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## Days dwindle down...

by Terry Dawson, Library Director



Even as the long days of summer are shortening into September, and as our record-breaking summer months are behind us, it seems like business and work are intensifying. It was a very busy summer, from the 3,000 plus people through our doors on one June day, to the 145,000 items circulated in July, to the more than 4,500 children who participated in the Summer Library Program. A lot of hard-working staff and volunteers did a great deal to make it all happen.



Terry Dawson

But summer's ending, it's a new school year, and there are some big things afoot at our library. Rather than give you the 10,000 words each of these deserve, here's a brief overview. In all cases, there's more to come...

**Building:** It seems like everywhere I go, people ask me what's happening with our proposed building project. The answer is that the conversation is continuing, in deliberate fashion. On August 31st, a special Capital Facilities Committee established by the City Council began reviewing our facility needs and the studies done in the last two years. The committee, which includes, Council members, City staff, Library Board and Library Foundation representatives, as well as citizens at large, will make recommendations that our elected officials will look at seriously. The committee will meet twice a month.

**Budget:** It's that time of year when the City will determine our budget for the following calendar year. At this writing, we are awaiting the Mayor's decisions on the Library Board's budget request. The Executive Budget will be published in early October, and the Council's final 2010 Budget adopted in mid-November. Particularly in light of the aforementioned record levels of business, we'll work hard to maintain our services. But we know that with many months of bad economy, there's

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belt-tightening everywhere and we are not exempt. As with the building discussion, we'll keep talking.

**Friends:** Our library has been blessed with a Friends group since 1975 and a Library Foundation since 1985. The two groups have always had similar purposes and many shared members, but different activities. Now, after a year of discussion, the two have agreed to merge and become a single group, to be known as the Friends of Appleton Library, Inc. They'll still do all the things they did before and have most of the same committees, but they'll have closer coordination and speak with a unified voice. We think this will make fund-raising, marketing and advocacy more effective, and we hope even more people will join. We are fortunate in our community to have such great library supporters!

And just in case there's not enough happening, the Wisconsin Library Association's annual conference will be held in Appleton October 20-23. Citizens will be well advised to keep their doors locked as 1,000 librarians descend on our town.

## Is there a Kindle™ in Your Future?

by Colleen Rortvedt, Assistant Director



Colleen Rortvedt

What does the Kindle mean for the future of books? What does this mean to libraries?

Common questions libraries are considering these days. The Kindle has demonstrated that an eBook can be appealing; simulating some of the positive aspects of books including the look of text on a page, the "turning" of a page, etc... A few years ago the eBook readers that were available were unappealing, heavy and not very fun to read but the Kindle is a great advancement. However, I disagree with those that say it will be the downfall of the traditional book. Book formats have evolved over the years -- I remember when I was a kid the controversy was over the audio book. What kind of a society were we to become if people listened to books?

How would we even remember how to read!? Over the years this sentiment has passed and we have realized the benefits of audio books in many settings including for the visually impaired and for assisting individuals with reading difficulties. In recent years busy mobile adults have embraced the audio book as a way to improve commutes and continue their love of reading and lifelong learning while on the go.

Access vs. Ownership - Libraries would love to circulate a Kindle (some do); however, Amazon has provided mixed messages regarding the legality of doing this. If you look at their written policy it is clearly prohibited but if you get a sales rep on the phone they may give you a verbal OK. In a world of digital information what happens if Amazon changes their mind and suddenly all this information you once had ACCESS to, you no longer do. Just using this example regarding the confusion over what you can legally do with a Kindle is a great example of why society is a long way from discarding traditional print formats. Digital content is confusing and intangible. What happens if your access is eventually denied? Books provide you with a package for the intellectual content. You own the package and it can't be taken from you.

Our experience shows that books certainly aren't losing their appeal. The number of books we check out each year increases:

- 647,000 books in 2005
- 705,000 books in 2006
- 750,000 books in 2007
- 815,115 books in 2008

I am really NOT a sentimental person. My thoughts don't come from some emotional attachment I have to physical books. I honestly believe the Kindle is another variation of the evolution of the book as we have seen with audio books

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and other formats. It's a great way for those that choose to read on a Kindle to do so. It's also a huge benefit for those that have mobility impairments. You can turn a page by pushing a button! You can change the text size! You can have it read to you (although the robotic reading will not win any awards)! Kindle offers you the ability to read what you want. You can read it when, where and how you want to. It's customizable and people love to pick exactly what they want these days and I firmly believe that many people will still want a traditional book.

