



Spring Green Community Library Newsletter

Upcoming Events:

- May 2 Strategies for Social Security and Retirement Income (6:00 PM)
- May 3-Lego/Minecraft Club (3:45 PM)
- May 5-Department of Workforce Development (9:00 AM)
- May 16 The Great American Eclipse (6:30 PM)
- May 18- Teen Rock star & Karaoke Night (4:00 PM)
- May 24-Kids Programming Hour-Scratchjr.(3:45 PM)
- May 30-Help America Talk (6:00 PM)
- June 2-Department of Workforce Development (9:00 AM)

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 summer season at the library!

The Great American Eclipse is right around the corner and we're gearing up! 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!

In early June we'll host a two part discussion series called "Helping America Talk". Registration will be required for this event held on June 6 and 13 from 6 - 8 pm. A discussion led by Jennifer Moore-Kerr of the Interactivity Foundation will focus on how we can promote and enhance discussions to explore and create better public policy. There is no political agenda; but there will be pizza!

Don't forget, we are offering "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.

Finally, you will find the library open at 9 am during the Farmer's Market season. Get some veg with your books!

Kids & Teens

By *Chris Baker, Youth Services Librarian*

With warm days on the horizon, the infamous "summer slide" is approaching. A term long used to describe the slump many students suffer while on break for summer vacation, the "summer slide (and more importantly how work around it) has always been problematic for educators. So much of the knowledge kids acquire throughout the schoolyear (and so many of the good habits they may have developed) tend to slowly succumb to a type of mental atrophy. Successfully retaining information (even during the schoolyear) can already be a challenge for many students, but with multiples months of break, the issues are amplified.

Fortunately, there are things kids can do to help mitigate these problems! Learning and literacy professors have studied the "summer slide" for a long time, and have held fast that the beneficial brain engagement one experiences while reading can be an excellent solution. Reading is like a panacea, or "miracle drug", to mental atrophy. It helps on almost every level!

Right now, I'm in the process of getting our Summer Library Program set up, which includes our nearly 10-week-long Summer Reading Program. The reading program offers amazing incentives for completing independently chosen reading goals, including the chance to win fantastic prize packages. It can be tough to get kids to read, but the incentives (along with a little encouragement) sure helps! So keep an eye out for website updates, plan to get your

child or children registered for our Summer Reading Program, and keep working with your kids to make sure they actually complete it! That last part is important; it's amazing how many children get signed up but don't complete their reading goal, even if it's only 10-15 hours of summer reading. Lead by example! Grab a book and set up some quiet reading time! Either way, stay tuned for more details... but I want to emphasize again: plan to make reading a really important part of your child's summer. I promise you, the benefits are outstanding! And between what we have here at the Spring Green Community Library, and what you can order in elsewhere in the South Central Library System, you've got PLENTY of reading

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Upcoming Events

Lego/Minecraft Club

May 3, 3:45 PM

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

Department of Workforce Development

May 5, 9:00 AM

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 by calling the library at 608-588-2276 (or take a chance and drop-in!). You'll get one-on-one help applying for unemployment benefits, resume writing, job search strategies, interview skills, and more.

The Great American Eclipse

May 16, 6:30 PM

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Teen Rockstar & Karaoke Night

May 18, 6:00 PM

Join us at the library to let loose, laugh, and have fun with *Rock Band 2*! It doesn't matter if you're a newcomer or crafty veteran; there's no need to worry! We'll play classic rock hits with our full *Rock Band 2* kit. This is your chance to be the world-famous guitarist or singer you've always wanted to be! We've got the guitars, microphones, and drum set already - so all you need to do is show up. Bring your friends and form the next great band. Sing your hearts out!

Scratch JR

May 24, 3:45 PM

Suggested age 5-9. If you have your OWN device with ScratchJr downloaded, you can feel free to join us! Registration required for those needing an iPad. Parents/guardians must be pre-

sent AND work with children ages 6 and under. Registration is limited to 14 children who do not have their own device. There will be a waitlist in case cancellations are made, so we can contact you. The Spring Green Community Library is not responsible for any damages to personal devices brought to the library.

Chris will be leading a kid's "Intro to programming" geared towards children with a suggested age range of 5-9. We will be utilizing the awesome educational programming tool *ScratchJr* to explore the basics of learning how to program! ScratchJR is an easy to use, "Drag n' drop" style app that is absolutely free!

Help America Talk

May 30, 6:00 PM

How can we improve public discourse? Join in a community conversation, led by Interactivity Foundation facilitator Jennifer Moore-Kerr. This two part conversation will cover a range of topics, including: education for collaborative public discourse, connecting public talk to public action, open discourse for all, and using competition to get better ideas into public discourse. Registration is required for this discussion and space is limited to 10.

The Interactivity Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization that helps groups, organizations, and individuals re-discover the lost art of civil, civic discussion. They do not advocate for any policy or approach related to the topics addressed in discussions.

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