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by Terry Dawson, Director



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From the middle school student polishing DVDs to the President of the Library Board attending after-hours meetings, from the shelvers putting books away to the people going out in the winter to carry books to the homebound, there are a lot of good people doing volunteer work for the library. Our services are an expression of community spirit – the care that people have for one another, their desire to share educational opportunity, and their belief in the value of the public library in our city.

That spirit and desire will be tested in coming months and years as we confront difficult questions. Can we maintain operations despite increased use and ever-tighter public funding? Will we ever be able to afford the new library that some people tell us we should fight for and others insist is ridiculous? We're planning next year's operating budget, which already promises painful choices. When we look at the possibility of a big capital project, we hear from some quarters that we need to start with the bottom line rather than starting with the needs, and vision doesn't enter in. We know that we're living with the results of past decisions to do what was affordable rather than considering long-term needs – and consequently the too-frequent revisiting of the same issues. But then there are our volunteers.

In a single recent week, members of our Library Board had their regular meeting, attended a workshop on intellectual freedom and challenges to materials, spent a half-day discussing strategic planning, and attended our fundraising dinner. Not only did they work many hours over several days for no pay – they actually paid to attend the dinner, and some did extra work on the event. It's a privilege to work for such trustees, who care and who challenge us consistently and thoughtfully without trying to micromanage.

In the same week, dozens of volunteers were shelving materials, delivering items, helping with programs, indexing newspaper obituaries, and processing items donated to or withdrawn from collections. And our volunteer support organization, the Friends of Appleton Library, reorganized and incorporating foundation endowments, is on the verge. For several years, the Friends have funded our Volunteer Coordinator, who recruits and places those shelvers, DVD cleaners, program assistants and Walking Book delivery people. Their endowments pay for innovative collections, fund most of our programs, and provide new technologies. Right now, the Friends' Board is about to hire their own Executive Director, and we're excited about the possibilities.

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So our anxiety about support is balanced by appreciation for the many kinds of support we receive: tax dollars, donations, and volunteer hours. But we'll need that support to take on new dimensions. Almost every elected official tells me everyone who talks to them about the library says we don't need to do anything. Almost all the library users and active community people I talk with tells me that they support a strong library and a new building.

We are challenged to resolve the disconnect between the people who talk to the Library Director and those who talk to their elected officials. I believe there are many library supporters in the community, including those people who participated in our 2008 needs study, our 89,000 cardholders, and the 1,800 plus people who use this building every day. Surely not all of these people support an updated and expanded library, but I know that a great many do.

If those who care about library concerns don't speak up, their voices will not be heard. Library staff cannot speak for our users in the political process. We need our users to speak for us – and we believe the Friends of Appleton Library will help it happen. Politics is the process for making collective decisions: what is the will of this community for the future of the library? It's up to you.

Survey Says...



by Colleen Rortvedt, Assistant Director

Every fall the Appleton Public Library does a public survey to ask what you want and need from your library. This was my first year coordinating the survey and I was struck at how difficult it was to find common threads within the survey's responses. One person wants us to be open later; the next suggests closing early to save money. One suggests we purchase more old time radio shows on CD while the next suggests we offer more digital downloads and eBooks. How do we make sense of such varying opinions? After looking at these responses for a few months it finally occurred to me that the reason behind these varying opinions is that we are at a point where the past is colliding with the future. Some see us as the nostalgic library of their youth: memories of Gabby the Bear, card catalogs and their favorite librarian from storytime. They love the smell of books and can't imagine a world without them. Others view us as the portal to the digital world: helping them make sense of all the new and confusing opportunities technology offers us. They would love to get all their books in a digital format they could read from their favorite handheld device.

If you have questions or suggestions, you don't have to wait until the next survey to provide them. Any service desk will take your suggestion or you can call, e-mail or even post it to our Facebook page. We are a great library because we have great patrons and staff who are always looking for the next best way the library can serve the needs of the community.

I invite you the next time you use a library service to look around and notice some of the things you didn't know we offered. Have you ever downloaded an audiobook from Overdrive? Attended Creative Journey? Participated in our summer reading programs? Used a study room or a meeting room? Have you looked at our online digital collections? The possibilities are nearly endless!

