



# Spring Green Community Library Newsletter

## Upcoming Events:

- April 3-New Library Hours Start (10:00 AM)
- April 5-Lego/Minecraft Club (3:45 PM)
- April 7-Department of Workforce Development (9:00 AM)
- April 18 Getting to Know Medicare (6:00 PM)
- April 20-Video Game Club (3:45 PM)
- April 26-Sphero Club (3:45 PM)
- April 28-Teen Anime Club (6:00 PM)
- May 2 Strategies for Social Security and Retirement Income (6:00 PM)

## Hours of Operation

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

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

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

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

**Friday:**  
10:00AM-5:00PM

**Saturday:**  
10:00AM-1:00PM

Closed Sundays

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### Director's Notes

*By Carrie Portz Library Director*

We're gearing up for an exciting spring and summer season at the library!

We are working with the Retirement Classroom to offer several informative sessions this year. On **Tuesday, April 18 at 6 pm** you'll have the opportunity to get your questions about **Medicare** answered. Whether you are approaching Medicare or already enrolled, this class will help you better understand Medicare, get a non-biased overview of coverage options, and keep up with its changes. Then, on **Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm** the Retirement Classroom will present **Strategies for Social Security and Retirement Income**. This class

is designed to help accomplish the most prevalent goal among retirees - to not run out of money! They will cover the options when filing for benefits, how to maximize them, and introduce options for structuring income in retirement. If you can't make the sessions this time, we will offer both again in the fall.

Don't forget, we now offer "office hours" with a professional from the Department of Workforce Development/Job Service from 9 am – noon on the first Friday of the month. Jennifer Seese can provide one-on-one help applying for unemployment benefits, resume writing, job search strategies, interview skills and more. Contact the library to schedule a 30 or 60 minute appointment.

And, have you heard? The **Great American Eclipse** is coming! On August 21, the United States will experience a total eclipse of the sun for the first time since 1979. In the Spring Green area, the eclipse begins at 11:49 am and ends at 2:37 pm. The maximum eclipse is at 1:14 pm when the sun will be 85% covered by the sun. On **Tuesday, May 16 at 6:30 pm**, John Heasley, an astronomy educator with Driftless Stargazing and a Solar System Ambassador with NASA/JPL will teach us all about eclipses and how to be wowed by this one. You can expect eclipse themed events throughout the summer...stay tuned!

### Kids & Teens

*By Chris Baker, Youth Services Librarian*

It blows my mind that we are already approaching the end of our spring session of programs, but it's like they say – time flies when you're having fun! Between some adjustments to the children's area, to particularly high attendance for many of our programs, this season has brought with it some outstanding changes that have been appreciated by many families of the River Valley. Everyone has certainly "used their imagination", in line with our spring theme!

The school year is approaching an end as well, and we all know what that means: summer vacation! They don't call it "vacation" for

nothin' – after all, it's an excellent time to relax and recharge! But we here at the library don't just see summer vacation as the time to lounge around. We want to encourage kids and teens to get out, go do amazing things, meet new people, and learn! And take it from us: the library is a great place to do all of these things.

As many folks know, the each summer we host an approximately 8 week long "Summer Library Program", consisting of games, giveaways, performances/events, and an accompanying reading program. We're also looking for teen volunteers, so be sure to reach out if you have a teen that needs hours! We have a different theme each year, and this year's is as important as ever: "Build a Better World".

Our decorations, summer events, and reading incentives will all tie in with this concept! Building a better world can certainly consist of literal *building*; that is to say construction, demolition, design, etc. But building a better world can also mean sharing happiness, helping others, education oneself, and sustaining our planet. Expect to still see things change at the library as we prep for our summer reading program and try to "Build a Better World" in the River Valley! There will be many more details in the future, so be sure to stay tuned to our website, Facebook page, and newsletter!

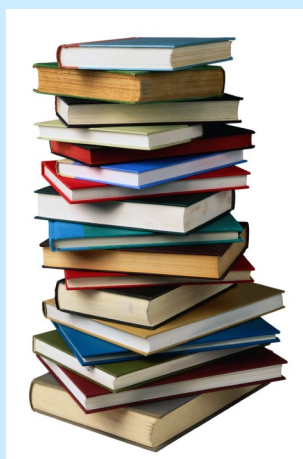
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## Upcoming Events

### Lego/Minecraft Club April 5, 3:45 PM

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

### Getting to Know Medicare April 18 6:00 PM

Whether you are approaching Medicare or already enrolled, attend this class to gain a thorough understanding of the Medicare system and keep up with its changes. The class will provide a broad, non-biased overview of Medicare coverage options. Brought to you by the Retirement Classroom and the Spring Green Community Library.

### Video Game Club April 20 3:45 PM

We'll hook up a Nintendo Wii so everyone can take turns playing Super Smash Bros, Mario Kart, Wii Sports, and more! We'll have snacks available and kids can bring their own Nintendo DS, tablet, phone or PSP to play their own games.

### Sphero Club April 26, 3:45 PM

Learn to program and play with Sphero—a tiny spherical robot similar to BB-8 from *Star Wars: the Force Awakens*. Team up with someone else, challenge yourself, and have loads of fun while doing so.

### Teen Anime Night April 28, 6:00 PM

For teens 12-17! Come hang out at the library and watch an awesome anime movie with your friends! Celebrate anime, manga, and geek culture! Additionally, there will be some Asian snacks to chow and some awesome anime/manga accessories to check out! We also highly encourage Cosplaying, so break out your favorite character costume! It's a very casual evening where we hope to get teens together to share interests and meet new friends!

We will be watching *Kingsglaive: Final Fantasy XV*, to tie in with our February Anime Night. *Kingsglaive* is rated PG-13, and is approximately two hours.

## National Library Week

National Library Week will be observed April 9-15, 2017 with the theme, "Libraries Transform."

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate.

Celebrations during National Library Week include: National Library Workers Day, celebrated the Tuesday of National Library Week (April 11, 2017), a day for library staff, users, administrators and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers; and National Bookmobile Day, celebrated the

Wednesday of National Library Week (April 12, 2017), a day to recognize the contributions of our nation's bookmobiles and the dedicated professionals who make quality bookmobile outreach possible in their communities.

In the mid-1950s, research showed that Americans were spending less on books and more on radios, televisions and musical instruments. Concerned that Americans were reading less, the ALA and the American Book Publishers formed a nonprofit citizens organization called the National Book Committee in 1954. The committee's goals were ambitious. They ranged from "encouraging people to read in their increasing leisure time" to "improving incomes and health" and "developing strong and happy family life."

In 1957, the committee devel-

oped a plan for National Library Week based on the idea that once people were motivated to read, they would support and use libraries. With the cooperation of ALA and with help from the Advertising Council, the first National Library Week was observed in 1958 with the theme "Wake Up and Read!"

National Library Week was observed again in 1959, and the ALA Council voted to continue the annual celebration. When the National Book Committee disbanded in 1974, ALA assumed full sponsorship.

National Library Week is observed each year in April, generally the second full week.

