

# Friends

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## TIME TO RENEW!

March 31 marks the end of our membership year. Please check the membership expiration date on your mailing label and renew your membership if it has expired. To renew, complete the form attached to the enclosed envelope and return it with your payment. All membership payments are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. Membership fees are increasing this year for the first time since 2008. New fees are as follows: Individual - \$15, Household - \$25, Sustaining - \$50 and SuperFriend - \$100. Be sure to encourage your friends and neighbors to support the library and join the Friends.



## ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends of the Monona Public Library's annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, at 6:45 p.m. in the board room in the lower level of the library. Please join us to discuss our plans for the coming year, elect new board officers and learn how you can become more involved in Friends' activities.

## FRIENDS DINNER

Our annual dinner (Dutch treat) will again be held separately from the annual meeting. Please join us on Monday, May 12 at 6 p.m. at 1855 Saloon & Grill, 218 South Main Street in Cottage Grove. If you'd like to come and get to know some of the Friends, please call Lynda Weinberger at 221-1179 so she can be sure to reserve enough seats.

## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISERS

The Friends of the Monona Public Library and the Monona Library Public Foundation are presenting some very special fundraisers to recognize our Golden Anniversary Year.

## AFTERNOON TEA AT MONONATON LIBRARY

Sunday, May 4, 3:30-5:30 pm

Support our library while enjoying tea and delicious sweet and savory nibbles in the beautiful confines of Monona Library. Leslie Bellais, Curator of Social History at the Wisconsin Historical Society, will present an entertaining and educational "Victorians' Secrets: The Revealing History of Women's Underwear" talk. Discover the secret behind Victorians' tiny waists and explore how women's undergarments reflected societal values. Genteel music and refined parlor games, inspired by the hit PBS Downton series will be part of this celebration. Delectable teatime treats have been donated by Ma-Cha Tea House, Lazy Jane's, Rosie's Coffee Bar & Bakery, Willy Street Co-op, and other beloved local dining establishments. Dress for the occasion in your favorite period attire or wear a hat, if you are so inclined. In the weeks prior to the event, you are welcome to bring your unique tea pot for display at the library. Minimum suggested donation of \$35 per person. Make your reservation in advance at Monona Library, 1000 Nichols Road, or by calling 608-222-6127.



## A VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR TEA PARTY!

Saturday, May 17

**First Party: 2:15-3:15 pm; space is limited to 30 children ages 3 and older.**

**Second Party: 3:45-4:45 pm; space is limited to 30 children ages 3 and older.**

Boys and girls, dress up in your best, your fanciest, finest, garden tea party outfit or bug costume and join us! Children will enjoy a fantastical indoor garden setting presented by Funny Faces Family **R**

## HUNGRY CATERPILLAR TEA PARTY cont.

Entertainment, LLC, along with a caterpillar craft, bug game, treats and tea. We'll have a grand prize drawing for a basket of goodies. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be put toward the purchase of an iPad for the Children's Early Literacy Center. Minimum suggested donation of \$5 per child at the party tables. Adults who would like to view the event will be seated in the garden party observation area and are invited to make a donation toward the fundraiser. Reserve your ticket in advance at Monona Library, 1000 Nichols Road, or by calling 608-222-6127.



## FUN FOR ALL SHINDIG!

**Dinner Followed by Dancing at  
Fireman's Park Shelter  
Saturday, September 20, 4-8 pm**

Help the Library celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at this fun-filled fundraiser – complete with foot-stompin' fiddle music and amazin' grazin'. A professional caller will teach us traditional American dances, including old-time squares and Midwestern big circle dances. Learn the steps, dance to your heart's content or sit back and enjoy the music and camaraderie! Get out your gingham or straw hat and get ready to swing your partner. Families and beginners are welcome. No partner, experience, or costume necessary – although what would a Monona Library 'fun-raiser' be without a costume contest? Don't fret the menu; Fat Jack's will provide something for everyone, including sliced pork, roast chicken, grilled vegetables, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw and pasta salad! Beer and root beer sold separately. Come rain or shine! Minimum suggested donation of \$25 per person; \$80 for family of 4; kids 4 & under free. Reserve your ticket in advance at Monona Library, 1000 Nichols Road, or by calling 608-222-6127.