Libraries are what you want of them and what you make of them. We're here for you regardless of who you are. Are we going to change? Absolutely! We aren't a museum and we are certainly more than a warehouse for books. We are whatever you want when you walk in the door, go to our website or visit us at an outreach event. You get to customize your experience based on your expectations and we do our best to accommodate you.



FOAL Spring Used Book Sale Dates Set

The Friends of Appleton Library (FOAL) Spring Used Book Sale dates have been scheduled. There will be a pre-sale available to all current members of FOAL on Thursday, May 20th from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. The sale to the general public takes place Friday, May 21st and Saturday May 22nd from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days, in the Lower Level Meeting Room. Mark your calendars, and see you this May!

Fox Cities Reads Returns for Fourth Year

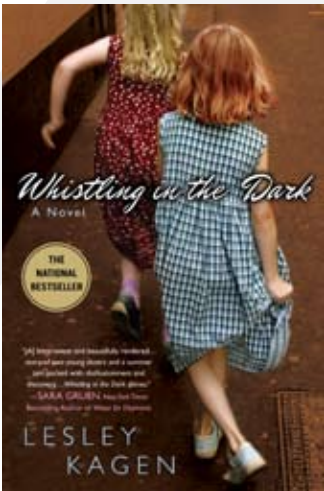
The public libraries of Appleton, Neenah, Menasha, Kaukauna, Kimberly, Little Chute, the library of the University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley, and the Appleton Area School District have launched the fourth annual **Fox Cities Reads** community read. Fox Cities Reads kicked-off with a press conference on January 20th at Appleton's CopperLeaf Hotel.

The event was attended by several local dignitaries, including Appleton Mayor Tim Hanna, key representatives from all participating libraries, board members of the Fox Cities Book Festival and a special guest appearance by this year's author.

Fox Cities Reads will culminate with an extended visit and presentations by national award-winning author Lesley Kagen at Fox Cities libraries on April 14, 15 and 16. Lesley Kagen's presentations are being held in conjunction with the third annual Fox Cities Book Festival. Visit www.foxcitiesreads.org for specific times and locations.

Fox Cities Reads is centered this year on reading the book *Whistling in the Dark* by New York Times best-selling author Lesley Kagen. Her book was chosen by libraries throughout the Fox Cities to appeal to a wide variety of people, have a reading level accessible to people of all ages and get folks talking about the book they read with family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.

Sponsoring libraries have organized a series of book discussions throughout the Fox Cities that will take place through April. The libraries, through their Friends and foundations, have purchased hundreds of copies of Ms. Kagen's book to make it easy for those interested in taking part in Fox Cities Reads to have access to her book. The book may be checked out at any one of the participating libraries.



This year's book selection

This is the fourth year a collaborative effort toward a community read is being undertaken by Fox Cities' libraries. Last year's successful venue brought people from throughout the Fox Valley together to read books by popular best-selling author Michael Perry.

Lesley Kagen is the author of several bestselling books, including *Whistling in the Dark*; *Land of a Hundred Wonders*; and a new novel scheduled for release this April, entitled *Tomorrow River*. Lesley Kagen is a writer/novelist, voice-over talent, and restaurateur. Ms. Kagen lives with her husband and two children in Cedarburg, Wisconsin.

"We are also very grateful for the support of our libraries' Friends and foundations in making her visit possible," said Terry Dawson, Director of the Appleton Public Library.

"What is particularly gratifying is the wonderful cooperation among Fox Cities libraries in sponsoring a community read such as this for a fourth consecutive year," said Dawson. "The philosophy behind Fox Cities Reads is to get people in our local communities reading, appreciate the joy of reading, and then talk about what they have read with others who have also read the same book!"

Over the past few years several of the Valley libraries have sponsored their own "read" in their community. However, three years ago these libraries came together with the intent of broadening the impact of the "read" by joining together to sponsor the first **Fox Cities Reads**. The "Reads" in 2007, 2008 and 2009 were so successful, that they agreed to continue this collaborative effort in 2010.



This year's Fox Cities Reads author, Lesley Kagen

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All participating libraries will be hosting book discussions and we really encourage neighborhood book clubs to discuss Lesley Kagen's book and of course, come to one of Kagen's presentations and book signings.

