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## Seasonal thoughts

by Terry Dawson, Library Director

At this writing, we are past the City's budget adoption, coming up to Thanksgiving and looking forward to the challenges of 2009. In this season, I'm finding a lot to be thankful for and many challenges to anticipate. We were dramatically reminded in the recent national elections that democracy doesn't come easy, choices are hard, and you can't take government for granted. This is just as true of the local government decisions, which may not happen on the grand scale of national politics, but are more accessible to direct citizen involvement. Thinking particularly of our budget, I'm thankful:

- for the work of many people in funding library operations for another year, including the staff, Library Board, Mayor and Council;
- for the support of our Friends and Library Foundation;
- for the thoughtful support of local institutions: the League of Women Voters, the Post-Crescent newspaper, and Appleton Downtown, Inc.
- for community members who spoke up at the public hearing on the budget, and were eloquent about the importance of library service in our community;
- for others who called, wrote and contacted their alderpersons on behalf of the library.

The most hotly debated library item in the budget is also one of our biggest challenges in the new year. After a study this year documented space and design problems with our current facility, 2009 will feature a project for program design to lay out spaces for a new or remodeled library, giving us some good cost figures and maybe even concept drawings. This study is funded by the City and our Foundation. But whatever the result, we know we are years away from any major facility changes. This brings me to the challenges of 2009:

- doing a thorough job of space planning and program design that will help inform future decisions;

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- beginning a process of community fund-raising, because we need to accept that some private dollars will be essential to moving any project forward;
- seeking ever more effective ways to work with our Foundation and Friends;
- meeting ongoing service needs with the facility we have, seeking new ways to be more cost-effective, environmentally responsible and efficient;
- continuing to develop technology, training and volunteers as means to support staff and services;
- telling our story to the community, to help people understand library issues for future decisions, as well as make the most effective use of the services we offer.

A final concern is an occasion for both thankfulness and challenge: after 27 years here at APL, including the last 12 years as Assistant Director, Barbara Kelly is retiring. As a volunteer, part-time staff, professional librarian, computer geek, supervisor and administrator, Barbara has done amazing work which has shaped this library over decades. We will greatly miss her. She is a leader not only in our library, but in our community, and the statewide library community. We are in the process of hiring a new Assistant Director, but Barbara cannot be replaced.

## BiblioTech Topics

by Barbara Kelly, Assistant Library Director

### *A Look Back, a Look Forward*

This will likely be my last “Biblio-Tech Topics” article for Fine Print. I will be retiring in January, before the next edition comes out. This seems to be a good time to recall some of the history of technology use in this library since I have been a part of it. It has been quite a path.

In some of my previous columns I have described the procedures we used in those days before the automated library systems. Over 27 years, we have come to use technology in more and more creative ways both to increase staff efficiencies allowing us to keep up with growth in demand for services and also to offer services to the public in more responsive ways.

We had no personal computers at all in the library in 1981. By the time I became a librarian in Reference in 1985, we had acquired an Apple IIe computer and I used it to develop a database of our periodical holdings from which we could print the periodical list that we generated annually. We hooked up a modem to that computer - a new, fast, 1200 Baud modem that did away with the old acoustic coupler that was attached to the TTY machine used for interlibrary loan. With that setup, I was able to establish the library’s online searching service. This was a mediated service, where a patron with an information need we couldn’t fill from print resources we owned would explain their need to the online searcher – usually me. Once I was confident that I understood their question, I would consult the list of 200 or so databases that we had access to through a paid service called Dialog. I would plan a search strategy, decide what databases to use, and then log on, conduct a very fast search, print the results, and log off. Online time was often only a few minutes, and the cost was sometimes significant. But it was a great service for the public at the time.

A few years later, the need for a back office PC became compelling enough that the library acquired two or three Macintosh SE’s and even hooked them together in a small network to share files. We were able to do a lot more with spreadsheets and word processing. In addition, page layout software gave us much more control over the design of our signs and printed materials. One of our library assistants in reference began to become our graphic artist, specializing in her off desk hours in creating attractive booklists, pamphlets, and other materials.