## FRIENDS' GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

Thanks to your generosity, the Friends were able to contribute over \$7,000 to the library in the past year, much of which was used to support programming for all ages. Friends' contributions also helped purchase gardening supplies for the Master Gardeners who volunteer their time to keep the library grounds so beautiful. Among other things, your contributions were used to help pay for:

- Summer Reading Program performers
- Performers and supplies for additional children, family & adult programs held throughout the year
- Hungry Minds/Seasonal Chefs presenters
- Fearless Crafter presenters and supplies
- Gardening supplies
- Local music collection CD's

## SUPPORT THE FRIENDS' BOOK SHOP

The Friends' Book Shop located at the back of the first floor of the library has become a major factor in raising money to support library programs. In 2013, the Book Shop generated \$1643 in income. As you're weeding out your bookshelves this spring, please keep the Book Shop in mind when you're deciding where to donate your gently used books. Donations can be left in the plastic bin right inside the entrance to the Book Shop. Friends' members take turns each month sorting out the donations. Please note that while all donations are appreciated, we cannot use textbooks, technology books, magazines or reference materials more than a few years old.

## JOIN THE FRIENDS

Do you love the library's programs? Love the library? Show your support by joining the best deal in town: The Friends of the Monona Public Library. The Friends raise funds to allow the library to bring you fantastic free events and also to purchase materials to promote literacy for all ages. By joining the Friends, you will signal your support of libraries as an indispensable community institution and join others in providing information, technical resources, and recreational life-long learning materials to all. Go to - <http://mymonona.com/DocumentCenter/View/87> to join the Friends. **Save the date for the annual Friends of the Library Book & Bake Sale: October 11 & 12.**



## CALL FOR GARDENING VOLUNTEERS



In Monona, a group of Library volunteer gardeners are anxiously awaiting the first sign and scents of spring. Every Tuesday morning, throughout the season, there is hustle and bustle going on among the several 'mini' gardens on the Library property. Each volunteer adopts a garden that is designed, installed and cared for by that individual.

Help celebrate the Monona Public Library's 50<sup>th</sup> year in the gardens! We are looking for folks who love to play in the dirt. No experience necessary, just a desire to be outside and have fun. We have plans for an original perennial bed to enhance our new Library signage, as well as establishing a sustainable two tier garden using native shrubs and plants. We look forward to hearing from you! If you'd like to volunteer, have questions or require additional information please contact coordinator Leslie Johnson – [lxjohnson@charter.net](mailto:lxjohnson@charter.net).

## LIKE US ON FACEBOOK/ CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

Want to stay up to date on all library events and activities? Like the library on Facebook for information, reviews, and resources! For even more information on library events and services available at Monona Library, check out our website at [www.mononalibrary.org](http://www.mononalibrary.org) or give us a call at (608) 222-6127.



## LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday closed Memorial Day – Labor Day weekends;  
open 1-5 pm during the academic year  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday open 9 am - 8 pm  
Thursday, Friday open 9 am - 6 pm  
Saturday open 9 am - 5 pm

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

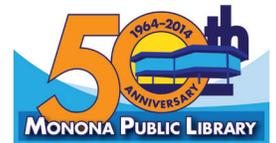


We're celebrating the Library's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in a big way in 2014. Throughout the year, we'll hold events to celebrate where we've been, where we are now, and start to plan for the next 50 years. From our humble beginnings when we opened in 1964 in a small room of the Monona Community Center, the Monona Library has grown and flourished to an astonishing degree. This will be a big year for the library building, too. Our entryway will receive a facelift as we renovate and widen the staircase, re-tile the floor, expand the book-drop room, and open up the first floor seating area. Big changes, but the end result will be worth the hammering and noise here this summer.

We recently added *Consumer Reports Online* to give you access to the latest consumer reviews and information and we'll debut a brand-new Monona State Bank Personal Finance collection this spring. It's an exciting time to be at the Monona Library. We're thrilled to celebrate the success of our first half-century serving Monona residents; we're even more excited to look forward to what the next decades will bring. As Monona continues to grow and thrive, we'll be here to serve you. See you this summer!

*Erick Plumb, Director*

## Monona Public Library 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary!



January 2014 marked Monona Public Library's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and ushered in a year-long

roster of events planned to celebrate this very special milestone. Come on in and view the displays, check out our website and Facebook pages, and register for one of our unique programs and/or fundraisers. See what our library users are raving about! While we are celebrating our history, we are also looking forward to a bright future serving our community.

## Limited Edition Library Card

Check out our new limited edition library card! Monona residents (or those owning property in Monona) may obtain one for a \$5 donation. This card gives you full access to all items within the South Central Library System. Get one while supplies last!