Lesley Kagen will speak at the Appleton Public Library on Wednesday afternoon April 14th at 2:00 p.m. in the library's lower level meeting room. A listing of when and where book discussions will take place, reading group suggested questions and topics for discussion, information on the author and other books she has written, as well as information related to her visit to the Fox Cities may be found online.

For more information, visit the **Fox Cities Reads** website at: www.foxcitiesreads.org or the **Fox Cities Book Festival** website at www.foxcitiesbookfestival.org

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The Fox Cities Reads author visit held in conjunction with the Fox Cities Book Festival.

News from the Volunteer Desk

by Lou Hull

The volunteer base at the library continues to grow. According to a study by the National Conference of Citizenship, seventy-two percent of Americans say they have cut back the time they spend volunteering as a result of the recession. There is no evidence of that at the Appleton Public Library. Volunteers in 2009 recorded 7,014 hours – that is the equivalent of more than 3 full-time employees! This also represents a 51% increase over the hours served in 2008.

As the library strives to maintain its high level of service without the means to add staff, the volunteers become a vital component in the day-to-day operations. This past quarter, joining the volunteer ranks are: Betsy Brown, Gabriela Janz, Jasmine Johnson, Sarah Salvia, Charity Tessen, Doreane Moon, Jane Rhode, and Jennifer Wankat. New teen volunteers are: Hali Peterson, Brody Lemke, Trenton Hainer, Simone Kramer, Jasper Farin, Jacob Eiden, Cody Olson, Katelynnd Sleigher, and Alex Witek. We have a great collaboration with Valley New School – in fact – 15% of their student body is now volunteering throughout the library!

A volunteer opportunity has recently been gathering steam due to a new piece of equipment. Michael Nitz, Technical Services Supervisor, provided this update: "The library recently purchased a new DVD/CD disc repair system from Research Technology Inc. This machine enables staff to repair damaged DVDs and CDs at a much faster and more successful rate than our older machine we had been using for several years. Together with the Disc-Go Check DVD/CD damage scanner, we are able to scan, determine extent of damage and fix a disc about every five minutes. The Technical Services staff and library volunteers are working together around the clock to keep the library's video and music collections in great working order to provide patrons with great viewing and audio experiences."

A newsletter featuring volunteer stories is now being published on a quarterly basis. Check out the inspirational stories behind the people. Links to the first two issues are posted on the volunteer page on the library's website-<http://www.apl.org/programs/volunteering.html>.

We are all so appreciative of our volunteers! In January, Terry Dawson, APL Director, and Colleen Rortvedt, Assistant Director, led groups of volunteers on tours of the library where they shared information and showed some of the interesting behind the scenes areas. The volunteers then socialized over cookies and hot beverages. If you are interested in volunteering, applications are available at the library and on our website. Contact Lou Hull at lhull@apl.org for more information.



Valley New School students: Jasper, Max Alex, Jacob, Mari, Cody, Brody, and Trenton. Missing from photo - Sammy

Sixth Annual "I Love My Library Dinner"

Enjoyed by All

On Sunday, February 21, 2010, the *Friends of Appleton Library* sponsored the sixth annual *I Love My Library Dinner* at a new venue, North Shore Golf Club in Menasha. Although originally scheduled for Riverview Country Club, the host site for the previous five years, an unforeseen construction issue came up that necessitated a last-minute shift to another location.

"We were indeed very fortunate and appreciative that Riverview and a key member of Riverview's board came forward to assist us in this situation both logistically and financially," stated Dave Willems, Co-President of the Friends of Appleton Library. "The construction glitch at Riverview was unexpected and beyond their control, and their help, especially Chris & Evie Hartwig's, in making other arrangements with North Shore, and North Shore's willingness to take this on in such short notice is to be applauded. Both facilities are beautiful, so we were able to offer our guests the wonderful evening they were anticipating."

Guests enjoyed the live musical entertainment provided by library staff member and pianist Michael Kenney, and bid on wide variety of wonderful silent auction items before enjoying dinner at 6:30 pm.

Willems and Library Director Terry Dawson addressed the attendees. Dawson extended his appreciation to all those attendees who hold a special place in their hearts for the library. Willems acknowledged the Hartwigs, and commented on the nice turnout for this event, despite challenging economic times and a last minute shift in venue. Pastor Will Bloedow followed with an inspiring message.

Funds generated by this event help support special events, programs and workshops, as well as library materials, technology, equipment, author appearances and readings not supported by the city's budget.