But.... even if I'm wrong - libraries have adapted to evolving formats, technologies and delivery mechanisms for information since their inception. We are community centers that offer programming for all ages opportunities for everyone better themselves. If I'm wrong and the traditional book disappears, we'll still need the room for access to devices, information access, download centers, centers where people learn to become information literate and places to gather when we want to be around other humans.

## Volunteering at the Library

**W**e welcomed many new and returning volunteers during the past few months. Teens assisting in several areas are Abhishek Parekh, Jack Rademaker, Felipe Giuste, Grace Kopitzke, Jake Driessen, Eric Leonard, Timothy Goodfellow, Abbey Mirsberger, Ross Johnson, Danielle Lynch, Stephanie Blixt, Tim Jeffers, Claire Powling, Julia Revord, Emily Bradley-Frick, Kelly Kaphingst, Samantha Mayville, Samantha Barnett, Adarsh Dave, Meghan Wagner, Olivia Courtney, Sydney Courtney, Jason Steers, John Abitz, Shruti Rajan, Abbie Protsman, Shauna Langman, and Xang Lee.

Where can you find teens volunteering for the library?



Shirley Anderson and Donna Seidl, sisters & volunteers!

The teens are the main workforce behind the summer reading programs for both children and young adults. They spend many hours manning the stations to register participants, record reading, and award prizes. We have teens that check all the media that has been reported as defective to maintain usable products on the shelf, take ownership of the Young Adult area by shelving and straightening, they may be sorting books in the back or working on the local history project. The teen volunteers are always great in assisting staff at the wide variety of programming sponsored by the children's section.

Our newest adult volunteers are: Tyler Layoff, Emily Hermus, Jennifer Huss, Robert Kuecken, Robenson Desir, Laura Recker, Margie Ball, Cathy Schulze, Lindsey Wapsaner, Eliane Jean, Robin Schuettpelz, Dolores (Willie) Barta, Patricia Dehne, Selene Bloedorn-Saeed, David Jordahl, Maggie Gilkey, and Megan Sikowski. There is probably not a time that patrons in the library would fail to notice a volunteer working with circulation on shelving materials, picking up items for Walking Books clients, sitting at the microfilm machines looking up obituaries in old Post-Crescents to aid genealogy researchers around the world, getting the holds ready, and restocking scrap paper and pencils for patron use. As an example of a family really committed to volunteering, one day late in July, we noticed that 3 generations of the Dave family were in the library volunteering. Adarsh was helping children with the summer reading program, his mom, Sarita, was working on the local history project and his grandmother, Pramila, was shelving books! We have many people that make volunteering here a family affair.

The Appleton Public Library reflects national trends noted at [volunteeringinamerica.gov](http://volunteeringinamerica.gov). The Midwest has the highest volunteerism rate in the country and the number of both teen and adult volunteers is on the rise – we sure see that here! A quote notes, “As the economy slows and nonprofit organizations struggle to provide services on smaller budgets, volunteers become even more vital to the health of our nation's communities.”

July was a landmark month for the volunteer program at APL – 1,002 volunteer hours for the month! That number reflects a 47% increase over last July. For the entire year of 2006, we had posted 3,244 hours so you can see what a huge number July itself is, when compared to that. The entire staff at the library is thankful for the dedicated volunteers that continue to show up on a daily basis.

If you would like to learn more about the volunteer opportunities available at the library, please visit our website or contact Lou Hull at [lhull@apl.org](mailto:lhull@apl.org).

