

# Friends

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## FUN FOR ALL SHINDIG!

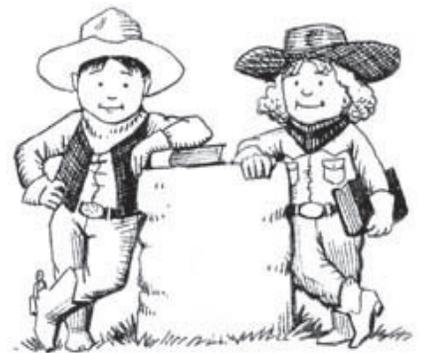
Saturday, September 20, 4:30-8p.m.

Dinner followed by Dancing at Fireman's Park Shelter

Join us as the Monona Public Library celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a lively fundraiser at the new Fireman's Park Shelter located at the NW corner of Winnequah Park. We've planned an evening of foot-stompin' fiddle music, amazin' grazin', activities for the young'uns and an auction (on-line silent and live). Move to your heart's content or sit back and enjoy the music and camaraderie. Families and beginners welcome. No partner, experience or costume necessary. We'll do-si-do rain or shine

Tickets are \$30 per person, or \$100 for a family of 4 (define family as you'd like). Children 4 and under are free. Ticket price includes dinner provided by Fat Jack's, dessert, an evening of lively entertainment and a free Friends of Monona Public Library membership! Get your tickets at the Library or by calling 222-6127.

So pull on your boots and give us a holler. We reckon it'll be a uniquely fun, uniquely Monona evening. Sponsored by the Friends of the Monona Public Library. See [mononalibrary.org](http://mononalibrary.org) for more details. Kindly spread the word!



## ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE SET TO RETURN OCTOBER 11-12

The Friends' annual used book and bake sale will be held October 11-12 in the lower level of the Monona Public Library. This is our primary fundraiser of the year and all proceeds from the sale go to support library activities. As usual, a "Friends Only" sale is scheduled for 9-10 a.m. on Saturday, October 11. During this time, only current members of the Friends will be allowed into the sale. If you're not sure your membership is current, check the expiration date on the mailing label on this newsletter. Bring your membership card to the sale if you have already renewed for this year. If not, Friends' memberships may be renewed or purchased at the door.

The sale will be open to the general public from 10-4 on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>. Standard size paperbacks will be 50¢, large paperbacks and discarded library hard cover books \$1 and other hard covers \$2. In addition, we will be selling used videos for 50¢, CDs for \$1 and DVDs for \$2 and up.

Come back on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 for a bag sale of all the remaining books. Fill up a grocery bag of books for just \$5.

**Donations for the sale** are always appreciated (please, no textbooks, technology books, magazines or reference materials more than a few years old). Just bring your contributions to the back of the lower level of the Library near the Friends Book Shop.

**Volunteers are needed** to make the sale a success. Please call Anne Doran at 332-0065 if you'd like to volunteer to sort books a few days before the sale, work the day of the sale, or help with cleanup.

## FRIENDS' BAKE SALE - OCTOBER 11-12

The Friends will hold a bake sale along with the used book sale October 11-12. A wide variety of treats will be available in the lower level of the Library.

Can you help us with donations for the bake sale? A batch of cookies, pan of bars or whatever you'd like to make would be appreciated. If you'd like to contribute something or help at the sale, please call Lynda Weinberger at 221-1179.

## AFTERNOON TEA AT THE MONONATON LIBRARY A SMASHING SUCCESS!

We had a wonderful Downton Abbey-inspired tea in the library last April featuring Leslie Bellais of the Wisconsin Historical Society, who discussed the evolution of women's undergarments over the years. Her presentation was followed by a full tea, a silent auction of tea cozy baskets, and photo opportunities in a mint 1916 Peerless auto. The Friends raised over \$4000 for library services at this memorable event. Many many local businesses donated food to our tea and the tea itself was served by an ace staff of volunteers, all wearing mop caps for the occasion!



## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

This past summer, the Library received a significant nip-and-tuck. Our entryway was expanded, with a wide wooden staircase, a newly expanded book return room, and a refresh of the library's look. We hope the changes make the library more inviting as we continue to serve as "Monona's living room." Despite the noise of the hammers and drills, over 1,100 people registered to participate in the summer reading program. We would like to thank each one of you for bearing with us during our summer of construction.