A very special thank you goes out to this year's Event Sponsor: **Chris & Evie Hartwig**. We are also grateful for this year's corporate table sponsors: **ThedaCare and Willems Marketing, Inc.**

We would like to acknowledge the many generous contributors to this year's silent auction: Ace Hardware of Appleton, Angels Forever-Windows of Light, Appleton Art Center, Appleton Boy Choir, Appleton Downtown, Inc., Appleton Public Library, Atlas Coffee Mill & Café, Avenue Jewelers, Kathy Beck, Breadsmith, Louis Chicquette, Copper Rock Coffee Company, CSI-Appleton, Downtown Dental Group, Eagle Graphics, The Exclusive Company, Fat Cat Designs, Kathleen Fenner, Fox Cities PAC, Fox Valley Symphony, Gabriel Furniture, Green Bay Packers, Haberdasher Ltd., Heritage Hill State Historical Park, History Museum at the Castle, JanSport, Joseph's Shoes, Just Act Natural, LLC, Sandy Kloehn-Grassroots a Salon, Milly Kuszynski, Massage Connection Wellness Center, McKnight & Carlson Wines & More, Cheryl Meating-Tanglz Salon, Money Saver Magazine, Murray Photo, Northtown Lighting, The Post-Crescent, Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Salon CTI & Day Spa, Phil Sealy, Thomas Sutter, Patty Tierney-Tanglz Salon, Van Vreede's, Waddell & Reed Financial Advisors, White Heron Chorale, Anthony Wiczorek, Wildbird & Backyard, Willows Bend, Wilmar Chocolates, Wisconsin Timber Rattlers, and the YMCA of the Fox Cities.

Special thanks are also extended to the many people and organizations that made the evening a success, including Will and Ruth Bloedow (Table), Blue Print Service Company, Terry & Marsha Dawson (Table), Michael Kenney (Pianist), Kathy Dreyer, Sara Kopesky, Colleen Rortvedt, Kay Shearier, Maureen Ward, Tony Wiczorek and Dave & Mary Willems.



Shots from this year's I Love My Library Dinner, held this year at North Shore Golf Club

Spring Adult Programs @ APL

APL Exhibits

March 1-April 30
Alex Benotch & Margaret Knauf
The Art of Photography

May 3-June 30
Paulette Laffin
Multi-media

Creative Journey

Tuesday mornings, 10:00 am-12:00 noon
March 16 Respond to Art
March 23 Show & Tell
March 30 Inspired by Nature
April 6 Creative identities: nametags
April 13 Health & Healing
April 20 Members' Stories
April 27 Trivia Challenge
May 4 Writing on the Spot: Personal Identity
May 11 Wisdom Books
May 18 Show & Tell
May 25 Motown Showdown Sing & Dance-along

Meet Wisconsin Authors Series

Saturday afternoon, 1:00-2:00 pm
May 8 Sandra Kring, author of *The Book of Bright Ideas*
and her newest title, *How High the Moon*
(Books for sale and signing)

Thursday Afternoon @ the Movies

Thursday afternoons, 4:00-6:00 pm
March 18 *Where the Wild Things Are*
April 1 *Up in the Air*
April 22 *Sherlock Holmes*
May 6 TBD
May 20 TBD (Located in the Children's Programming Area)

Thursday Night @ the Movies

Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30 pm
March 11 *Amadeus* co-sponsored by the Fox Valley Symphony (6:00-8:55 with a 10-minute intermission)
April 8 *The Blind Side*
April 29 *The Red Violin* co-sponsored by the Fox Valley Symphony (6:00-8:30 pm)
May 13 TBD
Titles of movies subject to change based on studio release dates

Music @ the Library

Sunday afternoon, 2:00-3:00 pm
March 14 Jeff Pockat, Gaelic Harper and Storyteller

Music @ the Atrium

Sunday afternoons, 2:00-3:00 pm
March 28 Bill & Doris Olson, Hammered dulcimer and guitar
March 28 Lawrence University Strings Students, Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons* (3:15-4:15 pm)
April 11 Peter Fletcher, Baroque music on guitar (3:00-4:00)
April 25 Taku Ronsman, Songs from around the World (1:00-2:00)
May 9 Todd Lorenz, Roots, blues, and Bluegrass
May 23 Phil Passen, Music of the Civil War

