



# Spring Green Community Library Newsletter

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## Hours of Operation

**Monday:** 10:00AM-7:00PM

**Tuesday:** 12:30PM-7:00PM

**Wednesday:** 10:00AM-7:00PM

**Thursday:** 12:30PM-7:00PM

**Friday:** 9:00AM-5:30PM

**Saturday:** 9:00AM-12:30PM

Closed Sundays

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## Director's Notes

**By: Carrie Portz**  
Greetings!  
I am delighted to be the new director of the Spring Green Community Library. Most recently, I was the Director of the Barneveld Public Library for six years. While there, I helped lead a fund-raising campaign to renovate and expand the library building, which greatly improved services to area residents. During my career, I've also worked in legal and govern-

ment science libraries, and spent many years as a nursery stock grower and manager for a small landscaping company. My husband and I live in rural Blue Mounds with our two young daughters. In my free time, I enjoy gardening, cooking, knitting, and (of course) reading. As a child growing up in Minnesota, Spring Green was a very special place to my family. My architect and art teacher parents often spoke

with reverence about this unique and beautiful place - Spring Green. I am excited that I now get to become a part of your community. I can't wait to meet you and become "your" librarian. Please come in and say "hi"!

Carrie Portz



## Kids & Teens

*By Chris Baker, Youth Services Librarian*

Out with the old, in with the new! Seasonally, we like to switch out our 'themes' in the children's area of the library, so that families have a fresh space to play in. One of my favorite things about the River Valley is how much this community cherishes art and creativity. Between the American Players Theatre, the art fair, Bob/Beatlefest, and all other avenues of individuality in the area, we all certainly know how to relish in passion and inventiveness! I've found that this makes Spring Green quite unique amongst small Wisconsin towns, and I'm confident many of you would agree.

Every day at work I get to appreciate creativity - after all, I'm surrounded by extraordinary fiction! Additionally, our programs and storytimes draw some of the most inspired (and inspiring) children I could possibly imagine. I decided I wanted to emphasize this penchant for artistic expression, so the theme for the children's area and kids' programming this semester is "Use your imagination"! When I was growing up, I was surrounded by so many people who thoughtfully encouraged me to dream big and embrace my imagination. This has led me to a wonderfully fulfilling career, so I hope to 'pay it forward', in a manner of speaking. When kids come to the library, they should feel safe

and free to be creative! Our storytimes and crafts always focus on this, but our programs do too! Lego/ Minecraft club, 'Meet the Artist', video game club, teen Karaoke - children and teens have plenty of inspiring outlets to choose from. Also, we are calling all children and teens to draw whatever they are motivated to on sheets available in the kids' area. Then, I'll hang them up for friends to see! Here's to hoping for a whimsical spring at the library, and you can help us by adding your art to our walls!

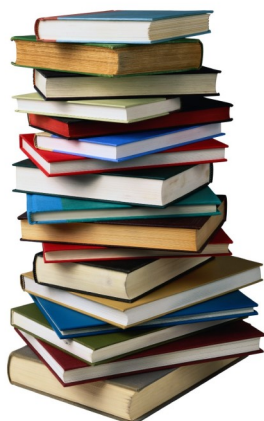
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## Upcoming Events

### LEGO/Minecraft Club February 1, 3:45 PM

Bring your Minecraft mobile device, or just come for the LEGOS. Ages 7-12 please. Registration is not required.



### Meet the Artist February 8, 3:45 PM

Andy Warhol— After a successful career as a commercial illustrator, Warhol became a renowned and sometimes controversial artist. His art used many types of media, including hand drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, silk screening, sculpture, film, and music. His studio, "The Factory", was a well known gathering place that brought together distinguished intellectuals, drag queens, playwrights, Bohemian street people, Hollywood celebrities, and wealthy patrons.

~ He managed and produced The Velvet Underground, a rock band which had a strong influence on the evolution of punk rock music. He founded *Interview* magazine and was the author of numerous books, including *The Philosophy of Andy Warhol* and *Popism: The Warhol Sixties*.

Registration is required. Maximum of 15 Registrants.

### Video Game Club February 16, 3:45 PM

It's a fact: *video games are awesome!* Even Mr. Baker's favorite hobby is playing video games. It'd be unfortunate to dismiss them only as a silly waste of time - us who have grown up with them really get why they are so beloved. It's important to understand and embrace

the power they have at inspiring kids, building creative tendencies, encouraging problem-solving, and perhaps best of all - offering an excellent social past time!

Join us for this drop-in event to relax, eat some snacks, and play video games! We'll hook a Nintendo Wii up to our projector so we can play quick matches of *Super Smash Bros.*, *Mario Kart*, *Wii Sports*, and maybe even more! We'll switch kids out after each match so that everyone will get a chance to play if they want. You can also bring your own Nintendo DS, tablet, phone, or Playstation Portable, and just hang out and meet new people! This is a really casual club that's just meant to be a fun, social experience for everyone who stops by!

There will be free giveaways with each club!

**Note:** For ages 7-17! No registration required. Participants assume total responsibility for anything that might happen to their personal devices when bringing them to the Spring Green Community Library.

### Sphero Club February 22, 3:45 PM

Everyone knows that understanding new technology and how to use it is an incredibly useful skill in today's digital world. Being able to program, of course, is a particularly useful ability! As a bit of a tech geek himself, Mr. Baker is always interested in integrating new technology into our Youth Services clubs. There's no reason that learning these things can't be really, really fun, too! That's why we're borrowing the amazing 'Sphero Kit' from the South Central Library System to host our Sphero Club!

Have you ever seen *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*? Did you see the little droid, BB-8, and think to yourself "It would be so cool to play with one of my own!" Well, Sphero is really similar! Check out the videos below to get a better idea. We'll be getting seven Spheros and seven Kindle Fires to program them with!

**Note:** For ages 7-12 only. **Registration is required** (registration must be done online). There will be 14 spots available for Sphero Club - two kids for each Sphero! There will also be a waitlist of 10 which you can be added to as long as there are spots available. In the event that a participant drops out, we will call you!