# Join us as we celebrate one year of the Appleton Public Library's Hmong Resource Center!

**Koom peb xwsli peb ua kev zoosiab ib  
xyoos ntawn Appleton Public Library  
chav Hmoob Resource!**

**Date:** Tuesday, September 8th, 2009

**Hnub:** Cuaj Hlis, Tim 8, xyoo 2009

**Time:** 7:00-7:45 p.m.

**Sijhawm:** 7:00 – 7:45 teev tsaus ntuj

**Where:** Hmong Resource Center at the Appleton Public Library (located to the left of the Information desk)

**Qhovtwg:** Chav Hmoob Resource nyob hauv Appleton Public Library ( nyob sab laug ntawm lub rooj nug kevpub)

## **What:**

- Listen to a bilingual English-Hmong story time
- Look at local Hmong artwork and artifacts
- Browse new materials for the collection
- Enjoy refreshments

## **Dabtsi:**

- Mloog txog ib homlus English-Hmoob keeb kwm
- aib Hmoob hauv cheebtsam peevxwm thiab kev tsimtawm
- Tshawb tej khoom tshiab koj los khaws tseg cia
- Koom txais tej khoom txom ncauj

Look for more information about the Hmong Resource Center and programs at  
[http://www.apl.org/hmong/index\\_english.asp](http://www.apl.org/hmong/index_english.asp)

Tshawb ntxiv hais txog ntawm Chav Hmoob Resource thiab cov kevpub ntawm  
<http://www.apl.org/hmong/>

**The Hmong Resource Center was created to encourage a multi-cultural awareness of the Hmong community as well as provide access to materials in the Hmong language and related to the Hmong culture.**

**There are books for all ages, music CDs, plus DVDs and VHS movies, for both entertainment and knowledge. Some of the recent additions to the collection will be available at the event, such as many new Bridging Hmong American DVDs.**

A \$5,000 program grant was received from unrestricted funds within the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region to create digital masters of over a hundred episodes. Copies will be available for checkout from the Hmong Resource Center.



# FOAL Fall Used Book Sale

## November 20 & 21

The much anticipated Friends of Appleton Library semi-annual Used Book Sale returns this November with an outstanding array of books, and related media sure to please. This year's Fall Used Book Sale takes place from 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. on both Friday, November 20th and Saturday November 21. A special early bird sale will take place beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 20th exclusively for current members of FOAL.

These used book sales are important fundraisers for the Friends group. New books, equipment and program sponsorship for the Appleton Public Library are provided with the proceeds.

The Friends of Appleton Library, Inc. is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that works to improve Appleton's public library services. Through its members, volunteers and donors, the Friends help guarantee the continued success of the Appleton Public Library as an outstanding community resource.

## Eleventh Annual Give a Child

### a Book Campaign

Individuals, families, businesses and other organizations are encouraged to donate new books to the Give a Child a Book Campaign, sponsored by the Friends of Appleton Library. These books are distributed as holiday gifts through both the Salvation Army and the local Boys & Girls Clubs in December. Beginning November 2, bring donations (new, unwrapped books, either hardcover or paperbacks, for children up to age 12) to the Children's Services section of the Appleton Public Library by Friday, December 11th.

Donate a copy of a childhood favorite or one that is popular with children today. Library staff will purchase books with cash donations. Checks payable to Friends of Appleton Library-Give a Child a Book Campaign. If you know a service group or organization that would be interested in contributing to this campaign, please call Ralph Dorn, FOAL Children's Committee Chair at 738-6727 or Carole DeJardin, Children's Services Supervisor at 832-6188.

*P.S. ~ Check APL's website in the weeks to come for news of a special collaboration with the Fox Valley Symphony, and Fox Cities P.A.C. that we'll be taking part in this holiday season to get books into even more children's hands. Details coming soon!*

# APL's Book Cart Drill Team: Fun on Wheels

The 2nd annual Wisconsin Library Association Book Cart Drill Team Competition will take place Friday, October 23, 2009 from 10:30am-12:00pm at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton.

The Appleton Public Library's team (*The APL Book Cart Brigade*) will compete for the first time after making their debut at the Appleton Flag Day Parade in June. Teams have four minutes to present their routine and judging is based on technical ability and artistic impression. Performances include music, costumes, cart décor, and skilled entertainment.

The winner will be invited to compete at the National Book Cart Drill Team Championship during the American Library Association's Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. in June 2010. The event is free and open to the public. Support your local library and attend!