Knit2Together

Monday evenings, 6:30-8:00 pm
March 15
April 19
May 17

Community Read Book Discussions

Book discussions on this year's Fox Cities Reads selection, *Whistling in the Dark* by Lesley Kagen
Thursday evening, 6:30-7:30 pm
March 25 Led by Elizabeth Eisen, Adult Programming Librarian
Wednesday morning, 10:30-11:30 am
April 7 Led by Amy Stanwood, Adult Programming Assistant

Downtown Book Club at Harmony Café

Wednesday afternoons, 12:00-1:00 pm
March 31 Free-for-all
April 7 *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout
May 5 Free-for-all

Writing Matters

Friday morning, 10:30 am-12:00 noon
April 16 Memoir Workshop-Remain Vulnerable
Led by Beth Kephart

Friday afternoon, 12:00-1:00 pm

March 12 **All-Mozart Pre-Concert Talk**
Presented by Brian Groner, Music Director and Conductor, and Marta Weldon, Executive Director, Fox Valley Symphony
Co-Sponsored by the Fox Valley Symphony

Thursday evening, 6:30-7:30 pm

March 18 **Green Living**
Presented by Dianne Paustian

Wednesday evening, 6:30-8:00 pm

March 24 Census 2010 Panel discussion
Co-sponsored by the Appleton League of Women Voters

*Spring Adult Programs - continued from pg. 6***Sunday afternoons 2:00-5:00 pm
& Monday evenings 6:00-9:00 pm****New World Cinema Film Series**

March 28 & 29 *The Son of a Bride/El bigo de la novia* (Argentina)

April 25 & 26 *Revanche* (Austria)

Co-sponsored by the Fox Cities Multicultural Center & Wisconsin Public Radio

Saturday mornings, 10:00-11:00 am**Gardening Programs**

April 3 Herbs-Planning and maintaining an herb garden

May 1 Focus on Vegetables-Growing better tasting food for your table

Monday afternoon, 4:00-5:00 pm**Wisconsin Vietnam War Stories**

May 3

Wisconsin Public Television Film Screening followed by Q/A session with Dr. Lowell Peterson, United States Air Force Captain, Vietnam War

Parks & Recreation Programs @ APL

Exercise Classes

Tuesday & Thursday mornings 9:00-10:00 am

Wednesday & Friday mornings 9:00-10:30 am

Spanish Classes through May 13th

Thursday afternoons, 1:00-3:00 pm (2nd floor Study Room A)

For more information on these programs, please visit:

www.appleton.org, departments/parks and recreation/recreation/active older adult activities or call 920-832-5905. Appleton Parks and Recreation.

Spring Teen Programs @ APL

Have You Read It Yet?

Looking for something new to read? If you haven't read a Young Adult book in a while you're missing out on some great titles and authors. Young Adult books are not just for teens, many adults really enjoy reading them as well. You've probably heard of the Twilight series and, of course, Harry Potter but here are a few other titles you might want to try:

Wintergirls by Laurie Halse Anderson; *Thirteen Reasons Why* by Jay Asher; *Graceling* by Kristin Cashore; *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins; *The Breadwinner* by Deborah Ellis; *The Reformed Vampire Support Group* by Catherine Jinks; *The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks* by E. Lockhart; *Jellicoe Road* by Melina Marchetta; *Ties That Bind, Ties That Break* by Lensey Namioka; *Life as We Knew It* by Susan Beth Pfeffer; *Leviathan* by Scott Westerfeld; *Elsewhere* by Gabrielle Zev.

All of these titles are available at the Appleton Public Library in the TeenLink (YA) Area. Check one out today!

Teen Programming

Teens Take a Break every Tuesday evening at the Library. Programs include gaming, anime, crafts, author visits, and more. In March, teens will be assembling Birthday Kits to be donated to St. Joe's Food Pantry and using Peeps to create Rock Stars. In April, as part of the Book Festival celebration, two teen authors will be visiting the Library: Chris Crutcher on April 12 and James DeVita on April 14. Visit our website, teen.apl.org, for more details on all of the upcoming teen programs at the Library.

