



The Garfoot Gazette

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Newsletter of the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

FROM THE DIRECTOR

What a difference a year makes. Last January the dormant landscape was alive with the hum of construction vehicles, the scent of fresh lumber and the promise of a new community public library. This January the landscape is graced with a lovely building and the hustle and bustle of library patrons as they browse collections, check out books and read, play or study in their vibrant new library.

Another year in the life of our community has been relegated to distant memories or documented forever in historical annals. As the New Year winds up, I am reminded of an excerpt from a poem by Alfred Lord Tennyson who wrote: "For the old year lies a-dying/ Old year you must not die/ You came to us so readily/ You lived with us so steadily/ Old year you shall not die." Most assuredly the past year "shall" never die. We will, on occasion, be reminded of its significance when we enter our new library or as our gaze happens upon the cornerstone heralding 2006 as the year a village built a library.

Happy New Year from the Library Board and staff of the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library.

BOOK CLUB

The Library Book Club will be taking its annual break for the month of December. The next Book Club meeting will be held at the library on **Jan. 30, 2007 at 6:30 PM.**

We will be starting the New Year off with the Pulitzer Prize winning novel, *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay* by Michael Chabon.

SWEETHEART OF A SALE

The Friends of the Library will be holding their first used book sale in our beautiful new meeting rooms on **Friday February 9th and Saturday February 10th.** Great selections and bargain prices will make this the perfect place to shop for Valentines Day.



ENJOY A COFFEE BREAK

January is national coffee and tea month, and now we have a lovely venue for celebrating right here in Cross Plains!

We congratulate Library Board member Mary Devitt on the opening of *Crossroads*, a new coffee shop featuring delicious gourmet coffees, teas and treats.

For more information please give Mary a call at 798-2080.

STAFF NEWS

Welcome to our new Library Assistant, **Holly Andres!** Originally from Milwaukee, Holly graduated from St. Norbert College with degrees in Sociology and Art Therapy. She moved to Madison in 1977, and then to Cross Plains in 1991. Holly and her husband have two children, ages 16 and 18.

As an active community member, Holly enjoys her volunteer service on several committees, including: the Black Earth Creek Conservation Organization, Strategic Plan Committee and the Friends of the Conservancy.

Her passions include art, books, history, gardening, cross country skiing, her cats, and protecting the environmental quality of Cross Plains. Holly reports "I am excited and honored to be serving the community as a member of the library staff". Please join us in welcoming her to our library.

We wish a fond farewell to **Martha Bauer**, Circulation Supervisor who has accepted a new position. Martha worked at the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library for over six years. Although we are very sad to see her go, we wish Martha all the best with her new job.

TEEN SPACE

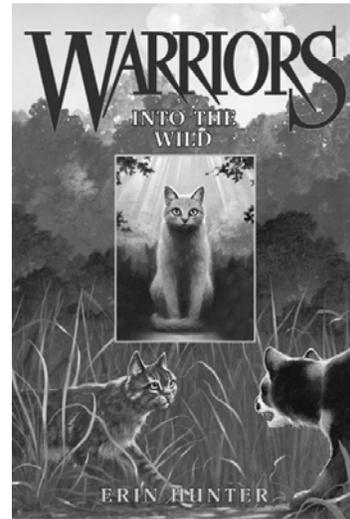
In observance of National Children's Book Week, (Nov. 13-18), we started a **paperback swap**. Do you have paperbacks that you have already read and are in need of a new home? Do you need more space on your bookshelves (or on your desk or under your bed) at home? Are you looking for some new ideas of what to read next? Bring in your finished books and put them on the paperback spinner near the booth in the Teen Space, and see what you can find to bring home with you! Currently the rack is holding books we have deleted from our collection, and donations. Once the rack gets some more use there will be an ever-changing selection.



STORYTIME NEWS

During January we are having a storytime open house, on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30. Stories will be read by volunteer parents and caregivers. Come and share your favorites with the group! All are welcome.

Regular storytimes will resume on Tuesday, February 13th for preschoolers, and Wednesday, February 14th for Itsy Bitsy Booktime. Programs will continue every week through April 25th, with the first week of April off for Spring Break. We will be exploring stories about our bodies and minds. No registration necessary, call Catherine with questions, 798-3881.



SPECIAL GUEST REVIEW

By Grace Vosen

Adventure, intrigue, friendship, betrayal, and more are in **Warriors: Into the Wild**, the first book written by author Erin Hunter (who is really the two UK authors Kate Cary and Cherith Baldry.) Cat lovers and non-cat lovers alike will enjoy this book – or series, as there are now eleven more Warriors books, all very exciting to read.

The four Clans of wild cats were at peace . . . but they're not anymore. Noble ThunderClan is growing weaker, and they need more warriors right away. Where can they find someone who will save them?

Meanwhile, a house cat named rusty ventures into the forest, and is fascinated by the ways of the Clans. Could he be ThunderClan's hero? And is he the one whose coming the ancient warrior ancestors have foretold? Bluestar, leader of ThunderClan, thinks this is possible, so she takes Rusty in and gives him a Clan name: Firepaw.

But another enemy is rising – one that only Firepaw and his new best friends know about. How can they tell Bluestar about it when the enemy is one of her fighters? Will she believe them? And do they even believe themselves? Read the book to find out!

Tweens (ages 9-12), have you read a book that you love and would like to tell others about? How would you like to have your writing published in the paper? Talk to Catherine Baer, 798-3881, about submitting a book review and be our next featured special guest reviewer.