27 & 28 - Toys