## Internet & Computer Classes at APL

In today's world it almost goes without saying that computer literacy is a must! Appleton Public Library offers informal labs, ideal for beginners, allowing you to gain practical, hands-on PC computer experience. (The Library does not have Mac's). All classes are held in the 2nd floor computer lab and are free and open to the public, though class size is limited.

**Registration is Required** and consists of adding your name and contact information to the sign-up list. **Registration for each class opens one month prior to the class.** For more information or to register, call 832-6173 or stop at the second floor Reference Desk.

*Most classes require the ability to use the mouse, including double-clicking, right-clicking, and highlighting.*

You can find detailed information on what each class covers here.

**Registration for each class opens one month prior to the class.**

- Sep 10, Thursday  
9:15 -10:15 am  
Using the Mouse
- Sep 17, Thursday  
9:15 -11:15 am  
Computer Basics
- Sep 24, Thursday  
9:15 -11:15 am  
Word Basics
- Oct 1, Thursday  
9:15 -11:15 am  
Intermediate Word
- Oct 8, Thursday  
9:15 -11:15 am  
Excel Basics

<http://www.apl.org/programs/internetclass.html>

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**APL Exhibits****September 1-October 30**

Barb Wilmington  
Watercolors and Acrylics

**November 2-December 30**

Frank Hada  
Panoramic Photography

**Creative Journey****Tuesday mornings, 10:00 am-12:00 noon**

- September 8 Field Trip: Meet at 1000 Islands Nature Center and be inspired by the natural world.
- September 15 Members' stories
- September 22 Finish the picture: there is something on the paper, but only you can bring it out.
- September 29 Art film & discussion
- October 6 Leaf Art: use leaves to make rubbings and paintings
- October 13 Show & Tell: bring one of your creative endeavors to share with the group
- October 20 Mandalas
- October 27 Halloween Party: bring a treat to share and write ghost stories.
- November 3 Members' stories
- November 10 Swap meet: bring a few treasures that need new homes, and take home something special in their place.
- November 17 Open Materials Day!
- November 24 Show & Tell: bring one of your creative endeavors to share with the group

**American History Film Discussions****Monday & Wednesday mornings, 10:30 am-12:00 noon**

- September 16 *Looking for Lincoln: The Making of an American Icon* pt. 2
- October 7 *Expo: Magic of the White City* Pt. 1
- October 19 *Expo: Magic of the White City* Pt. 2
- November 4 *FDR: Years of Crisis*
- November 16 *The Great Depression* Pt. 1

**Thursday Afternoon @ the Movies****Thursday afternoons, 3:00-5:00 pm**

- September 3 *The Soloist*
- September 24 *State of Play*
- October 1 *Fast and Furious*
- October 29 *Battle for Terra*
- November 5 *The Proposal*
- November 19 *UP*

**Thursday Night @ the Movies****Thursday evening, 6:30-8:30 pm**

- September 10 *17 Again*
- October 15 *Monsters v. Aliens*
- November 12 *Land of the Lost*

**Titles of movies subject to change based on studio release dates**

**Writing Matters****Wednesday afternoons, 1:30-3:00 pm**

- September 9 Beyond Onomatopoeia: Writing Children's Books with Constance Morgenstern
- November 4 Celebration of You: A Poetry Workshop with Kimberly Blanchette

**Meet Wisconsin Authors Series/Author Presentation/Signing****Wednesday afternoon, 4:00-5:00 pm**

- September 9 Bill Jamerson, *Up in the U.P.* program

**Thursday afternoon, 3:00-5:00 pm**

- October 15 Dr. Arthur & Ursula Rathburn, *No More Tears Left Behind: The Remarkable Life Story of Holocaust Survivor* Eva Deutschkron

**Music @ the Library****Sunday afternoons, 2:00-3:00 pm**

- September 20 Lou & Peter Berryman  
Singer Songwriters in the folk tradition from Madison, Wisconsin
- October 25 Michael Smith  
Folk, country & pop from Chicago, Illinois
- November 22 Debra Morningstar, Oneida Storyteller  
Native American flute & drumming from Neenah, Wisconsin

# Fall Adult Programs @ APL

**Music @ the Atrium****Sunday afternoons, 2:00-3:00 pm**

- October 11 Michael "Mad Dog" Murphy, Folk & blues from the Fox Valley
- November 8 Druid's Table, Celtic from the Fox Valley