We embrace our goal of offering enrichment opportunities to people of all ages. In January, the Library will launch the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, which seeks to ensure that children receive a wide exposure to a variety of books before starting school. For adults, we have a musical program featuring dreamy

songs, our tasty Seasonal Chefs series, Money Smart week activities, a program for brain health, Green Tuesdays, Tech Tutoring, Book a Librarian services, Fearless Crafters, and more! We will offer more ebooks via Overdrive and continued access to Consumer Reports Online.

As always, I encourage you to let us know how we can continue to best serve Monona. See you this Fall and Winter!

*Erick Plumb, Library Director*

## KEEP INFORMED!

Do you want to keep up-to-date on all the great events and services available at Monona Public Library? There are many ways to stay informed. Sign up for one of our eNewsletters at [www.mononallibrary.org](http://www.mononallibrary.org) or call (608) 222-6127. Check our website at [www.mononallibrary.org](http://www.mononallibrary.org) on a regular basis. Also, check us out on Facebook or Twitter. We hope you'll like us too! We will keep you informed about library news, events, dates, times, tips for reading, new materials, displays, fun facts, and more.



## HOW DO I REGISTER FOR LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES?

Register online at [www.mononallibrary.org](http://www.mononallibrary.org), in person at Monona Public Library, 1000 Nichols Road, Monona, or by phone at (608) 222-6127. Email



[karen@mononallibrary.org](mailto:karen@mononallibrary.org) for details about children's and family events and [tonis@mononallibrary.org](mailto:tonis@mononallibrary.org) for adult/teen events. Dates and times of events are subject to change, so please check before you arrive.

## SAY CHEESE

Monona Public Library reserves the right to utilize photos of participants for publicity.



## EVENTS FOR ADULTS AND TEENS

### BOOK A LIBRARIAN

Schedule a 30-minute session with a librarian for some one-on-one assistance on a reference question, picking out your next book to read, or a technology issue. Appointments can be made at the library or by calling 608-222-6127. Available by Appointment

### FEARLESS CRAFTERS

*Programs on Wednesdays at 6 pm*

Let your crafting flag fly high! Our popular Fearless Crafters program for adults and teens features whimsical, recycled, and cost-effective approaches to your muse within. We bring the supplies, you bring the imagination. **Supplies and seats are limited, so be sure to register in advance.** More programs to be announced; see our website or join our mailing list for updates.



**October 15:** Crafty Words

**November 5:** Recycled Jewelry: DIY Green Gifts

**December 3:** Another Kind of Little Library: Decorate Your Own Gingerbread Library

**February 4:** Valentines and Anti-Valentines

**April 8:** Art Between the Lines: Recycled Book projects

### SEASONAL CHEFS

*Programs on Wednesdays at 6 pm*

Celebrate food through demos, discussions, recipes, Q & A, and delicious samples with some of our fantastic local chefs. Spoiler alert: you will certainly be spoiled by this amazing free series! **Pre-registration is required; sign up on our website 4-6 weeks prior to the event.**



**December 10:** *Oh So Satisfying Seasonal Baking with Chef Coz of Rosie's Coffee Bar and Bakery*

**January 28:** *A New Leaf--New Treats for a New Year with Chef Angelika from the Willy Street Co-op*

**March 4 :** *March Forth...into the Kitchen!* (Chef TBA)

**May 6:** Program TBA, check our website for details one month prior to the event.

## TECH PROGRAMS

*Programs on Saturdays at 10 am*

Wanting a little help with your gadget? Curious about social media? Want to learn how to download eBooks to your device? Monona Public Library's got you covered! From introductions on how to use your iPad to the very basics on how to best utilize the internet, our instructors offer straightforward classes that are sure to please!

**October 4:** *Intro to Emailing*

**October 11:** *Introduction to Android*

**November 8:** *Introduction to Overdrive*

**January 10:** *Overdrive for iPad*

**February 14:** *Overdrive for Kindle*

**March 14:** *Overdrive for Nook*



### TECH TUTORING WITH DAN

*2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month from 1-2:30 pm*  
(30 minute slots)

Are you having technical difficulties? Do you have software you just can't figure out? Dan's your man and he can help! Dan can offer you support with Windows, Mac, iPhones/iPad/Samsung devices, Kindle overdrive, Gmail/Yahoo/Hotmail, and Office Suite (PowerPoint, Word, Excel). Your tech topic should be specific enough to be covered in 30 minutes. Schedule an appointment by calling 608-222-6127 or email [emily@mononlibrary.org](mailto:emily@mononlibrary.org).



