



# The Garfoot Gazette

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Newsletter of the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

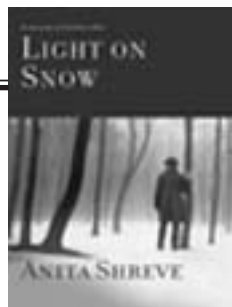
## MORE DATABASES AT YOUR LIBRARY

You've just finished your favorite author's latest book, and you don't know what to read next. Where do you turn? Check out NoveList, the online library database that provides book recommendations based on patron author and book preferences. Also you can browse award winners, recommended reads by genre, and tap into book reviews. The database links seamlessly with LINKcat, which means once you've found a title in NoveList, you can immediately determine which SCLS member public libraries own the book you've selected.

Another valuable database is the easy-to-navigate LearningExpress Library which offers a large variety of practice tests, including, but not limited to, the GED, CPht (Pharmacy Tech), CDL (Commercial Driver's License), CDA (Dental Assistant), Cosmetology, EMT (Emergency Medical Tech), Civil Service, and Citizenship. There are also content-specific skill-building courses for people of all ages, and a well-presented section on resume and cover letter writing. Check it out!

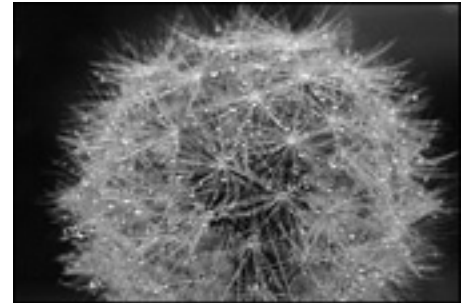
## BOOK CLUB

Please join us on Tuesday, June 30th at 6:30 PM as we discuss Anita Shreve's *Light on Snow*. Shreve is the author of *The Pilot's Wife* and *Fortune's Rock*. *Light on Snow* centers on the events that transpire after a father and his 11-year old daughter discover an abandoned infant in the snow one December afternoon. Written from the point of view of 30-year-old Nicky as she recalls the vivid images of that fateful December, her tale is one of love and courage, tragedy and redemption, and the way the human heart seeks to heal itself. Please contact Jan Manchester at 798-3881 with questions.



## A HOST OF GOLDEN DANDELIONS

*"It gives one a sudden start in going down a barren, stony street, to see upon a narrow strip of grass, just within the iron fence, the radiant dandelion, shining in the grass, like a spark dropped from the sun."*



<http://www.flickr.com/photos/melodysk/499419404/>

Henry Ward Beecher

There is no doubt there has been a bumper crop of dandelions this spring and, there is no doubt, there is a love-hate relationship with those confounding little sprites. Love them or hate them, they certainly have been popular this spring as evidenced by the many comments the library has received both pro and con.

The Library Board appreciates the feedback and is exploring ways to approach the issue without using pesticides or fertilizers that may harm the ecosystem or the health of patrons. Some options being discussed are application of corn gluten, spot treating weeds with vinegar or more frequent mowing.

The library flower gardens are tended by the hands of generous volunteers whose time and commitment is greatly appreciated. Occasionally the volunteers can't get to the weeds before they become noticeable so if you have a little time, this group could use your help.

As the Library Board explores healthy ways to maintain the gardens and lawns, they will provide updates in the Library newsletter. Some information that recently came to light is the fact that the honeybee, which is in grave danger from colony collapse and loss of habitat, relies heavily on bee pollen in the early spring. Dandelion pollen gives honeybees a boost and adds to the health and well-being of the hive. Allowing dandelions to flower is the simplest way to aid in the health of the honeybee.

(*Good Fruit Grower Magazine*)

## JOIN OUR TEAM

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### American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Middleton-Cross Plains-Wisconsin Heights June 19 – 20, 2009

What is Relay? It is a world-wide opportunity to celebrate, remember, and fight back as we make a difference in the battle against cancer. People of all ages form teams whose members have a representative walking on the **Wisconsin Heights High School** track at all times during the overnight walk-a-thon event. Please join the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library in partnership with Crossroads Coffee Shop as we form our team of walkers for this inspiring and important event. Call Mary Devitt at 798-2080 to become a member of our team.

## THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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The Friends of the Library Book Sale was a grand success, thanks to the contributions of the community and the help of many volunteers. Thank you to all who contributed, volunteered and shopped! Thanks also for your generous support of the Teen Advisory Board bake sale. The Friends of the Library accept donations of gently used books all year long for the book sales.

## SENIOR AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

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Join us Thursday, June 25th at 1:00 p.m. for the movie, **Last Chance Harry**, starring Dustin Hoffman and Emma Thompson. This is a sweet, well-acted love story about two guarded strangers who find a growing connection with one another after a chance encounter in London. Run time 92 minutes. Snacks will be provided.

## TEEN BOOK CLUB

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This summer the teen book club will be reading two novels: *Koyal Dark*, *Mango Sweet*, and *Keeping Corner*; both by local author Kashmira Sheth. We will meet on **Monday, July 20th** for a book discussion, and then, on **Thursday, July 23rd**, **Kashmira Sheth** will offer a presentation and writing workshop from 2:00-4:00 at the library. You may choose to read either or both books. There are copies available at the Circulation Desk.

## This summer come and Be Creative @ Your Library!



Join us for **Preschool Storytimes** (2 1/2- 6 year-olds)  
Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30, June 17 - July 22

### SHOWTIME FOR ALL AGES

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**6/16 at 10:30** - Charlie Williams "The Noiseguy"  
- storyteller/sound effectonist.

**6/23 at 1:00** - Craft Day - come and make a hand-  
made paper bowl from recycled paper!

**6/30 at 1:00** - Fox and Branch - folk duo

**7/14 at 1:00** - Forte Dance Studio -  
performance and workshop

**7/21 at 10:00** - Traveling Lantern Theatre presents,  
*The Life of Beethoven*

**7/25 at 10:00** - Art Cart Extra! Traveling Art - for  
children 6-10 at the **Municipal Shelter**

**7/28 at 1:00** - **Grand Finale Talent Show and Art  
Fair** (registration for the show and art fair is on  
Friday, 7/24 from 3-4).

### WORKSHOPS FOR AGES 9 AND OLDER:

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Pick up a brochure for information about these exciting  
workshops. Some of the summer highlights include  
Theatre Games and a Musical Theatre workshop, a  
Writing Group, a presentation and writing workshop  
with author Kashmira Sheth, and a Talent Show!!

### LUNCH BUNCH (K-5 graders)

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**Fridays at 11:30** - 6/19-7/24 - Bring a sack lunch  
and listen to *The Talented Clementine*, by Sara  
Pennypacker.