**Downtown Book Club at Harmony Café****Wednesday afternoons, 12:00-1:00 pm**

- September 30 Free-For-All: Come prepared to talk about a book you have read recently or an old favorite
- October 28 The Year of Pleasures by Elizabeth Berg
- November 25 Free-for-all: Come prepared to talk about a book you have read recently or an old favorite

**Special Events****Friday afternoon, Censorship and Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*, 12:00-1:00 pm**

- October 2 Presented by Amy Stanwood, Adult Programming Assistant, Appleton Public Library  
Co-sponsored by Appleton Public Library and the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center

**Thursday evening, *Flu Facts*, 6:30-7:30 pm**

- October 8 Presented by the Appleton Health Department

**Thursday evening, *Pray the Devil to Hell* Documentary Discussion, 6:30-8:30 pm**

- October 29 Led by Francois Russell

**Tuesday evening, *Knit2Together*, 6:30-8:30 pm**

- October 27 A multigenerational knitting program for teens and adults

**Park & Recreation Programs @ APL beginning September 8****Tuesday & Thursday mornings 9:00-10:00 am**

Stretch & Strength

**Thursday afternoons, 1:00-4:00 pm**

Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Spanish

**Friday morning, 10:00-11:30 am**

- October 2 Chair Yoga & Book Review Class

For more information on these programs, please visit: [www.appleton.org](http://www.appleton.org), departments/parks and recreation/recreation/active older adult activities or call 920-832-2320, Marion Sbardella, Older Adult Coordinator, Appleton Parks and Recreation.

**Fourth Annual Summer Reading Program for Adults**

Congratulations to our 2009 Summer Reading Program for Adults Winners! The theme this summer was **Use Your Imagination @ the Library**. We had a total of 209 registrants with 593 drawing tickets submitted. Winners chose between gift cards from Harmony Café or Jimmy John's subs. A big "thank you" goes to the Appleton Library Foundation for funding the prizes.

**Here are titles chosen by our winners:**

- The Organic Machine* by Richard White
- Twilight* by Stephenie Meyer
- The Last Summer (of You and Me)* by Ann Brashares
- The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion
- Dumbing Us Down: The Hidden Curriculum of Compulsory Schooling* by John Taylor Gatto
- The Left Hand of Darkness* by Ursula K. Le Guin
- Swan Peak: A Dave Robicheaux Novel* by James Lee Burke
- A Wizard in Bedlam* by Christopher Stasheff
- A Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy Toole
- The Secret* by Beverly Lewis

Join us again next year!

# Fall Young Adult Programs @ APL

**Teens Take a Break** returns to Tuesday evenings this fall. This popular teen program gives teens a chance to take a break from their busy lives; to relax and have fun with their friends at the library. Teens Take a Break offers a variety of different programs to appeal to a variety of different tastes; there is a little something for everyone.

**Game Break:** At this open gaming program teens can test their skills on the Wii, battling it out on Guitar Hero, Super Smash Brothers Brawl or one of the library's other exciting Wii games. Teens can also challenge their friends to different board and card games. This fall the program will feature an Apples to Apples night and a Mad Lib Laughs night.

**Anime for Teens:** The library's informal anime club gathers together each month for an anime film screening. The group watches anything from silly romantic comedies to hard packed action. Visit [teen.apl.org](http://teen.apl.org) for a list of upcoming anime films that will be shown.

**Teens Crafts:** Drop-in crafting allows teens to explore their creative sides. No craft experience is needed and all materials are provided. Upcoming crafts include creating a CD Fish, making Beaded Pen and Pencil Wraps, and designing Whimsy Cards.

**Special Events:** Special events go beyond the usual teen programs, offering something unique or different. Upcoming special events include a knitting program and Holiday Concert. The **Knit2Together** program, is a multi-generational, any experience knitting program. This program is open to teens, adults, and seniors and gives everyone a chance to learn to knit, refine techniques, ask questions of experienced knitters, and pass on knitting knowledge. The West High Concert Singers will continue their annual tradition of performing a **Holiday Concert** at the library. This madrigal concert takes place throughout the library and features a variety of classical holiday music for friends and families to enjoy.