## ONGOING SERIES & PROGRAMS

### FEARLESS CRAFTERS

Fearless Crafters, Monona Library's version of MakerSpace, features whimsical, recycled and cost-effective approaches to your muse within. We bring the supplies, you bring your imagination!

Check [www.mononibrary.org](http://www.mononibrary.org) for dates and times of these upcoming programs:

- Think of Mom...and You too! Handmade gifts for a special someone.
- Dream Journal Workshop led by author Ann Aswegan. Make a beautiful dream journal to record your inner journey.
- How Does Your Garden Grow? Create some lawn bling to decorate your yard!

More programs to be announced; see our website or join our e-newsletter mailing list for updates. Register.



### SEASONAL CHEFS

Celebrate food through demos, discussions, recipes, Q & A, and delicious samples with fantastic local chefs.

Previous programs showcased the talents of chefs from Bunky's, Gail Ambrosius, Willy Street Co-op, Crema Cafe, Stalzy's Deli, Monty's Blue Plate Diner and more. We have an equally exciting lineup planned for our anniversary year. Spoiler alert: you will be spoiled by the delicacies and delights of this free series. Register 4–6 weeks prior to event at [www.mononibrary.org](http://www.mononibrary.org). Check our website and Facebook for details of future programs.



### TECH SAVVY SATURDAYS

Want a little help with your gadget? Curious about social media? In the dark about how to download eBooks to your device? We've got you covered! From 'Introduction to Overdrive' to 'How to Use Your iPad' to 'How to Best Utilize the Internet', our instructors offer concise,



straightforward classes that are sure to enlighten. Specific dates TBA, so keep your eyes peeled!

### TECH TUTORING WITH DAN

If you've got a gadget and have questions, need help downloading eBooks, or just have some questions about the internet or your email, Dan's your man! Dan is here on the second and third Saturdays of each month for 30-minute sessions from 1:00–2:00 pm. Sign up for your 30-minute session with Dan! Your tech topic should be specific enough to be covered in half an hour, please. Schedule an appointment by calling 608-222-6127.

### THREE GREAT BOOK CLUBS AT THE MONONA LIBRARY: JOIN ONE, JOIN THEM ALL!

Share a snack and share your opinions about some books worth talking about. A schedule of books and titles will be posted on our website one month before each meeting; books will be available at the library then, too (first come, first served basis). Register or drop in.

#### TEEN LIT FOR ADULTS

**6:30 pm on the second Tuesday of each month (no meeting in December)**

This is an ongoing book club for adults who are interested in critically acclaimed writing from some of the most exciting voices in young adult literature. Come to discuss some of the most edgy and eloquent fiction in a variety of genres, including realistic fiction, fantasy/sci-fi, historical fiction, and graphic novels.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

**10 am on the third Wednesday of each month**

This group is for people interested in reading thought-provoking fiction in a variety of genres. Discussions wouldn't be complete without coffee and light treats.

#### HUNGRY MINDS BOOK GROUP

**6 pm on semi-regular Wednesdays**

Enjoy lively discussion of the most interesting, cutting edge food writing, plus tasty book-related treats! Books are available at Monona Library for check out.



## BOOK A LIBRARIAN

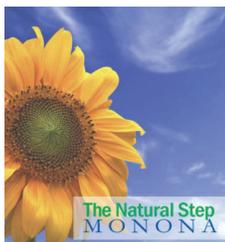
Book a 30-minute session with a librarian for some one-on-one assistance on a reference question, technology issue, or help finding a good book to read! Make an appointment by calling 608-222-6127.



## GREEN TUESDAYS AND THE NATURAL STEP AT MONONA LIBRARY

Second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

The Natural Step Monona is a grassroots organization made up of people working to make our lives and our community more sustainable – environmentally, economically and socially. Enjoy events that help us learn to solve 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. Visit [www.tnsmonona.org](http://www.tnsmonona.org) to learn more.



## SPRING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

In addition to our regular series programs, we have a few summer surprises cooked up for you. Check our website for program details and online registration.

### DISCOVERING AUSTEN

Tuesday, April 22, 7 pm

Monona Library hosts the Beyond the Page-sponsored play, Discovering Austen, which takes place in the dressing room of an actor who has been cast as Jane Austen. Still searching for the essence of her character only hours before opening, she explores Austen's novels and letters in an attempt to find the author. This play offers a wonderful opportunity to see Austen's characters and Jane Austen come to life.



## SPRING EVENTS FOR TWEENS & TEENS

### GAME ON!

Wednesdays, April 2 & 16, 4:15–5:30 pm

Love games? Come get your GAME ON! at Monona Library! Drop in.