In 1994, we had moved into PCs and away from Macintosh. We worked with the Outagamie Waupaca Library System (OWLS) to have a permanent connection to the Internet brought into the building, so we could get rid of the modems and dial-up connections. We expanded the network, added one or two public access computers, and attached a

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Unix based web server so that we could develop the first public library website in Wisconsin. These were the “garage band days” of website design. We did everything with text files, edited directly on the server. Our site was, to say the least, very basic. You can actually still find a very early version of our home page on the WayBack Machine at the Internet Archive at <http://web.archive.org/web/19961028124258/http://apl.org/>

We hired a new young librarian named Evan Bend in 1996, and charged him very soon thereafter with completely revamping our site. A new version was revealed in early 2000. Today we are in the end stages of a process that will completely revise our site once again, under the web mastering of reference librarian Sara Kopesky. Evan also taught computer classes using our first video data projector and later a “mobile computer lab” comprised of a fleet of laptops that could connect wirelessly to our network. Today Sara teaches those classes in a computer lab built by the Library Foundation and outfitted with equipment originally paid for with a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation grant.

Many other things have changed over the years with regard to our use of technology. And the media formats collected and circulated by the library have also seen enormous change. In 1981 we had a fairly large collection of vinyl “record albums” – 33 rpm LPs. And with “video tapes” our biggest concern was which of the two formats would become the standard, VHS or Betamax. We bought things in both, but soon had to stop buying and eventually dispose of the Beta tapes when VHS became the clear winner. The vinyl records went the way of Beta when people began using cassette tapes for recorded music, and then those gave way to CDs. These days we purchase very little in VHS video format, most of our patrons prefer DVDs. And we offer recorded books online via the InfoSoup catalog through the Overdrive service.

Much more has changed than I’ve had time to write about and much more will change in the next 27 years to be sure. The library will need to keep up with the changes and challenges that come in order to stay relevant and vital for our patrons. I have no doubt that it will do so.

## FOAL Fall Used Book Sale a Success

The Friends of Appleton Library Fall Used Book Sale was held November 21–22 in the Lower Level Meeting Room of the library and saw another record year, with sales exceeding last fall’s record by 28%.

“I can’t believe we beat our record from last fall” said outgoing FOAL Book Sale Chairperson Dory Kimball. “The community support we receive is outstanding!”



## APL Shines at the Downtown

### Appleton Christmas Parade



Post-Crescent Photo

Twenty-six enthusiastic library supporters consisting of APL staff, friends and family braved the elements on a chilly evening November 25th, to participate in the 38th Annual Downtown Appleton Christmas Parade. This year’s overall parade theme was Christmas Dreams, so the library played on that theme with a banner reading: The Appleton Public Library...Making Dreams Come True Every Day!

A special thank you goes out to Oscar J. Boldt Construction for donating a beautiful truck to build our float on, and even a driver!

The parade was televised to over 150,000 viewers, and over 80,000 loyal parade watchers lined College Avenue to cheer on the library.

# Prime Time Family Reading Time

## at APL

by Carole DeJardin, Children's Services Supervisor

In 2008, the Appleton Public Library received major funding from J. J. Keller Foundation, the Doug & Carla Salmon Foundation and the Appleton Library Foundation to assist the library in presenting *Prime Time Family Reading Time*. This six week session begins on January 7 at 5:30 p.m. Families will hear stories, talk about books at this multilingual family reading program for families with children ages 6 and older who have difficulty with reading. They will be discussing children's stories about topics such as respect, friendship and justice. A nutritious meal will be provided before each session.

### *A Little History on APL and Prime Time*

In 1996, the Appleton Public Library was asked by the Appleton Area School District (AASD) to provide storytimes for children at Columbus School if the district was successful in getting an *Even Start* grant. Library staff agreed to assist with *Even Start* and wrote a letter of support. That was the beginning of a partnership between the library and the school district. The school district received the *Even Start* grant and storytimes began at the public library for families with preschool children from Columbus.

