



# The Garfoot Gazette

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April 2009

Newsletter of the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

## LIBRARY STAFF NEWS

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For the past year, the staff and patrons have been enjoying the expertise, influence and hard work of our wonderful Assistant Director, Kate Hull. This month Kate moves on to a new position in Janesville where the Hedberg Public Library will be very lucky to have her as a reference librarian. Although she will be dearly missed here, we wish Kate all the best at her new position. We are pleased to have three new Library Assistants on our team: Jan Manchester, Vicki Widdicombe, and Diane Anderson. Gus Wolle is our newest shelver. Please help us welcome them to our library community. Your patience is greatly appreciated during this transitional period. We also congratulate Kris Loman on her promotion to the position of Assistant Director, and Holly Andres, now our Circulation Supervisor.

## SENIORS AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

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Join us in the community rooms on **Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00** for a showing of the comedy fantasy, **Night at The Museum**. In this fun movie, Ben Stiller plays a bumbling night watchman at New York's Museum of Natural History who inadvertently triggers a dormant curse that fully animates the dioramas, causing Mayans, Romans, Gladiators, and cowboys to emerge, not to mention an angry T-Rex. Refreshments will be served. Run time is 120 minutes which includes a 10-minute intermission.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

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The Friends of the Library will host a **Spring Book Sale Fundraiser** in the library community rooms on **Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, from 8 AM – 6 PM** and **Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 8 AM – 2 PM**, (Saturday includes a \$10 bag sale). Join the Friends by stopping by 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 the end of April. For more information please call Pauline at 798-2217.

## BOOK CLUBS

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On **Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**, the Tuesday Evening Book Discussion Group will be meeting to discuss *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman. This work of narrative nonfiction tells the story of a Warsaw zoo during WWII. Both the plight of the zoo's animals and the Jews and resistance fighters who were sheltered there are revealed in what the Washington Post called "a true story-of human empathy and its opposite-that is simultaneously grave and exuberant, wise and playful." Join us at the library at 6:30pm, and request your copy of the book at the circulation desk. Please join us!

## ECO-TALK BOOK DISCUSSION

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Join the Eco-Talk Book Group on **Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 PM**, for a discussion of Jeff Goodell's gripping book *Big Coal: the Dirty Secret Behind America's Energy Future*. In his book, veteran journalist Goodell examines and debunks the flawed assumptions underlying coal's resurgence and demystifies the myth of cheap coal energy. Through a blend of investigative reporting, political analysis and masterful storytelling, Goodell provides a much-needed reevaluation of one of the most problematic energy sources on the planet.

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

## TEEN BOOK CLUB - APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>

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The Teen Book Club is reading *The Misfits*, by James Howe. Please join us on **Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:15 to 5:15 PM**. Four students who do not fit in at their small-town middle school decide to create a third party for the student council elections to represent all students who have ever been called names. This is the prequel to *Totally Joe*, the book the group read last month. As usual, snacks will be provided. Copies of the book are available at the desk. Please sign up in advance.

## *E Notes for a Sustainable Life*

### **If Life Gives You Lemons - Clean with Them!**

**\*Laundry:** Brighten whites by adding 1/2 cup lemon juice to the rinse cycle.

**\*Garbage Disposal:** Cut a lemon in half and run both pieces through the disposal.

**\*Dishes:** Improve grease cutting power by adding a teaspoon of lemon juice to your detergent.

**\*Countertops:** Cut a lemon in half, dip the cut side in baking soda and rub on countertops. Wipe with a damp sponge and dry. (Do not use on marble or stainless steel.)

**\*Grout:** Add lemon juice to 1 teaspoon cream of tartar to make a paste. Apply with a toothbrush, then rinse.

Source: *Real Simple Magazine*, April 2009 issue



## Storytime News!!

Join us for our series of spring storytimes:

### **Loving Our Earth**

### **Wigglers and Gigglers:**

#### **Tuesdays @ 10**

These programs are designed for babies and toddlers. We will learn fingerplays, sing songs, and read very simple books.

### **Big Kids Booktime:**

#### **Wednesdays @ 10**

For Preschoolers (3-5 years). At these programs we sing, read longer stories and occasionally have a craft project, snack or activity.

### **Mark your calendars:**

April 7 & 8 - Water

April 14 & 15 - Animal Homes

April 21 - What a Wonderful World

April 28 & 29 - Trees

May 5 & 6 - Seeds/Gardens

May 12 - *special guest*, Infant Massage

Instructor, Yvonne Heibert

May 13 - *special guest*, Shannon Smithberger presenting "Holes"

### **Celebrate Earth Day with "Wall-E"**

#### **Wednesday, April 22 at 6:00**

Join us on **Earth Day** for the film *Wall-E*. This G-rated Disney/Pixar comedy is about a lovable, determined trash compactor who falls in love with a sleek search robot. Anyone who comes to the library for this event either by walking or riding their bikes may enter to win a grand prize!! **Free popcorn will be served!** No registration required.

## FAMILY EVENTS FOR ALL

### **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 4/13-19:**

Once again in honor of National Library Week the library is participating in the annual Culver's coloring contest. Children under age 11 are invited to come and get a Culver's page to decorate with their own illustration of a favorite scene or character from a book. Each child who enters will get a coupon for a free Culver's custard and a chance to win the grand prize. The activity will run for the entire month of April. Plus special bookmarks for all ages!

### **NATIONAL TV TURN-OFF WEEK:**

**4/20-26:** *Join us for a special event each evening the library is open, from 6:00-7:45*

**MONDAY - Family Read-In** to kick-off TV Turn-off Week. Families are invited to come enjoy a snack and find a cozy corner to read together. Pajamas and teddy bears are encouraged, but optional.

**WEDNESDAY - Earth Day Celebration** with the movie *Wall-E* - see more information at right.

**THURSDAY, - Family Game Night.** Come pick out a board game in the Storytime Room, find a favorite spot in the library to play the game with your family!