And Teens, don't forget! You can start registering for the Teen Summer Library Program on Monday, May 24th. This year our grand prizes include: gift cards to Barnes and Noble, The Tundra Lodge Waterpark, a Coffee House gift basket, Twilight Saga gift set, and an iPod Nano!

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Spring Children Programs @ APL

Stories & Art

Monday through Friday from 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. continuing through May 7.

Stories followed by a guided art project or craft. For the whole family. Adult supervision required. No registration. Free.

Book Babies for prewalkers Mondays 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. through May 3.

A 20 minute lapsit designed for babies not yet walking. Stimulate your baby's senses.

Promote early literacy techniques. No registration. Free.

Reading Rabbits for new walkers Mondays 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. through May 3.

An early literacy experience designed for babies that are new walkers. This 25 minute storytime provides your active toddler with some lapsit time, as well as more opportunities to work on their motor skills and cognitive development.

No registration. Free.

Story Sprouts for 24 to 35 months Mondays 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. through May 3.

An early literacy experience designed to prepare children for preschool experiences. 30 minute storytime provides more complex stories, fingerplays, songs, and opportunities for individual recognition and turn taking. No registration. Free.

Musical Movin' Storytime

Tuesdays through April 6

9:15 – 10 a.m. and 10:15 – 11:00 a.m.

Registration required. 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. Free.

Preschool Tales

Fridays 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. through May 7.

An early literacy experience for children ages three to five designed to help your child experience and transition into kindergarten. The storytime 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. Free.

Family Story Bag

Fridays at 10:15 a.m. through May 7

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. Come see what's in

the story bag!

No registration. Free.

Number Munchers

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. through April 1

Educational independent class for 4 and 5 year old children.

Each week focuses on one number. May include books, number writing practice, dot to dots, number rhymes, 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. Free.

Alphabet Hour

Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. through April 1

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 12:45 to assist with the craft.

Registration required. Free.

Homeschool Explore at 1:30 p.m.

Activities for homeschooled children ages 5 to 12 during the day. **Registration required.** Free.

April 13 Read folktales by Robert San Souci

May 11 Explore the Dewey Decimal System

Let's Get Crafty

March 18 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

If you enjoy craft activities, join us in this celebration of National Craft Month. This event features stories about crafting. Join us after as we work on several different craft stations.

Free and fun for the whole family. No registration necessary. Adult supervision is required.

Little House Hour @ APL

Friday, March 26

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Actor Kevin Massey, who portrays Almanzo in the touring Broadway Musical Little House on the Prairie, will do a reading, followed by other fun activities.

School's Out!

Miniature Star Books. March 29 9:30 a.m.

For children in 3rd grade and up.

Movie at 1:30 on March 29: **Monsters vs. Aliens**

Stegosaurus Craft. March 30 9:30 a.m.

For children in kindergarten through 3rd grade

Movie at 1:30 on March 30: **Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince**

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Create a Puppet!!!

Thursday April 19:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Kindergarten through grade 3. A creative workshop for children eager to make their own puppet.

All materials provided to make paper bag puppets, sock puppets, finger puppets and stick puppets. No registration. Free.

Apples to Apples

April 2 9:30 a.m.

Game is recommended for age 7 and up. Children should be able to read independently.

Movie at 1:30 p.m. on April 2: **The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep**

Teddy Bear Picnic

April 12 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Spring is here! The teddy bears are celebrating with a picnic, and you are invited! Enjoy stories, songs, snacks and activities. Bring your own teddy bear and dress in your finest, or just come as you are! Free fun for the family. Located in Children's Services.

Silly Poems Party

April 22 6:30 – 7:15p.m.

Join us as we celebrate National Poetry Month by reading some silly poems that are sure to get a laugh. Try writing and illustrating your own poetry. This event is free and fun for the whole family to enjoy together. No registration is necessary. Adult supervision is required.

Movies at the Appleton Library

Where the Wild Things Are

Friday March 19 4:00 p.m.

Saturday March 20 10:00 a.m.

The Princess and the Frog

Friday March 26 4:00 p.m.

Saturday March 27 10:00 a.m.

Movie – to be announced

Monday March 29 1:30 -3:30 p.m.

Library Club for Kids

April 16 4:00 p.m.

For students ages 9-12. Help the library decide what activities to plan for kids. Give the library ideas on materials to add to the collection. Help us shelve board books. Play games at the meeting! No registration. Free.