Almost four years went by and the children of those families reaching school age would no longer to part of *Even Start* program. An effort was made to begin looking for a program that would allow the library to continue working with these families. In the summer of 2000, the children's services supervisor attended a national conference in Chicago and went to a session that talked about the *Prime Time Family Reading Time* program sponsored by Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities (LEH) and the American Library Association (ALA).

*Prime Time Family Reading Time* is a family literacy program that features children's literature in a humanities-based reading and discussion format for low literacy at-risk parents and children aged six through ten. It's designed to help low income, low literate families bond around the act of reading and talking about books. It teaches parents and children to read and discuss humanities topics, and aids parents and children in selecting books and becoming active public library users. It is actually a branded program originated by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities. The programs feature award winning children's books from around the world that stimulate discussion about themes and problems encountered in everyday life. It is intended to assist families with children at risk and/or children with English as a second language to build their confidence to read, as well as teaching families to read and discuss books together. Each session also includes a five-minute "library commercial" to introduce families to library resources and services. The children taking part in this program are identified through collaboration with the *Even Start* program, area school districts, and Fox Valley Technical College. Library staff then works with Valley Transit for transportation. Every week's session begins with a nutritious meal to ensure that people's minds are on the program fully.

Library staff wrote a *Prime Time* grant and the Appleton Area School District staff agreed to write letters of support for the grant. They also agreed to help identify families for the program if the library got the grant. The library received a grant from Louisiana Endowment for Humanities for 2002.

The Appleton Public Library team went to Louisiana to train and told the LEH staff that the Appleton version of *Prime Time* was to be bilingual and that we would be working with some of the lowest level literacy families. We were told the bilingual program would be the first *Prime Time* of its kind in the nation and we were asked to design a model. 25 families registered for the program. The model we developed requires a strong family literacy connection with community agencies and the public library prior to the sessions. As designed, a translator provided the opportunity for story reading to be modeled and small group discussions took place, rather than large group discussions.

Since the Vaughn Public Library in Ashland and Appleton Public Library had both received grants from Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities for *Prime Time* and were interested in continuing to do the literacy program, the libraries wrote a joint LSTA grant to fund the project for 2003. Both libraries received the grant and were able to offer a second session of *Prime Time*. The libraries shared materials used for the program. 34 families attended the *Prime Time* sessions. 75% of the families had English as a second language. The other 25 % were English speaking, but all families were at risk in the area of reading.

The participants' attitudes toward the library improved with attending the *Prime Time Family*. All of the families received a public library card and used the cards to check out the books for the program. 17 families visited the children's area of the library at least once during the *Prime Time* series. Five of these families visited more than once. Families have continued to visit the library and use its services after the sessions were completed.

Participants demonstrated an improved attitude toward reading and learning. That summer nine families enrolled their children (23 children) in the summer reading program. They actively participated in the program weekly and sometimes more frequently. One family brought another family who had not attended the *Prime Time Family Reading Time* to the library with them. The families used the library materials and services. One of the children brought the father to the children's area to learn how to use the Internet. Another parent from the session applied for a job in the library and is also looked for volunteer opportunities. Staff felt this is what has made the project successful. Another parent felt she read well enough that she could make visits to the library to get material for herself and her children.

With the belief that *Prime Time* was a good family literacy program, the two libraries applied for another grant in 2004 to do a statewide program involving six libraries. Appleton's session was again popular with 39 families participating. This was the third year of the program at Appleton.

What I appreciated about this program, were the many family members that had acquired library cards from previous years and had become regular library users. Most of the children were in the Title I program and/or in the *Even Start* program in the Appleton Area School District. Families would come early and/or remain after the *Prime Time* sessions to visit with other families in the children's area. Families chose books and read them to their preschool children after the sessions. Most families acknowledged the staff when seeing them at community events. Students used the computers in the children's area prior to the start of the *Prime Time* sessions. Preschool children found the board books displayed in the room where the meal was served. Halfway through the *Prime Time* sessions, they began to take the books to their parents to browse after the family finished eating. Several people indicated they weren't aware of the variety of services and materials the library has for families prior to this program offering.