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## *Teen Read Week Events*

Each October the Appleton Public Library celebrates the importance of teens in the library during Teen Read Week. This year we will be offering two different programs for teens: a pizza taste off and an anime marathon.

Tuesday, October 13 the library will host its first **Pizza Taste-off**. Teens will be able to taste, rate and vote on their favorite pizza. Pizza is being donated from local pizzerias and teens will get to rate pizzas on best crust, best sauce, and best overall pizza. Come help judge the best pizza in the Appleton Area!

On Saturday, October 17 the Anime for Teens club will be hosting an **Anime Marathon**. The anime films start at 11am with a short break around 12:30 for pizza (from the best overall pizza winner). After pizza, more anime, with the marathon finishing around 4:00. Anime for the marathon is still being decided, but will follow this year's Teen Read Week theme: Read Beyond Your Reality.

For more information on both the **Teen Takes a Break** and **Teen Read Week** programs please visit the teen website at [teen.apl.org](http://teen.apl.org).

# Fall 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 on any of the following activities call 832-6187 or visit <http://kids.apl.org>. Registration begins on September 8.

## BOOK BABIES –

A 20 minute lap sit designed for babies not yet walking. This lap sit is designed to stimulate your baby's senses and promote early literacy techniques. We will bounce baby to rhymes, share stories, tickle baby, sing songs, and have 15 minutes of social play time afterwards. Participation in the story time is necessary to take part in playtime. Siblings welcome. No registration required. **Mondays September 14 – December 21 from 9:00 – 9:35 a.m.**

## READING RABBITS –

An early literacy experience designed for babies that are new walkers up to 23 months. This 25 minute story time will provide your active toddler with some lap sit time, as well as more opportunities to work on their motor skills and cognitive development. Join us after for 15 minutes of play time. Participation in the story time is necessary to take part in playtime. Siblings welcome. No registration. **Mondays September 14 – December 21 from 10:00 – 10:40 a.m.**

## STORY SPROUTS –

An early literacy experience for children 24 to 35 months designed to prepare them for preschool experiences. The 30 minute story time will provide more complex stories, fingerplays, songs, and opportunities for individual recognition and turn taking. Join us after for 15 minutes of play time. Participation in the story time is necessary to take part in play time. Siblings welcome. No registration. **Mondays September 14 – December 21 from 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.**

## PRESCHOOL TALES –

An early literacy experience for children age's three to five designed to help your child experience and transition into kindergarten. The story time will include more comprehensive stories and will provide caregivers with the foundation to encourage more dialogic reading and phonemic awareness activities. Each week we will focus on the six early literacy skills and work on building an alphabet scrapbook throughout the year.

No registration. **Fridays September 18 – December 18 from 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.**

## FAMILY STORYTIMES – 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. Thursdays September 24 Fall

Join us as we celebrate the fall season together! We will read books about the season, sing songs, move to music and make a fun fall craft. This event is free and fun for the whole family to enjoy together! No registration is necessary, but adult supervision is required for all children.

## October 29 Spooky Celebration! Family Party!

Come to the library dressed in your Halloween gear! Hear spooky tales, sing spooky songs, and make a spooky craft. This event is free and fun for the whole family to enjoy together! No registration is necessary, but adult supervision is required for all children.

## November 19 Too Many Turkeys! Family Party!

Join us as we have fun with too many turkeys! We will read fiction and nonfiction books about turkeys and make a fun turkey craft to take home. This event is free and fun for the whole family to enjoy together! No registration is necessary, but adult supervision is required for all children.

## December 10 Winter Wonderland! Family Party!

Let's celebrate winter in Wisconsin! Come to the library as we feature some fun stories, fingerplays, and songs about the winter season. Make a fun winter craft to take home! This event is free and fun for the whole family to enjoy together. No registration is necessary, but adult supervision is required for all children.

