



The Garfoot Gazette

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Newsletter of the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

GREEN NEWS

Eco-Footprint Quiz #6

In my home I: (check all that apply)

- use a clothesline to dry laundry
- use cold water cycles for laundry
- use electricity wisely and in moderation
- keep my thermostat under 70 degrees in cold weather
- keep my thermostat over 74 degrees in hot weather
- lower the thermostat 1 degree per hour when I'm asleep or away
- turn heat down and water off while on vacation
- set hot water heater at 120 degrees
- ask for a free or low-cost energy audit from utility company
- reserve and check out portable energy meter from the library

ECO-TALK BOOK DISCUSSION - APRIL 3RD

The Worst Hard Time by Timothy Egan is the title to be discussed at the next Eco-Talk Book Club. One need only look back to the Dust Bowl Disaster of the Great Depression to understand how total disregard for our environment unleashed chaos and destruction that led to the most prolonged environmental disaster in the U.S. Egan's book is the untold story of a decade-long catastrophe as seen through the eyes of those who survived the brutal High Plains dust storms of the 1930s. Join us at 6:30 on April 3rd for a discussion *The Worst Hard Time*. For more information, contact Kris or Pam at 798-3881.

BOOK CLUB

Join the library book club on **Tuesday February 26th at 6:30 at the Crossroads Coffeehouse**, 2020 Main St. in Cross Plains. We will be reading Peter Hoeg's, *Smilla's Sense of Snow*.

PRAIRIE GARDEN DESIGNS

As a project for the Environmental Studies classes taught by Debra Weitzel and Mike Duren at Middleton High School, students designed a prairie garden to be installed at the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library. Their plans include a landscape design, a budget and a grant proposal. On February 20, from 6:30 to 8:00pm, the top five plans will be on display and students will be available to answer questions. The winning design, as selected by the library board, will be installed on the library grounds in the spring.

SEED EXCHANGE

To all gardeners and gardener wannabes, check out the Rosemary Garfoot seed exchange basket located in our entryway. Share your unwanted seeds, and exchange them for new or different seeds to try in this year's garden. To help you in planning the garden, there is an assortment of garden catalogs to thumb through in the library.

TURNING THE LAST PAGE

The most difficult part of reading an incredible book is turning the last page, knowing you have come to the end of something special. Here at the library, the last page has been turned on the working lives of two employees who put their own special and remarkable stamp on this library. After nearly seven and eight years of service, respectively, we bid a fond and poignant farewell to **Assistant Director, Sue Freedman** and **Library Assistant, Linda Schmit**. Thank you Sue & Linda for the spirit and commitment you brought to the community and to the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library.

WET BOOKS ARE EX-BOOKS

We are sad to report we have had to throw away many books that have been returned in the bookdrop ruined by wet weather. Please be sure and protect your library materials in waterproof bags when you take them outside. THANKS!!



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 10:00

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.*

Our Spring Schedule:

Stories Around the World

February

5, 6 – Chinese New Year
12, 13 – Africa
19, 20 – Russia
26, 27 – Germany

March

4, 5 – India
11, 12 – Mexico/South America
18, 19 – Ireland/British Isles
25, 26 – International

April

1, 2 – Tricksters around the World (April Fools)
8, 9 – France
15, 16 – American Tales

HELP US TAKE CARE OF OUR STORYTIME ROOM

Our wonderful Storytime room is always open to children and their caregivers to use. Please help us keep this room available by following some simple guidelines:

1. All children must be accompanied by their caregiver while in the room.
2. Use the toys, furniture, and books gently and carefully.
3. Put away all toys and furniture when you are done playing with or reading to your children.
4. No running or climbing on furniture or equipment.
5. Use inside voices.

Teen Advisory Board

Our new teen advisory board is up and running! Take a look at their new exhibit on the display shelf in our entryway, as you enter or leave the library.

On **Thursday, Feb. 21st**, an early release day, school-aged children are invited to attend a program of games and a puppet show, led by the Teen Advisory Board at the library from 2:00 to 3:00. Please sign up at the Service Desk to attend.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BUY A BRICK!

The Rosemary Garfoot Public Library will continue 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 April 1st, 2008. Checks should be made out to the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library.