In 2004, the Director from the Vaughn Public Library, Jim Trojanowski and I, representing the Appleton Public Library, were honored to receive a Special Humanities Award from LEH for our work in Wisconsin with *Prime Time*.

I am thrilled that Appleton Public Library was a leader in bringing this program to Wisconsin, and will again be able to offer this wonderful program to those families in need in 2009.

# Fifth Annual I Love My Library Dinner Riverview Country Club



*Save The Date: February 8, 2009*

**O**n Sunday, February 8, 2009, everyone is invited to attend one of “tastiest” events of the season. To help observe National Library Lovers Month, (February), and take part in the Valentine season, the Appleton Library Foundation is again providing an excellent opportunity for library lovers to celebrate, by sponsoring the Fifth Annual I Love My Library Dinner at Riverview Country Club in Appleton. Cocktails, live musical entertainment by pianist Karen Probst and bidding on auction items will all begin at 5:00 pm, followed by a lovely dinner.

Funds generated by this event help support special events, programs and workshops, as well as the purchase of library materials, technology, equipment, and funding of author appearances and readings not included in the city’s budget.

Cost for a seat at this fun-filled event is the same as it has been since its inception five years ago... still only \$100. This event is the major fundraising event for the Appleton Library Foundation in support of the Appleton Public Library, and attendance has grown steadily over the last few years. If you’re interested in attending this year’s function, call the Administrative Secretary at 920-832-6170.



## 10th Annual Give a Child a Book Campaign



**Friends of  
Appleton  
Library**

225 N. Oneida St.  
Downtown Appleton  
920-832-6187  
www.apl.org

*Make a child feel special  
Share a book and open up their world!*

This holiday season give the joy of a book to one of the hundreds of children in our area who are most in need.

Groups or individuals may bring in donations of new and gently used books that will be given as gifts to low-income at-risk children. Please do not wrap the books. This allows parents from eligible families to choose the correct age level and interest area book for their child.

Book and cash donations may be dropped off at the Appleton Public Library at the entrance to the children’s library. Librarians will purchase books with cash donations.

Please have your book donation or cash\* in by December 12th for distribution to the Salvation Army, the local Boys & Girls Club, Harbor House and the Homeless Shelter.

\*Checks payable to Appleton Library Foundation - Give a Child

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## News from the Friends of Appleton Library (FOAL)

The Friends have been busy this fall! Our quarterly board meeting was held on October 7th. Reports were shared by Terry Dawson on the state of the library – of special interest was news on the budget proposal going to the Mayor and Common Council. FOAL was organized over 30 years ago when the library was in need of a new building. The Friends are great library patrons and keenly aware of the current issues facing the library. Sharrie Robinson stepped forward and spoke eloquently on behalf of the library at a recent Council meeting.

The “Give a Child a Book” campaign is under way, ably led by Ralph Dorn. Each year has shown an increase in the community support of this project.

The membership committee held a successful membership drive in November. Several Friends manned a table on the main floor during National Friends Week and promoted FOAL. Angie Levick, a new Friend, was the lucky winner of a gift basket in the raffle drawing. Thanks to APL, CSI-Appleton, Harmony Café and Saykly's Confectionery and Gifts for donating items for the basket. (See photo)



The Friends also have 2 great tote bags for sale. You may purchase a light-weight eco-friendly bag at the circulation desk for \$2.00. Upcoming FOAL meeting dates are Tuesday, January 13th at 4:30 p.m. and Monday, April 13th at 7:00 pm.

## News from the Volunteer Desk

by Lou Hull

With the onset of fall, the library got busy in the back-to-school mode. The many teens that spent hours here running the summer reading programs are now back researching and working on school projects. Several of them are still finding time to volunteer, also! We continue to be enriched by the area folks that wish to volunteer with us. August-October brought many new volunteers. They include Amber McKenzie, Roger Tilden, Gloria Oshiro, Alagu Radha, Margaret Stack, Ty Westbrook, Patricia Dudley, Carol Buelow, Leah Allen, Alice Wrage, Brian Wagner, and Marjorie Hanson. The new teens we have on board are Angelica Villagomez, Talia McLeish, Emily Strebe, Sydney Wayner, Brielle Petit, Amanda Doerfler, Grant Kopitzke, Taylor Banuchie, Mariah Bruette, Chyenne Steffens, Danielle Joosten, Xai Yang, and Emily Willson. We are on track this year to have the greatest number of volunteer hours ever – we will be passing the 4000 hour mark shortly!