### GREEN TUESDAYS AND THE NATURAL STEP

*Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm*

Enjoy events that help us learn to solve some of the problems that are making our society and world unsustainable. Ignited by free film screenings and presentations from experts, our conversations spark ways to make our world better, together. 2015 programs will be posted on the website. Please visit [www.tnsmonona.org](http://www.tnsmonona.org) to learn more.

Upcoming programs:

**October 14:** *Natural Burial: A Powerful Family Experience* (presentation)

**November 11:** *If a Tree Falls* (film)

**December 10:** *Make a book safe* (project)



## BOOK CLUBS AT THE MONONA LIBRARY

Share a snack and share your opinions about some books worth talking about. Books will be available at the library about a month before the discussion on a first come basis. Drop in or register online. Also check our website to see the current book selection for the month.

### Teen Lit for Adults:

**Second Tuesday of the month (no meeting in December) at 6:30 pm**

A book club for adults who are interested in critically acclaimed writing from some of the most exciting voices in young adult literature. Discuss some of the most edgy and eloquent current fiction in a variety of genres.



### Wednesday Morning Book Club:

**Third Wednesday of the month at 10 am**

This book group is for people interested in reading thought-provoking fiction in a variety of genres. Come for discussion, coffee and treats.



## NEW PROGRAM: THE MONONA HISTORY CLUB!

We are pleased to announce a new program series hosted at Monona Public Library by the Historic Blooming Grove Historical Society which will explore our fascinating local history with speakers and exhibits. Don't miss these wonderful programs! Light refreshments will be available. More information is also available at <http://www.bloominggrovehistory.org/>

### Prehistory of Southern Wisconsin,

a presentation by Amy Rosebrough, Wisconsin Historical Society Archaeologist.

**Sunday November 9, 2-4 pm**

Amy will talk about pre-historic and historic Native Americans and their effigy mounds in Southern Wisconsin with an emphasis on Dane County and the Monona area.



**Sunday, January 11, 2-4 pm Topic TBA**

**Sunday, February 8, 2-4 pm Topic TBA**

## NOURISH YOUR NOGGIN

**Saturday March 21 (time TBA)**

This fun program is for anyone interested in brain health. Bonnie Nutt from the Alzheimer's Association will guide us through topics on how memory works, age-related memory changes—what is normal and what is not—and how to live a brain-healthy lifestyle.

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## GET READY FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

**National Library Week is April 12-18**

Share the love: of books and movies and technology and information and connections and programs and services and all the things that make public libraries both essential and very special. Visit the Monona Public Library during National Library Week and see some of the special things we have planned!





## ANOTHER MONEY SMART WEEK COMING YOUR WAY

*Money Smart Week is April 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>*

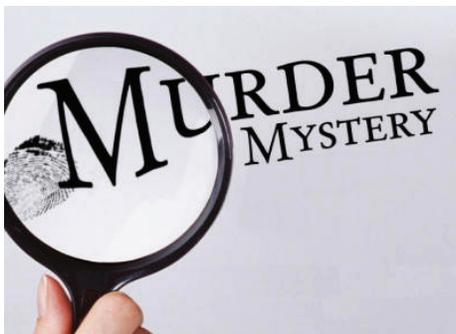
Learn more about money and how to manage it. We will have a special program featuring our Personal Finance collection funded by Monona State Bank. We will also have guest presenters covering topics ranging from budgeting, protecting your personal data, Money Matters 101, the 10 most frequent financial mistakes, and more. The “financial doctor” recommends these programs for your monetary well-being!



## KILLER WOMEN IN FICTION

*February 18, 6 pm*

Why are killer women stories so interesting? Do killer women have traits in common? Does their popularity have anything to do with undercurrents or characteristics of our culture? Join us for a panel discussion and some suspenseful short readings. On our panel: T.E. Woods, crime fiction author and psychologist; Joanne Berg, owner of Mystery to Me bookstore; and perhaps a surprise guest or two (check our website or Facebook or our e-newsletter for more details).



