



# The Garfoot Gazette

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Newsletter of the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

## YOUR ECO-FOOTPRINT

### ONE SIZE DOESN'T FIT ALL

When the Library Board, staff, building and fund raising committees dedicated themselves to creating the first "green" library in Wisconsin, they understood the adage "if you talk-the-talk, you must walk-the-walk." Today the community has a library facility that is a living laboratory designed to highlight good environmental practices and promote ecological stewardship.

To continue walking-the-walk, the library is developing an environmental collection and looking into ways to engage and enlighten the community. A simple first step is to introduce the idea of the "eco-footprint." The eco-footprint is simply a tool to measure your own ecological performance. Periodically the library will run a short quiz that allows you to assess the size of your eco-footprint. Below is your first quiz. The more boxes you check, the healthier your eco-footprint.

#### **In my home I recycle: (check all that apply)**

- o Newspaper
- o Mixed paper
- o Aluminum foil, pans
- o Glass bottles & jars
- o Household batteries
- o Egg cartons
- o Paper sacks and plastic bags
- o Aluminum cans
- o Tin cans
- o Food scraps
- o Plastics
- o Used clothes, furniture, appliances

(Source: *Conservation International*)

## TWENTY OUNCE PLASTIC BOTTLES

Don't forget to take your 20 oz. plastic bottles to the World of Variety. Bottles are recycled for use as plant food containers. World of Variety generously donates profits from this program to the library.

## BOOK CLUB

As part of April's *Dane County Libraries celebrate the works of Louise Erdrich* we will be hosting a special book club on **Tuesday April 24th** along with the Black Earth Public Library and the Mazomanie Public Library. We have selected Ms. Erdrich's powerfully written first novel *Love Medicine*, which tells the story of two Native American families the Kashpaws and the Lamartines. The book club will be starting at **6:00 p.m.** and will be held in the community meeting rooms at the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library.

## STAFF NEWS

We welcome **Hannah Buckland** and **Olivia Schjonberg** to our staff as our new library pages. Hannah is a senior and Olivia is a freshman at Middleton High School. Both Hannah and Olivia have been volunteers at the library and are very happy to have this opportunity to join our staff.

We wish a fond farewell to **Geni Dodsworth** who worked as our last library page. We will all miss Geni, but we wish her well at her new job.

## DOLLS FROM BOOKS - SAT. APRIL 14

**Presented by the Cross Plains-Berry  
Historical Society  
10:00-2:00**

Join Darlene Grover, Vice President of the Cross Plains-Berry Historical Society, at 10:30 a.m. for a talk about Dolls from Books and a chance to see dolls from her personal collection. Bring your own dolls to share. Questions? Contact Doc or Charlotte Esser at 798-2147.

## BLACK EARTH CREEK CLEAN-UP

### Earth Day – April 22

Join a dedicated group of volunteers on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> for an annual clean-up of Black Earth Creek. Please contact Kris Loman at the library, 798-3881 for details.



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## SPRING STORYTIME NEWS

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In April we will be discussing how to take good care of ourselves. Please note the schedule change for our new storytime session: Preschool storytime will be offered on **Tuesday AND Wednesdays mornings at 10**. We have a short session for babies and toddlers both days at **10:30**.

### Storytimes:

4/1-4/2– NO STORYTIME

4/10-4/11 – When I get sick/Doctors  
*Guest visit from Dr. Grelle on the 11th*

4/17-4/18 – Teeth/Dentists  
*Guest visit from Dr. Blanchard on the 17th*

4/24-4/25 – Hunger/Healthy Foods

Don't forget **Twilight Tales** on Monday, April 23rd at 6:30 PM: the theme will be **Earth Day!**

No registration necessary, call Catherine with questions, 798-3881.

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## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 15-21

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This year's theme for National Library Week is **"Come together at your library."** Kids may pick up a Culver's coloring sheet at the circulation desk. Draw a picture of a character from a book who you would like to meet at the library. When you return your picture you will get a coupon for a FREE single scoop of frozen custard from Culvers. Each child who participated will be entered in a drawing for a prize from Culvers.

## CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOP & EXHIBIT OPENING

### MAY 19TH

**"WE ARE ALL ONE PEOPLE"**

**10:30 - NOON**

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Join us this special day for the opening reception for *Portrait of a Neighborhood*, and a related art workshop taught by artist educator Nancy Giffey. Interviews and over 50 photographs by JoAnna Been of Madison's diverse Triangle Neighborhood have been touring Dane County at such sites as the U. of Wisconsin Multicultural Center, Meriter Hospital Atrium and the UW Welcome Center.

Children will be featured in the Cross Plains exhibit which will be on display May 19<sup>th</sup> through July 9<sup>th</sup>. The workshop will help children explore and discover who their urban counterparts are and why diversity is positive and life enhancing. There is no charge for the workshop, supplies and materials will be provided by the Artsbridge program of Bayview Community Center. Children ages 6 through 11 may sign up for the workshop. Spaces are limited to 12 participants. Please register at the front desk.

*This project has received funding from the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission and the Capital Times Kids Fund.*

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## SUMMER PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS

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**Hey Teens** - How would you like to spend some time in the library this summer helping younger kids with registration and awarding prizes? This summer's theme is "Get a clue @ Your Library!" If you are twelve or older, please contact Catherine if you would like to sign up for a regular time slot. I will also keep a list of alternates for the times when our regular volunteers can't make it. Volunteers who commit to help for the whole summer program (June 18-Aug.3) on a regular basis will receive a free ticket to a special viewing of the new Harry Potter movie in July, as a thank you gift!

Please call Catherine at 798-3881 to sign up.