Top Ten Reasons to Volunteer (as reported in the Friends of the Tulsa-City-County Libraries newsletter)

1. When you stay home you get too many telemarketing calls.
2. Your family could use a break from you.
3. It's hard to win a game of solitaire.
4. Soap operas all sound alike.
5. If you don't get out each day, you get old.
6. Why let your boss (or your spouse) have all the fun in life.
7. The car needs a workout.
8. You mom (or your children) will be proud of you.
9. You'll earn neat rewards.
10. Who cares about money?

And #11 from us: We value and appreciate all you do for APL! Thank you.

# Winter Adult Programs @ APL

## APL Exhibits

### Through December 30

*Chris Boskoff: A Celebration of Her Life*  
Photographs, Articles, Memorabilia, and Artifacts

### January 2 - February 27

*VSA Arts of Wisconsin*  
Paintings and Sculpture

## Creative Journey 10:00 am-12:00 noon

January 6 Respond to Art  
January 13 Ellen Kort Writing Workshop  
January 20 Show & Tell  
January 27 Yupo painting  
February 3 Members' Stories  
February 10 *The Vagina Monologues*  
February 17 Anniversary Party & Open  
Materials Day  
February 24 Show & Tell

## Film Screening / Discussion

### Sunday afternoon, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

January 25 *Children of Abraham ~ This highly acclaimed documentary reveals the power of Compassionate Listening. Follow a group of North Americans on a Compassionate Listening delegation through Israel, Gaza, and the occupied territories. Capture the impact on all sides in the Middle East conflict.*  
Presenting by Peter Hwosch,  
Musician and Video Producer

## Afternoon Board Games

### Wednesday afternoon, 12:30-2:30 pm

December 17

## Healthy Living Program

### Monday evening, 6:30-8:00 pm

January 12 How Much Does a Healthy Lifestyle Matter? Easy ways to keep your resolutions and have a healthier year  
Presented by Dr. Ron Borkowicz

## Downtown Book Club at Harmony Café

### Wednesday afternoons, 12:00-1:00 pm

January 28 Free-for-all (Read what you want)  
February 25 *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger

## Internet Dating Tips

### Saturday afternoon, 1:00-2:30 pm

January 31 Presented by Cherie Burbach, Internet dating expert and author of *At the Coffee Shop* and *Internet Dating is Not Like Ordering Pizza*  
Books for Sale and Signing

## Live the Lincoln Legacy

### Monday afternoon, 4:00 - 5:00

February 16 Presented by Robert French, Lincoln Book Collector  
In honor of the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln

## Music @ the Atrium

### Sunday afternoon, 2:00-2:40 pm

February 22 VSA Arts of Wisconsin ~ Appleton Choir

# Winter Teen Programs at APL

## The Perfect Theme at the Perfect Time

This year's Teen Read Week's Book with Bite Party was one of the most successful teen programs the Appleton Public Library has ever hosted. The party was a celebration of teens in the library and the books they read. The Books with Bite theme was inspired by the very popular Stephenie Meyer *Twilight* Saga and other teen 'books with bite,' like *Blood and Chocolate* (Klause) and *Brisingsr* (Paolini). The party was planned around the theme and featured a variety of different activities for the teens.

Teens with a sweet tooth participated in a "Blood and Chocolate Tasting." Four different kinds of chocolate were available for tasting: Hershey's, Dove, Cadbury, and Lindt. Teens rated each bite of chocolate on aroma, texture, and taste, and then picked an overall favorite. No actual blood was involved in the tasting, but some seedless raspberry jam was available for daring teens to add to the chocolate. At the end of the night Lindt was the overall favorite chocolate winner.