### MINUTE TO WIN IT!

Thursday, April 3, 10:30 am–noon

Play various Minute to Win It games! [Register](#).

### COMIX REMIX

April 17, 5–6 pm, for ages 8–12

Deface a photocopy of the picture book *Birthday Bunny* by Jon Scieszka to explore the format of graphic novels and other alternative formats of literacy. We will showcase the graphic novel collection at the library. Host: Karlyn Hougan. Drop in.



### Basic Reads Collection, funded by Capital Times Kids Fund and the Gregory Family

Don't miss the Basic Reads collection at the Monona Public Library! This new collection is a great resource for struggling readers of all ages, featuring high interest topics at a low reading level. High-Low books are great for ESL, too! Pick up a flyer about the collection at the library.



### Receive Your Newsletter Via Email!

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

## SPRING EVENTS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### CULVER'S COLORING CONTEST

April 1–30; for ages up to 10 years old.



### SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES, MARCH 31–APRIL 4



Events include Nintendo Wii games and Origami fun, and a blocks party (LEGO®, DUPLO®, etc.) for children on March 31; LEGO® Club Jr. and blocks party on April 1; Game On! board game event for ages

8–14 on April 2; Minute to Win It on April 3; see [www.mononallibrary.org](http://www.mononallibrary.org) for full details.

### SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES, APRIL 14–18

Events include Nintendo Wii games and Origami Fun on April 14; blocks party (LEGO®, DUPLO®, etc.) on April 16; Game On! board game event for ages 8–14 on April 16, and a graphic novel program for ages 8–12 on April 17; see [www.mononallibrary.org](http://www.mononallibrary.org) for details.

### Doodling Drawing Party for All Ages

Saturday, April 12, 2:30–3:30 pm

Do you love to draw? Do you doodle on the edges of all your notes? We'll supply the paper, pens, pencils, crayons, and markers; you just bring your imagination! Drop in.

### Picture Book Storytimes

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16 at 9:30 am; for families with young children. RSVP or drop in.

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17 at 9:30 am; for families with young children. RSVP or drop in.

### Library Babies Baby Shower

Friday, April 18, 11 am–noon

For parents expecting a baby or with a child infant to age 2. Play a traditional baby shower game. Learn about what the library has to offer for parents and young children. Receive a gift from The Friends of the Monona Public Library. [Register](#).

### Family Fun Night: Stories Off the Shelf!

Tuesday, April 22, 6 pm

For parents, grandparents, and caregivers with children. Parents and children will listen to stories, learn new ways to bring storytelling into their home, share a snack, and hear more stories. RSVP or drop in.

### LEGO® Club

Tuesday, April 29, 4 pm

Join us for an hour of construction fun with LEGO® bricks! For ages 6–11. RSVP. Also, Tuesday, May 20 at 4 pm. "Science" theme.



### LEGO® Club Jr.

Tuesdays, April 1 and May 6, 10:15 am

Register children ages 2–5 each month online or call 608-222-6127. LEGO® DUPLO® bricks will help you stimulate your child's appetite for learning through play.

## SUMMER READING & EVENTS!

### FOR ALL CHILDREN, TEENS, ADULTS!

Science is the focus of this summer's reading program, from June 2 to August 31. Read and earn great prizes from local merchants and businesses. Also, the library will be popping with activities and events for adults, teens, tweens, children, and families. Check [www.mononallibrary.org](http://www.mononallibrary.org), our Facebook page, or sign up for our e-newsletter for details and registration dates or call 608.222.6127.

### READING PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES, JUNE 2–AUGUST 16

Summertime is fun time for readers of all ages and abilities! Check out some books and read! You could be a winner of great prizes donated by our many local sponsors! Stop into Monona Library to pick up a reading record. Or, sign up online and download a reading record. Complete Overtime Tickets to earn a chance to win even more prizes. Sponsors of the Summer Library Program will be listed on our website and posted in the library.

### SUMMER EVENTS FOR TEENS

For teens ages 12–16 years old. Space is limited, so register early for each event.

### SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS – TESTED BY TEENS!

Monday, July 7, 3–5 pm

Help us decide which science experiments we should use for our Family Science Sampler: Fizz, Boom, Pop! event to be held on July 23. Numerous science activities will be



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stationed around the library for teens (ages 11-18) to try. We want you to help us decide which hands-on activities will be the most fun for kids!