## DREAM A LITTLE DREAM OF YOU

*April 29, 6 pm*



Many composers have written songs that came to them in dreams. Ann Aswegan, author and dream consultant, will offer insight on dreams with a musical theme. Musician Andy Nath will provide a musical tour of dreamy songs by the Beatles, Bob Dylan, and some of his own original compositions. Come to explore some of your own ‘sound dreams’ (check our website, Facebook, or our e-newsletter for more details).

## STORYTELLING CLUB

*Third Tuesday of the month, September through April from 6:15 to 7:45 pm*

The Storytelling Club is an opportunity for new tellers to learn more about storytelling techniques from



other members and a chance for established artists to develop their skills and repertoire. The focus of the group is on sharing stories that are appropriate for a family audience. Drop-in to listen to tales or to share a story (Stories are told vs. being read out loud). Contact Karen Wendt at [karen@mononalibrary.org](mailto:karen@mononalibrary.org) or 608-216-7453.

## THE WALLS ARE ALIVE...WITH ART!

Our dazzling wall art exhibits are curated by Meghan Blake-Horst, formerly of Absolutely Art. When possible she tries to link them with library programming and activities. We have an abundance of talented local artists so stop by our library art gallery and give yourself an art break. From time to time, our display cases will also be featuring fascinating historical items from the Historic Blooming Grove Historical Society, which will tie in with their Sunday programs at the library.

## EVENTS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### BEDTIME MATH

Wednesday, Sep. 17, 6 to 7:30 pm



Bedtime has never been so fun with Bedtime Math, featuring math riddles and games dealing with everything from Bathtime to PJs. We will also be making a “When Glitter Meets Glue” craft. This one is fun for the whole family! Studies show that children who receive quality early childhood education are more likely to be successful throughout their school years. Monona Public Library coordinates Math Literacy Night with the Monona Grove Together 4 Kids program. Parents learn what they can do at home to use books and games to enhance math concepts and learning for their young children. 1.5 CE Credit for participation. The Registry event. [Register online at www.mononapubliclibrary.org](http://www.mononapubliclibrary.org) or call 608-222-6127.

### SCHOOL BUS STORYTIME

Tuesday, October 7 at 9:20 am & 10:05 am

Enjoy a special School Bus Storytime with Karen on the great big bus! We’re looking forward to meeting the Badger Bus Company driver, listening to a story and singing “The Wheels on the Bus.” Our driver will join Karen to briefly talk about school bus safety. Back in the library, children will be invited to make a school bus related craft. **REGISTER:** Primarily for ages 2 to 5, but siblings welcome.



### LEGO CLUB

First Monday of the month, October through January from 4 to 5 pm

Join us for an hour of construction fun with LEGO bricks! For ages 4 to 11. The library will provide buckets of bricks to give your imagination something with which to work. Bring your creativity! Bring your library card to check out books, too. Hosted by Karlyn.



### STORYTIMES:

Register online at [www.mononapubliclibrary.org](http://www.mononapubliclibrary.org) starting October 15

Wednesdays, November 12 to December 10

Thursdays, November 13 to December 11

Additional Sessions: January to February and March to May. Specific dates and times to be announced.

### BABY & ME

Thursdays 11:15 am

A 15-minute program for non-walking babies ages birth to 12 months and their adult caregivers. Have fun with baby on the floor (chairs available). Music, rhymes, tickles and bounces. Stay to socialize after the program. [Register for the session.](#) Walk-ins as space is available.

### TODDLERTIME

Wednesdays 9:15 am and

Thursdays 10:15 am

A 20-minute active program for walkers ages 12 to 35 months old. Enjoy simple books, stories, rhymes, fingerplays and music. Each toddler should be accompanied by an adult.

[Register for the session.](#)



### PICTURE BOOK FAMILY STORYTIME

Wednesdays 10 am and

Thursdays 9:30 am

A 30-minute multi-activity storytime for children aged 2 to 5 years. Younger siblings are welcome to sit on an adult lap. Picture books, stories, rhymes, fingerplays and music! [Register for the session.](#) Walk-ins as space is available.