The party also featured two different crafts for teens to work on. For one craft, teens got to create a monster hand made of popcorn and candy. The 1910 Sausage Company donated all the popcorn used for the craft...Thank you! The second craft that teens worked on was to create a small mummy using candy bars and cheesecloth. Monster hands and mummies were seen though out the night, some in various stages of being munched on. Several teens also brought home craft kits to share with younger brothers and sisters.

Teens could test their knowledge of the *Twilight* Saga with a trivia crossword puzzle. The puzzle included questions from all four of the *Twilight* books and many teens were referencing the different books while working on the puzzle. A copy of the crossword puzzle is on teen website if anyone wants to give it a try (warning: it's not easy!). After teens finished the crossword puzzle they also got to vote for their favorite *Twilight* characters....it's no surprise that Bella and Edward won.

The final activities of the night were a supernatural fashion show and the door prize drawings. While a little loud, the fashion show was a lot of fun and silliness. Teens dressed up as different characters from *Twilight*, as death, as vampires, etc. Each fashion show participant received a set of wax vampire teeth.

After the fashion show several door prizes and other activity prizes were given out. By far the most popular door prize was the "Bella Basket," a basket filled with favorite Bella or *Twilight* related items. Other very popular prizes were the Books with Bite t-shirts, and the movie theater gift card (to go see *Twilight* the movie).

Overall 55 area teens attended the party and everyone had a lot of fun. Thank you to the Appleton Library Foundation for funding the party and thank you to all the teen and staff volunteers. The party wouldn't have happened without you!

### Yupo Painting

The Books with Bite party wasn't the only activity for teens during Teen Read Week this year. The Library also hosted a Yupo Painting class. Yupo painting is a form of watercolor painting using spray bottles, watercolor paint and special Yupo paper (which is part plastic). Utilizing four basic colors and texture (i.e. Halloween spider webbing and leaves from the teen librarian's backyard) teens wetted the paper and then sprayed the different colors on it. The colors move, bleed, and blend into each other creating a unique eye catching pattern. Each of the teens attending the program created two different Yupo paintings using the spider webbing, leaves, or just the paint. Several of the teens also did a third optional Yupo painting, which they donated to the Library to decorate the TeenLink (YA) area. The donated paintings should be up for display before the end of the year.

For adults interested in giving yupo painting a try, Creative Journey will be having a Yupo class early in 2009. Keep an eye out on the website (<http://www.apl.org/programs/creative.html>) for the date!

### New on the Teen Website!

The TeenLinks website has an exciting new feature: videocast book talks. Teen volunteers from the Teen Library Council were videotaped talking about some of their favorite books. The videos are amazing and the teens did an awesome job! The first of the teen video book talks went live in late October and a new video will be up on the website every few weeks. You can enjoy the videos at <http://teen.apl.org/booktalks/index.asp>.

Thank you Melissa, Ryan, and Tori for starring in the book talks!

For more information on other teen programs, including the weekly Teens Take a Break program, please visit our website at <http://teen.apl.org>.

Individuals interested in other teen "Books with Bite" should check out the Library's online book list at <http://info.infosoup.org/lists/bite.asp>.

*Thank you to the Appleton Library Foundation  
and the Friends of Appleton Library  
for making the Library's teen programs possible.*

# Winter Children's Programs @ APL

A variety of free activities are available to children and their families this fall in the Children's Services section of the Appleton Public Library. For more information call **832-6187**. <http://kids.apl.org>

**BOOK BABIES** – For babies not yet walking. Mondays at 10:00 a.m. or 1:15 p.m.

December – May 18. Rhymes & Bounces – Stories especially for infants and lullabies, songs, music, movement, rhythm activities and playtime. **No registration required.**

**STORY SPROUTS** – For toddlers that are walking. Mondays 11:00 a.m. or 2:15 p.m.

December – May 18. Rhymes & Bounces – Stories especially for toddlers and lullabies, songs, music, movement, rhythm activities and playtime. **No registration required.**

**ON MY OWN!** – Fun and educational independent classes for 4 & 5 year olds.

Classes begin the week of January 5th and end the week of March 23rd.

