



Spring Green Community Library Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

- March 1 - Lego/ Minecraft Club (3:45 PM)
- March 16 - Video Game Club (3:45 PM)
- March 22 - Meet the Artist (3:45 PM)
- March 23 - Teen Karaoke & Rockstar Club
- March 29 - Sphero Club (3:45 PM)

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

Director's Notes

By Carrie Portz, Library Director

New Hours!

Beginning Monday, April 3 the library's hours will change to be more consistent (and easier to remember!). We're even adding a few extra hours, so those of you who wanted us open earlier during the week or longer on Saturday will get your wish!

Mon - Thu	10 am - 7 pm
Friday	10 am - 5 pm
Saturday	10 am - 1 pm

New Service

Assistance from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development/Job Service will now be available the 1st Friday of the month, from 9 am-12 pm, right here at the library. Sign up for 30 minute or 1 hour appointments (or take a chance and drop-in!) to get one-on-one help applying for unemployment benefits, resume writing, job search strategies, interview skills, and more.

Scan to email

You can now scan a document and email it directly from our main copier; no flash drive required!

JOB SEARCHES CAN BE OVERWHELMING...



WE CAN HELP!

Kids & Teens

By Chris Baker, Youth Services Librarian

I'm sure many patrons have already noticed some of the changes we've been making at the Spring Green Community Library! Our fantastic new director, Carrie Portz, now has her own office, and we've changed around the children's area quite a bit! I want to take the opportunity for today's newsletter to expand a bit on what kind of changes we've been making, and more specifically why we've decided to do so.

For starters, we've rearranged things in the children's in order to make things feel more open and welcoming overall, yet still safe and contained when it comes to playtime. The bookshelf that used to hold the holiday section (more on that later) was moved over to where the children's table used to be. We then moved the chair where the bookshelf was, and

moved the table where the chair was located. This makes things feel less cramped. In general, we feel that the area has more 'breathing room'. We also switched out our 'Early Reader' bookshelf with the dollhouse and toys that were on the other side of the library. By doing so, we've contained toys and crafts to a more focused area, allowing parents to keep a better eye on children. It also helps centralize distracted children during storytime. Overall, these alterations have already felt very positive!

In terms of our children's collection, we've long had concerns in regards to space. There are many problems that can be associated with an overstuffed collection, but most importantly we want to make sure that what items we have and how they are arranged are best suited to our patrons. Due to seasonal importance (or lackthereof), we've decided to store most of our holiday books in our back office.

We will choose a particular selection of relevant holiday books to display at any given point, but patrons can still request any of our other holiday books either online or in person. We've also been editing out more damaged or unused children's books to create more space on each shelf, which should make it easier to choose books. We've developed a "World Languages" section for parents and children to explore bilingual and foreign language books. In general, we're attempting to make things just a bit more "focused" in the kid's area!

We have some additional changes we hope to make over the next few months, too, so if you have any questions please feel free to ask! We hope you enjoy the changes we've made as much as we do!

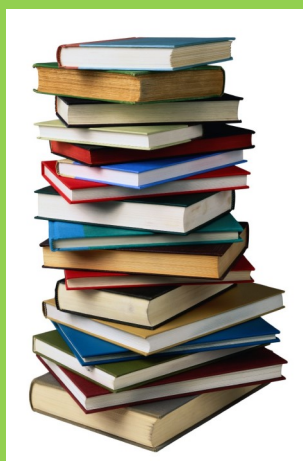
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Upcoming Events

Lego/Minecraft Club **March 7, 3:45 PM**

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

Video Game Club **March 16, 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.



Afterschool Arts with Pat Scofield **March 22, 3:45 PM**

Edward Hicks: Quaker beliefs prohibited a lavish life or having excessive quantities of objects or materials. Unable to maintain his work as a preacher and painter at the same time, Hicks transitioned into a life of painting, and he used his canvases to convey his beliefs. He was unconfined by rules of his congregation, and able to freely

express what religion could not: the human conception of faith. Although it is not considered a religious image, Hicks' *Peaceable Kingdom* exemplifies Quaker ideals. Hicks painted 62 versions of this composition.

~ The animals and children are taken from Isaiah 11:6-8 (also echoed in Isaiah 65:25), including the lion eating straw with the ox. Hicks used his paintings as a way to define his central interest, which was the quest for a redeemed soul. This theme was also from one of his theological beliefs. Registration is required. Maximum of 15 Registrants.

Teen Karaoke & Rockstar Club **March 23, 4:00 PM**

Teens come join us in the community room for some casual singing and gaming. We'll be hooking Rock Band 2 up with the full kit—drums, guitars, mics—and we can all eat



snakes, sing a, and have fun. It doesn't matter whether you're new to the game or an expert, there's nothing at stake—so come join us, bring your friends and have a blast.

Sphero Club **March 29, 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.