### SPECIAL FALL FRIDAY STORYTIME

October 6 to November 3, 10 am

A 30-minute multi-activity storytime for children aged 2 to 5 years. Younger siblings are welcome to sit on an adult lap. Picture books, stories, rhymes, fingerplays and music! [Register for the session.](#)

Walk-ins as space is available. Hosted by Karlyn.



## READ TO A DOG

Monday, November 17, 4-5:30 pm;

Monday, December 29, 10-11:20 am;

Other dates TBA

What do you get when you bring books, children, and dogs together? Children who love to read! Register independent readers to read 20 minutes to a specially trained Reading Education Assistance Dog. **Sign up your child in advance at the Library or by calling 222-6127.** Watch our website or sign up for our e-newsletter for more about Read to a Dog events.



## TELLABRATION: AN INTERNATIONAL STORYTELLING EVENING

Wednesday, November 19, times to be announced.

A gathering of storytellers and story listeners held annually all around the world in November! Don't miss this very special storytelling celebration featuring local and regional guest storytellers. **Storytellers are sharing tales in the afternoon for families and in the evening for adults and teens.**



## WINTER VACATION EVENTS FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

December 22 to 30.

Dates and times to be announced.

Watch our website or email newsletter for some of these fun activities on a day you can attend! Crafts, LEGO creations and other building blocks parties, drawing and writing, Origami and paper airplanes.

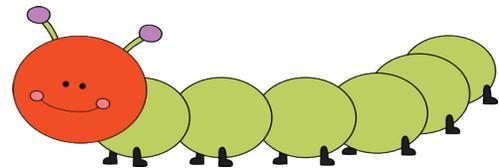
## NEWSLETTER

Sign up to receive a Youth Services email newsletter on our website, [www.mononallibrary.org](http://www.mononallibrary.org).

## 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Tuesday, January 20 at 9:30 am

The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. Read a book, any book, to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books (yes, you can repeat books) before your precious one starts kindergarten. If you read just 1 book a night, you will have read about 365 books in a year. That is 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years. If you consider that most children start kindergarten at around 5 years of age, you have more time than you think, so get started. Monona Public Library is here to help! We will be kicking off our new 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program with a special event on January 20<sup>th</sup>; please RSVP. Sign up to participate in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program anytime the library is open after the special event on January 20.



## CREEPING, CRAWLING BUGS PARTY: A SPECIAL FUNDRAISER EVENT

The Friends of the Monona Public Library will sponsor a Creeping, Crawling Bugs Party (cost & date TBA). Children will enjoy a fantastical party setting, buggy crafts, insect trivia games, treats and lemonade, and a brief storytime or puppet show. Guests are invited to dress in costume. To close the event, there will be a parade through the library to search for caterpillar caves, toad houses, frog mansions, and butterfly bungalows. Children will choose a spider plant or garden creature bookmark to take home. For more information about how to purchase tickets or how to sponsor this event, contact [karen@mononallibrary.org](mailto:karen@mononallibrary.org).



## TOUR

Request a tour of the Children's Room by appointment, contact [karen@mononallibrary.org](mailto:karen@mononallibrary.org).

## ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

### DONATE TO THE FRIENDS VIA AMAZON SMILE

The Friends recently joined the AmazonSmile program, where Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase of eligible products to us. Keep that in mind the next time you need to make a purchase from Amazon.

It's easy—just go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and sign in the way you normally do. Select the Friends of the Monona Public Library from the list of eligible organizations and start shopping! Amazon will remember your selection and in the future, every eligible purchase you make on AmazonSmile will result in a donation.

### GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are always looking for volunteers to help care for the library's gardens. If you'd like to have something to look forward to next spring, contact coordinator Leslie Johnson at [ljjohnson@charter.net](mailto:ljjohnson@charter.net) and ask her to put you on the list.

### BOOK STORE DONATIONS

Fall cleaning? Consider donating your gently used books to the Friends. They'll be used both for our October 11-12 sale and afterward in the Friends Book Shop. Just leave them at the entrance to the shop at the back of the first floor of the library. While we want most of your books, we'd appreciate if you didn't donate technology and textbooks, magazines and reference materials more than a few years old.

### RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL!

Would you like to save the Friends some money for more programming and receive our Newsletter via email? If you do, email us at [friends@mononallibrary.org](mailto:friends@mononallibrary.org)