**Alphabet Hour** – Thursdays 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Books & songs using the alphabet. Word & letter recognition. Art, music & movement activities.

**Number Munchers** - Thursdays 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Books & songs using numbers. Number recognition & writing. Art, music, & movement activities.

**Registration is required and limited. Registration begins January 5, 2009.**

**MOTHER GOOSE, MUSIC, & MORE** - An Early Literacy Experience for 0-35 months & their parents or caregivers. Fridays 10:00 a.m. January 9 – May 22.

Mother Goose, music, stories, activities, & tips to promote early literacy. Siblings welcome. **No registration required.**

**STORYVINE** – A special storytime for child cares.

Wednesdays in December, January & February at 10 a.m. Stories, music, rhymes, fingerplays, and movies. **No registration required.**

**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** – Ages 3 and up & their caregivers. Fridays 10:30 a.m. December – May 22.

Stories, music & movement, fingerplays, rhymes, video. Siblings welcome. **No registration required.**

**MUSICAL MOVIN' STORYTIME** – Ages 3-5 & caregivers. Siblings welcome.

Tuesdays 9:30 or 10:30 a.m. January 13 – March 31. Variety of music and movement activities.

**Registration is required and begins on January 5.**

**READ & CREATE A CRAFT** – Ages 5 and up. Siblings welcome. Children under six must be accompanied by an adult. Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. January 6 – March 31. (No program on February 17.) Listen to stories and create a more complex craft. **Free. No registration required.**

**STORIES & ART** – Stories and a real simple craft especially for ages 2-4 with a parent or caregiver. Siblings welcome. Monday through Friday. Now through December 19 and

January 5 through May 22. 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. **Free. No registration.**

**FRIDAY FROLICS** – All ages – Fridays 4:00-4:45 p.m. February 6 - March 13.

A lively puppet play, music, & favorite children's videos. **Free. No registration.**

**BRING SOMEBODY YOU LOVE TO THE LIBRARY DAY** – All day on

Friday February 13. Bring a special someone to the Children's Services desk and both of you will receive a gift. Enter the stuffed animal drawing. Attend **Friday Frolics** at 4:00 p.m. and enter more prize drawings. **Free. All ages.**

**FOOD, FUN & READING** with the UW Extension. Kindergarten through Grade 3.

February 5, March 5, April 2 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Listen to stories. Learn about nutrition. Prepare snacks. Eat good food! **Free. No registration required.**

**KIDS READING TO CANINES** – Grades 1-5.

**Saturdays January 10, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Registration required for each child to read for 15 minutes at a scheduled time** to a certified therapy dog. The dogs provide a safe and relaxed environment for children to succeed in. All dogs are certified through Therapy Dogs International. This special program is a collaboration of the Fox Valley Humane Association and the Appleton Public Library. **Contact Sue at 832-6187 or at [skempf@apl.org](mailto:skempf@apl.org).**

**Family Programs for All Ages**

- Teddy Bear Tea Party – Thursday December 11 at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday Afternoon Theatre – 1:30 p.m. through April 11.
- Holiday Sing-along - Monday December 22 at 6:30 p.m.
- Dr. Seuss Party – Monday March 2 at 6:30 p.m. Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with stories and activities.

**School Age Programs**

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# Library Humor

## Over the River...

The College Avenue Bridge has been unavailable for several months now, and while most of us, including most library users, have devised alternative routes to deal with this inconvenience, several hearty souls are unsatisfied with detours and have begun seeking more direct routes across the Fox River. We recently spoke to the leader of this group, Dr. Hiram Hurdler, chairman of the Appleton Committee for River Overage and Suchlike Stuff (ACROSS).

Q: Thanks for talking to us, Dr. Hurdler. Could you tell us the purpose of ACROSS?

A: Certainly. We believe that the city detours for the bridge are completely inadequate and we're proposing other methods for crossing the Fox River.

Q: Could you tell us one?