## **FLYING DISCS PHYSICS: TEEN AFTER HOURS DISC GOLF**

**(Explore the science of flight!)**

**Friday, July 11, 6–8 pm**

Have you ever wondered how a Frisbee flies? Jump start your summer with a night of disc golf inside the library! Plus:



Try your hand at Freestyle with the Z machine, play games - including Nintendo Wii - contests, giveaways, prizes, and snacks. An exclusive after hour's event just for teens!

## **ANGRY BIRDS ENGINEERING**

**Thursday, August 7, 10–11 am**

Engineering for fun! Design and build a fortress and catapult, then use angry birds to knock it all down. We'll have random prize drawings, too!



## **SUMMER EVENTS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

*All library events require advance registration unless otherwise noted. Register at [www.mononlibrary.org](http://www.mononlibrary.org) or call 608-222-6127.*

### **WONDER WORKS**

**Tuesdays, June 17–July 15, 9:30–10:30 am;**

for children ages 4 & 5

Explore S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, and math) through play and books! Register for individual events you wish to attend.

### **STORYTIME LITERACY ADVENTURE**

**Tuesdays, June 17–July 15, 11–11:30 am;** for children ages 2–4; siblings welcome

Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and movement activities with Miss Karen. RSVP for five-week series.



## **WEDNESDAYS @ ONE, JUNE 18–JULY 30**

Sponsored by the Weinberger Family, The Friends of the Monona Public Library and South Central Library System. Register for each program early!

### **June 18, 1pm: Summer Library Program Kick-Off! The Zinghoppers Group**

Utilizing state-of-the-art sound and projection, this high energy interactive extravaganza invites your kids to participate in a fun science-themed concert adventure celebrating science and reading!

### **June 25, 1pm: Earth, Music, Magic! Bill Kehl**

A fun, interactive and exciting educational musical enrichment presentation featuring primitive musical instruments and celebrating the creative exploration of human expression through sound.

### **July 9, 1 pm: Nature Meets Story! Karen Wendt**

Explore the natural world with your children through stories about animals and wild place. Enjoy stories of the real world and tales from our imagination.

### **July 16, 12:45 pm: Bubble Wonders, Geoff Akins**

“A modern day Johnny Appleseed, spreading his message far and wide, only working with bubbles instead of apple seeds, and children’s souls instead of earth.” Geoff’s love of teaching and performing, combined with his gentle nature and gift of rapport with children, form a personal philosophy he calls “The Art of Wonder.”

### **July 23, 1–3 pm: Family Science Sampler – Fizz, Boom, Pop!**

Numerous stations focusing on the amazing wonders of science will be set up inside and outside the library with displays, interactive activities, music, and more! Hands-on science experiments that fizz, boom, and pop!

### **July 31, 1 pm: Mad Science! Summer Library Program Finale**

This year we have a great show in the works, with a plan to use MANY kid volunteers from the audience. Our most difficult task is choosing which of our many exciting experiments to do!! Sponsored by AmericInn Lodge & Suites Madison South and South Central Library System.



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## ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

### DISCOVERY DAYS! AWESOME ACTIVITIES FOR SCHOOL-AGERS

Thursdays, June 19, 26 and July 10, 17; 1–2:15 pm;  
register early for each program

Step into the world of science by exploring hands-on S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, and math) enrichment programming. For participants ages 6–12. Sponsored by Monona State Bank.

### LEGO® CLUB and LEGO® CLUB JR.

Register at <http://www.mononalibrary.org> or call (608) 222-6127.

#### LEGO® CLUB

Mondays, June 16–July 2, 11 am–noon; register children ages 6–11.

#### LEGO® CLUB JR.

Tuesdays, June 17–July 22, 12:30–1:30 pm; register children ages 2–5 accompanied by an adult.

### READ TO A DOG!

Monday, June 23 from 4:45–6:05 pm or

Thursday, July 24 from 10–11:30 am

Independent readers may register to read 20 minutes

to a specially trained Reading Education Assistance Dog. Sign up your child in advance either in person or by calling 222-6127.

### SAVE THE DATE

#### Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, October 11, 9 am–5 pm & Sunday,  
October 12, 1–3 pm

Don't miss the Friends of the Monona Public Library Book AND Bake Sale! There are lots of delicious things for readers of all ages! This is a great chance to stock up on gifts for your friends and family, too. Come and support the Friends and all the wonderful things they do to help the Monona Library. 9-10 Saturday, Friends Only Sale. Bag sale on Sunday - choose a grocery bag full of books for \$5.