## SHOWER OF BABIES –

A Shower of Babies @ Your Library – Are you expecting a baby? Do you know someone that is expecting? Do you have a brand new baby? Do you work with young children? Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they can actually read or write. Early literacy skills should begin developing at birth, so join us at the library to learn early literacy techniques, see a sampling of the programs we offer for babies and young children, and learn about the wonderful materials and services we offer in the children's room. Babies, siblings, parents, friends and family are welcome to attend. The event is free and no registration is necessary. **Thursday October 15 from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.**

## MUSICAL MOVING STORYTIME - 8 week program - Registration required.

This 45-minute storytime features a variety of music and movement activities for children ages 3-5 and parents/caregivers. Siblings are welcome. Sing, move, dance, explore musical instruments--even make some! Have fun while helping your child develop language, literacy, listening and motor skills.

**Tuesdays October 6 through November 24 at 9:15 and 10:15 a.m.**

## FAMILY STORY BAG

Designed for a wide range of developmental abilities, this 30-minute program features a variety of stories, fingerplays, music and movement, dramatic play, activities, media and more, for children and parents/caregivers! No registration is necessary for this family program. Come see what's in the Story Bag! **Fridays September 18 through December 18 at 10:15 a.m.**

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**SPECIALS****Fancy Nancy Story Party Encore**

Encore! That's a fancy French word for "Do it again!" And so we will (with some fun updates)! Come dressed in your fanciest, and enjoy stories, activities, snacks and a craft in honor of that expert of fanciness, Fancy Nancy! Free and fun for the whole family; no registration is necessary, but adult supervision is required for all children. **September 28 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

**Santa Storytime**

After the downtown parade, you can warm up at the library! Join library staff for stories, songs, a seasonal treat, and a visit from Santa Claus! There is no registration necessary for this family program, but adult supervision is required for all children.

**November 24 from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

**STORYVINE –**

Storytime for children in daycare settings. Includes books, songs, and a short animated story. No registration necessary. **Wednesdays in September, October, November 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.**

**ON MY OWN –**

**Alphabet Hour - Thursdays September 17 through December 10 - 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

Educational independent class for 4 and 5 year old children. Each week focuses on two letters of the alphabet. Includes books, letter writing practice, singing time, movement to music, instruments, imagination activities, and a craft. Caregivers join the class at 10:45 to assist with the craft. Registration required and limited.

**Number Munchers –Thursdays September 17 through December 10 – 1:00 -2:00p.m.**

Educational independent class for 4 and 5 year old children. Each week focuses on a number. Includes books, writing practice, dot to dots, counting, singing time, movement to music, instruments, imagination activities, and a craft. Caregivers join the class at 1:45 to assist with the craft. Registration required and limited.

**Registration is required and limited. Registration begins September 8.**

**SCHOOLS OUT –**

**Morning programs 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

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| October 30  | School's Out! Apples to Apples<br>Play the fun game Apples to Apples! Registration Required. For children who read independently.  |
| November 27 | School's Out! Greeting Cards<br>Make handmade greeting cards. For children in 1st grade and up. Registration Required.             |
| December 28 | School's Out! Apples to Apples!<br>Play the fun game Apples to Apples! Registration Required. For children who read independently. |
| December 29 | School's Out! Scavenger Hunt<br>Come do our scavenger hunt! No registration required.  |
| December 30 | School's Out! Miniature Books.<br>Make a miniature book! Registration required. For students in 3rd grade and up.                  |

**Film program afternoons at 1:30 p.m.**

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| October 28  | Hotel for Dogs       |
| October 30  | Halloweentown High   |
| November 27 | The Princess Diaries |
| December 28 | Santa Buddies        |
| December 29 | Hannah Montana       |
| December 30 | Pokémon Heroes       |

**New Movies @ the Library –**

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| November 20 | Tinkerbell and the Lost Treasure<br>4:00 – 5:30 p.m.   |
| November 21 | Tinkerbell and the Lost Treasure<br>10:00 – 11:30 a.m.<br>No registration. Popcorn will be served. |

**Homeschool Explore!**

**1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Registration required.**

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| September 15 | Learn to use Infosoup!                             |
| October 20   | Explore Books! Discuss the works of Jan Brett.     |
| November 17  | Explore Art! Make handmade greeting cards.         |
| December 15  | Explore the Library! Use the Dewey Decimal System. |

**READ & CREATE A CRAFT**

A special program where books and more complex crafts are shared. For children 5 and up. Families with younger children are welcome. An adult must accompany children under 6. No registration required. Free. **Tuesday evenings 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. September 15 through October 20**