A: The first is based on that French guy who strung a wire and walked between the Twin Towers in New York back in the early '70s.

Q: Phillippe Petit.

A: Geshuntheit.

Q: No, that's the man's name.

A: No kidding? Well, anyway, as you know, the banks on the Fox are pretty high, about 60 feet. What we plan to do is run the wire from Riverside Cemetery across the river to Telulah Park.

Q: Wow! How far is that?

A: We figure the wire will be close to a mile by the time we set it up.

Q: A mile? Sixty feet in the air for a mile?

A: Not to worry. We're going to have those long balance poles available on both ends. And maybe some foot massage machines, too, because, of course, you'll have to cross barefoot.

Q: Doesn't that sound a little, uh, dangerous?

A: Oh, well, we expect a few casualties at first, but it's all in the name of convenience. The real problem is scheduling.

Q: Scheduling?

A: Yeah, we haven't quite figured out what to do if two people start out from either side at the same time. Who gets the right-of-way? If this proves popular, it could be a real problem. But then, we're thinking to maybe letting the free market handle it. You know, survival of the fittest.

Q: You mean, let them fight it out?

A: Could make for some dramatic viewing. Maybe provide a new tourist attraction for the city. There's all sorts of side benefits.

Q: What other plans are you considering?

A: Well, there's the tunnel option, of course, though we haven't worked out all the bugs.

Q: You mean tunneling under the river?

A: That's right. We've already talked with the folks who built the Chunnel, you know the tunnel under the English Channel between Britain and France?

Q: That sounds expensive.

A: They quoted 80 million dollars, but we think we can get them down to 78.5.

Q: Wouldn't that take quite a while?

A: If we can get around the environmental angle, we're looking at roughly 12 years.

Q: But the new bridge is scheduled to be completed within the year.

A: As I said, we haven't worked out all the bugs.

Q: What else is being considered?

A: Well, there's the Ice Flow Relay, or as some of the boys are calling it, the Little Eva Option.

Q: I'm afraid to ask.

A: This one would only be good during the winter, of course. As you know, because of the rapids, the Fox never really freezes over completely, but if the winter's cold enough, we think there'll be plenty of ice to work with. The trick will be in timing your leap from flow to flow while calculating the movement of the current. We're working with some of the math students at Ferber School to see if we can devise a formula to simplify that.

Q: But isn't Ferber an elementary school? Those students can't be more than ten years old—

A: Eight, actually. But they work really cheap.

Q: Anything else?

A: Yes. And I'm really excited about this one: rocket launchers!

Q: Surely you don't mean—?

A: It's based on the ol' shooting a man from a cannon bit, but much more hi-tech.

Q: But where would you get rocket launchers?

A: It's amazing the things you can find on e-Bay these days. Supply isn't really the problem. We're much more concerned with the landings.

Q: I should imagine.

A: Yeah. The people who design these things never really consider that part of it. They're just thinking of bang for the buck, you know.

Q: Uh huh.

A: But we think we have a solution: packing peanuts.

Q: Excuse me?

A: You know, those little Styrofoam cubes they put in packages?

Q: But how would you—?

A: We figure to sufficiently cushion the blow, you'd need a pile of packing peanuts about three stories tall. The problem here, though, isn't so much height as range. Trouble is, the launchers we can get online aren't the most, shall we say, accurate.

Q: Meaning?

A: Well, to ensure safe arrival, it's looking like we're going to have to basically cover the entire city in packing peanuts.

Q: Three stories deep?

A: Yeah. And probably most of Grand Chute, the Town of Menasha, Kimberly, Little Chute, Greenville...

Q: Well, I'd like to thank you for sharing your group's idea with us...

A: Wait! Don't you want to hear about teleportation? We're got a committee member who claims he's really close to getting that one to work.

Q: Unfortunately, we're running low on time—

A: Then there's Mrs. Whiterton-Smythe and her trained parakeets. Apparently they've been working out with weights—

Q: Some other day, perhaps.

A: And we've got somebody else who's really excited about catapults—

Q: This is your Library correspondent signing off.

A: They're going to do the practice runs with cows....

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