Drop Everything and Read Storytime

Tuesday April 6 at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday April 7 at 11:00 a.m.

Do you love books? Come to the library for storytime! Listen to stories about libraries and books. Thirty minutes of fun and activity for families. No registration.

D.E.A.R. Read-A-Thon

Saturday April 10 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

School age children who read independently are invited to drop everything and read anything they like in honor of Beverly Cleary and Ramona Quimby. Bring a comfy pillow or cushion. Silent reading only. Every child who reads for at least thirty minutes will be entered into drawings for gift certificates! One gift certificate will be given away every half hour. One grand prize will be given away at 4:00 p.m. Children need not be present to win the prizes. Snacks will be provided. Book swap: Bring a gently used book to the library and swap your book with another child's gently used book.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM registration begins on **May 24.**

Registration also begins for Kindergarten, Here I Come (program presented in August).

Tom Pease performs on Thursday June 10 at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. for families. Free.

Contact Children's Services at 832-6187. <http://kids.apl.org>



Library Humor

The Dish on Discs

At any given time, approximately 117% of the items checked out of the Appleton Public Library are DVDs. These shiny discs that show movies and TV shows are so popular that we thought it would be worthwhile to answer some of the basic questions that library users have about the DVD.

What do the initials DVD stand for?

DVD stands for Dick Van Dyke, the beloved actor in such films as “Mary Poppins,” in which Dick played a beloved cockney chimney sweep who pointedly told everyone to go fly a kite even as the beloved star of the film, Julie Andrews, was cramming spoonfuls of sugar down the throats of her unsuspecting charges while leading the Nazis on a wild chase through Austrian convents in search of bright copper kettles and kittens with mittens.

I think you have your movies mixed up.

Oops, you’re right. I was thinking of “Bye Bye Birdie.”

How does a DVD work?

DVDs operate on the same scientific principles as human teleportation as shown in “Star Trek” when people fade into specks of fuzzy bright color and reappear on distant planets with rocks that bounce. The main difference between teleportation and DVDs is that DVDs don’t bounce.

My little brother covered a DVD in peanut butter. Will that do any damage?

Not if consumed in small bites, but it goes down even better with grape jelly!

What’s the advantage of DVDs over videotapes?

Unlike videotapes, DVDs can be used as Frisbees when playing with your dog. They’re not only the right shape, but the holes fit perfectly with canine teeth.

Who invented the DVD?

DVDs were an accidental invention, or “spin off” from the space program, much like Tang and “I Dream of Jeannie.” The original intention was to allow astronauts to play Frisbee in space, which didn’t work because dogs can’t open those little plastic food packets.

What is the proper way to care for DVDs?

Plenty of exercise, daily vitamins, and regular steam baths. Oh, and go light on the peanut butter.

I recently watched the DVD of the movie “Julie and Julia.” In real life, Meryl Steep is only 5’7”, but in the movie she played Julia Child, who was 6’2”. How did they do that?

It’s the same movie magic that allowed Reese Witherspoon to win an Academy Award for portraying the music legend Ray Charles in “Ray.”

I am currently working my way through the DVDs of all ten seasons of “Little House on the Prairie.” So what’s the deal with Michael Landon’s hair?

Michael Landon, who got his start playing Little Hoss on “Bewitched,” frequently used his hair to deflect the harmful rays of the sun onto the evil Klingons, who were determined to destroy the USS Enterprise and stop William Shatner from overacting any more death scenes.

I think you have your shows mixed up again.

Oh, right. I was thinking of “Highway to Heaven.”

What should I use to repair a broken DVD?

Duct tape. Sticky side down.

But won’t that prevent it from playing?

Yes, but in life we can’t always get everything we want and isn’t it about time you learned that?

Do you have any Tori Spelling DVDs?

When given a choice, the inmates of the Guantanamo Detention Camp unanimously selected waterboarding over Tori Spelling DVDs, so of course we do.

Can I play a DVD on my computer?

This depends on whether your computer is equipped with anti-bio-decryption semi-bass induction software, inverted with the sub-atomic high-speed woofer and duct tape alga rhythm complex, peanut butter being optional.

I don’t understand that.

That makes two of us.

What’s the most popular DVD in the library?

“Michael Landon and the Kittens with Mittens.”