**FRIDAY FROLICS**

Start Your Weekend out right! Come to the children's program room for a lively puppet show, musical activities, and movies. Snack and juice included. Free and all ages are welcomed. No registration required. **Friday afternoons October 6 through November 13 from 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.**

**STORIES & ART**

Weekly afternoon programs located in the children's area. Each program will include 2 or 3 stories followed by a guided art project or craft. Monday's program is repeated Tuesday through Friday. Designed for the whole family to enjoy together! Adult supervision is required. Free and no registration required. **September 14 through December 18 from 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.**

**PUPPETS WITH SHIRLEY & CHAD**

Puppet performances by local puppeteer Chad Harkins and library staff member Shirley. Demonstrations of simple puppetry techniques. All ages welcome. No registration required. Free. **Friday December 4 from 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.**

**KIDS READING TO CANINES**

Kids Reading to Canines, a program of Fox Valley Humane Association in partnership with the Appleton Public Library, offers the opportunity for children in grades first through fourth to read to therapy dogs. These trained and certified therapy dogs have been taught to work with children, are good listeners, and offer readers of all abilities a chance to practice their reading skills. This program is located in the children's area. The time is split into 15 minute sessions. **Saturdays 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. September 12, October 3, November 7, December 5.** Registration is required!

# Library Humor

## Mail Call

Dear Library Guy,  
I checked out a DVD of the Robin Williams movie  
"RV," but couldn't get it to play.  
Annoyed in Antigo

*Dear Annoying,  
You're welcome!*

Dear Library Guy,  
My six year-old daughter caught a cold from one of the  
other children at the library story hour. What are you  
going to do about it?  
Sneezing in Shawano

*Dear Atchoo,  
Good news! Starting next month the Library's new Disease  
Prevention Detention Center opens. Henceforth, all  
children will be held in quarantined isolation booths for one  
month before being allowed in the Library. And if this  
program works as well as expected, next year we plan to  
extend it to teens, placing each and every one of them in the  
booths at age 13 and not releasing them until age 35!*

Dear Library Guy,  
I was three days late returning a book and your library  
charged me 30 cents. What a gyp! Do you think I'm  
made of money?  
Frugal in Fremont

*Dear Tightwad,  
The love of money is the root of all evil. No, we don't think  
you're made of money. We think you're evil.*

Dear Library Guy,  
The men who work at the Reference Desk at the  
Library are incredibly hot! Is there any chance a gal  
like me can get a home phone number?  
Panting in Peshtigo

*Dear Perceptive Peshtigoian,  
Yes, the men who work the Reference Desk are unbelievably  
handsome, aren't they? Unfortunately, Library policy  
prevents the dissemination of home telephone numbers, but  
if you send a recent snapshot, including name, age,  
measurements, and bank accounts, we'll see they get it.*

Dear Library Guy,  
I find the Dewey Decimal system very confusing. Can  
you explain it to me in a way I can understand?  
Befuddled in Black Creek

*Dear Dewey-Deficient,  
No.*

Dear Library Guy,  
I just returned an Appleton book at the Waupaca  
library. How do books get moved around to all the  
different libraries?  
Wondering in Waupaca

*Dear Wondering Wanderer,  
It isn't widely known, but all the 50-odd libraries in the  
OWLSnet system are connected via underground pneumatic  
tubes, allowing for instant exchange of library materials.  
On rare occasions, the librarians themselves have used these  
high-speed suction tubes for travel, but it's not something  
we'd recommend. We won't go into details, but let's just say  
it's a wedgie we'll never forget!*

Dear Library Guy,  
If two people place a hold on the computer for the same  
book at the same time, who gets the book first?  
Impatient in Iola

*Dear Antsy,  
No one. If two holds are placed at the same time, the  
computer system will self-destruct, releasing the energy of a  
million suns, ripping apart the galaxy, altering the  
time-space continuum, and hurtling all matter into an  
impenetrable vortex of irreversible doom. Thanks for  
asking!*

Dear Library Guy,  
Who writes these articles anyway?  
Curious in Crivitz

*Dear Nosy,  
These pieces are written by*

**Editor's note: Unfortunately, space constraints forced us to  
end the article here.**



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