



The Garfoot Gazette

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Newsletter of the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

GREEN NEWS

Simple Ways to Fight for the ENVIRONMENT

- 1. LIGHT UP** Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs. Replacing one bulb keeps 100 pounds of CO₂ out of the atmosphere per year and may save you at least \$30 in electric bills over the lifetime of the bulb.
- 2. RECYCLE** By recycling even half of your aluminum, plastic, glass and paper, you reduce 2400 pounds of CO₂ annually.
- 3. TURN IT DOWN. TURN IT UP** Turning your heater down 3 degrees in the winter and up 3 degrees in the summer saves 1050 pounds of CO₂ annually.
- 4. DRIVE LESS** Driving 5 miles less per week eliminates 900 pounds of CO₂ per year. According the American Public Transportation Association, public transportation (bus, train) uses about half the fuel consumed by cars, trucks and light SUVs.
- 5. DRIVE SMART** If possible, drive hybrids or vehicles that get more than 30 miles per gallon. Inflate tires. For every three pounds below recommended pressure, fuel economy goes down by 1%.
- 6. WASH COLD** Save 250 pounds of CO₂ from entering the atmosphere per year by washing one load of laundry per week in cold water.
- 7. UNPLUG IT** Unplug appliances when not in use and turn off power strips when leaving the house or sleeping. You may save around \$10 per month on your electric bill.
- 8. EAT SMART** Eliminate 487 pounds of CO₂ per year by eating meat-free meals every-other-day. Eating locally avoids high transportation energy costs. Eating local food once a week saves a monstrous 5,000 pounds of CO₂ per year.

9. SHOWER Take a shower instead of a bath to eliminate 1000 pounds of CO₂ annually. Shorter showers will decrease the amount of carbon needed to heat water.

10. PLANT LOW-WATER LANDSCAPES Grass devours water. Replace your lawns with native plants suited to your climate. Group plants together for productive growth and less water consumption.

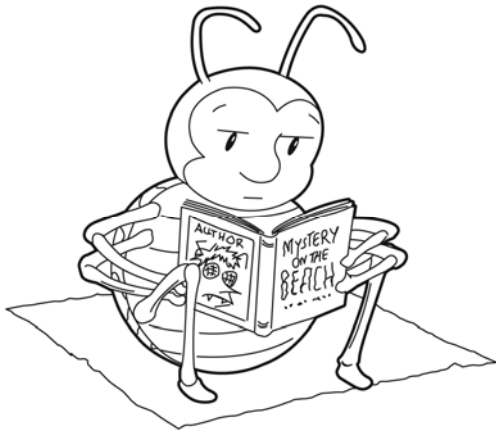
11. ELIMINATE JUNK Junk mail kills trees. Services like greendimes.org and 41pounds.org will remove you from junk mail lists. They promise to eliminate 80-95 percent of unsolicited mailings.

BOOK CLUB

After many excellent discussions in conjunction with the Wisconsin Humanities Council's "A More Perfect Union: Domestic Tranquility" program, the library's fiction book discussion group will be taking a short hiatus. We will not be meeting in July or August. Our September selection will be announced later this month. All are welcome to attend, and we usually meet the last Tuesday evening of the month. Contact Kate Murphy if you are interested in joining us!

MAGAZINES FOR EVERY INTEREST

The next time you're in the mood for some easy summer reading, stop by the library and take a peek at our Magazine collection. Some of our newest subscriptions include: *The Economist*, *The Nation*, *Eating Well*, and *This Old House*. We have over 200 titles, so whether you're an animal lover, gearhead, bookworm, fashion maven, sports fan, nature enthusiast, handyman, decorator - the list is long - there's a magazine that's just right for you. Check it out!



Catch the Reading Bug

@ Your Library

2008 Summer Library Program

June 11th - July 31st

Join us this summer in celebrating the world of insects and the joy of reading!! Keep track of how many books (or how much time) you read each week for a chance to spin the Wheel of Prizes. Join other crawlers and flyers for special events, storytimes, and other buggy activities. Come in to sign up, get all the information you will need to follow the program.

Inchworms - ages 3-6

Attend storytime programs, **Wednesdays at 10:00** in our ever-popular Storytime Room and gaze up at the magical bug lights!

These programs are designed for kids 3-6 years old, please bring younger siblings out of the room with you if they need to be able to move around and make noise. Thanks!

Arachnids - children in 1st - 5th grade

Earn extra chances at the wheel by identifying our volunteer bugs or creating a "litterbug". Join the **Lunch Bunch** on Wednesdays at 11:30 and listen to Emily (Practicum student) read *Charlotte's Web*.

Special Programs For all Ages:

Every Tuesday at 1:00

Please pick up a brochure for a complete list of events!

- 7/3 - (Thursday) Movie Matinee: *Ant Bully*
- 7/8 - Jeff Lang, magician/balloon artist
- 7/15 - Eco-Mite Players present: *The Litterbug*
- 7/22 - Henry Vilas Zoomobile
- 7/29 - Traveling Lantern Theatre
- 7/31 - **Grand Finale: *The Amazing Flea Circus!***
With Cheney and Mills!

Metamorphosis @ Your Library

For Tweens and Teens! (ages 9 and older)

See what kind of transformation you can undergo this summer at the library!

Cicadas - 6th - 12th grade

Earn chances to spin the Wheel of Prizes and enter the grand prize drawing by reading or participating in the Tween or Teen Book Club.

Tween Book Club (ages 9-12) - Read the book *Project Mulberry*, by Linda Sue Park, and join in a book discussion on **July 14, 3:30-5**.

Teen Book Club (ages 13-18) - Read the book *Click*, by ten different authors, and join in a book discussion on **July 21, 3:30-5**.

Thursday Workshops at 1:00:

- 7/10 - Eco-Mite Players theatre workshop
- 7/17 - Got Milkweed? Got Monarchs
- 7/24 - Circus Scenery workshop

7/31 - **The Amazing Flea Circus!!**
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