



FRIENDS



OF THE ONALASKA LIBRARY

September 2021

FRIENDS NEWS

Greetings all. By the time you are reading this newsletter another successful chicken Q has been completed. Thanks to all the volunteers that worked to make this a success once again. Due to the rise in Covid cases mask are now required in the library and the capacity limits have been reduced. Limited adult programming has started with adult coloring, and a fall series of movies hopefully will begin on September 9th at 6:30 with no popcorn and mask required to attend, capacity limited to 34 patrons. See list of movies elsewhere in the newsletter

Friends and Historical Society Chicken Q

September 2, 2021



Getting ready for Q



Serving up hot chicken



Checking on product

We want to thank all our volunteers who served dinners and manned the desk. I cannot believe how happy Chicken Qs make people. That said, I truly apologize to anyone who bought a ticket and didn't get a dinner, because we ran out of chicken. Somehow throughout the day, our tally of meals served got out of whack. We refunded all tickets, but people had to scramble their dinner plans. We will reevaluate our procedures, so we won't run out again.

Prairie Farms-Our Caps, Your Cause
Friends of the Onalaska Library



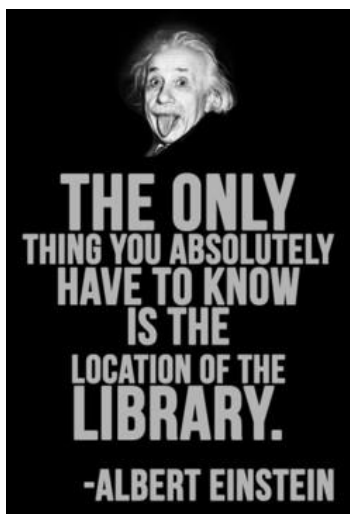
Welcome to Prairie Farms Our Caps, Your Cause Our Caps, Your Cause is a simple, accountable and personal way to support your favorite non-profit organization or school. We are committed to bringing people together around the family table where great ideas begin. At Prairie Farms, our farm families and employees take great pride in giving back to the communities in which we work and live. In today's challenging economy, our communities rely even more on local non-profit organizations to provide crucial programs and services to those in need.

How it works:

Beneath each cap sticker on Prairie Farms gallon or half gallons of white and flavored milk is a unique redeemable code. For every code redeemed towards your organizations, you earn 5-cents! After 1,000 caps are redeemed, we will send you a check for \$50 to benefit your cause.

1. Begin by purchasing Prairie Farms white or chocolate milk in gallon or half gallon sizes, or Prairie Farms iced coffee.
2. Peel off the special Our Caps, Your Cause cap sticker to reveal a unique, redeemable code
3. Click the Enter Cap Codes button at www.prairiefarms.com/ourcapsyourcause
4. From the drop-down menu, select Literacy, then Friends of the Onalaska Library
5. Enter your codes (up to 10 at a time)
6. Click the Redeem Codes button. That's it!

REMINDER! You may bring caps to the library and staff will put into collection cans. We will pass further information on to members as we receive it



BOOK REVIEW

BY Bill O'Driscoll

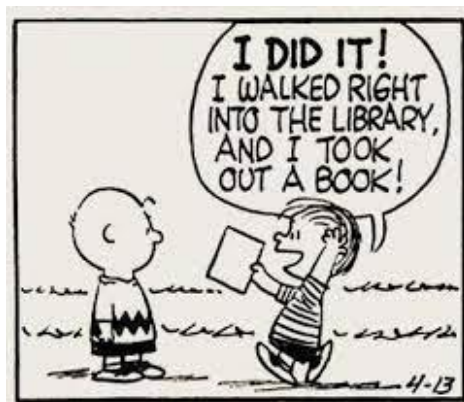
A Crime in the Family by Sacha Batthyany

I picked up the book "A Crime in the Family" after seeing it mentioned on The Burgenland Bunch Facebook page. This book memorializes the execution of 180 Jews in Reichnitz Austria towards the end of World War Two. Reichnitz is in the Austrian province of Burgenland, and my wife's family is from an area in The Burgenland about 10 miles due south of Reichnitz. Of particular interest, some of the individual stories in the book paralleled the lives of some of my wife's ancestors. Since the county library system had a copy, access was easy for me.

The book does address this tragic execution of these 180 Jews during the course of an evening dinner party attended by Nazis and Hungarian royalty, but dwells far more on the author's introspective guilt related to learning that his great aunt, Margit Batthyany, had a great deal of responsibility for these executions, and probably had personally shot one or more of the 180 Jews. The author also distracted from the story through interjected characters he fantasied the existence of, then included hypothetical lives and conversations for these characters. These characters and the author's introspective musings detract from the book.

Those detractions aside, the remainder of the book was fascinating, documenting the fall of the Hungarian nobility, the survival of a Jewish girl after being set to Auschwitz, and the life of the author's grandfather who spent the 10 years subsequent to WWII in a Siberian gulag as a Russian prisoner before being allowed to return to Hungary. The execution of 180 Jews in Reichnitz probably deserved more attention than the author's musing gave it, and I would like to have read a lot more of the author's grandmother's written memories rather than hear those memories described primarily in the context of places visited by the author.

All in all, an interesting historical perspective on World War Two and the Holocaust. Even though the author's introspection annoys the heck out of me, the historical background brings out aspects of the Austro-Hungarian empire's demise that I was unfamiliar with. "A Crime in the Family" is available in our county library system



MOVIES ARE BACK AT THE LIBRARIES

Starting September 9th at 6:30 PM movies will once again be shown at the Onalaska Library. Due to Covid 19, protocols will have to be followed in order to continue showing of movies this fall. Here are the protocols that must be followed.

1. There will be no popcorn served during the fall series of movies.
2. **ALL** patrons attending the movies must wear a mask at ALL times.
3. Unless with family member or friend, social distancing must be maintained.
4. Due to the social distancing guidelines, a total of **34 patrons** will be allowed to attend any one movie.
5. The same identical movie will be shown at other branches of the LaCrosse County Library system so check their web sites or give them a call. At the present time, Holmen and West Salem will be showing movies. Shortly all branches will be showing movies.

LISTING OF MOVIES, DATES AND TIMES FOR ONALASKA LIBRARY

NOMADLAND*	R	1hr 50 min		Sept. 9	6:30 PM
THE FATHER**	PG13	1hr 37 min		Sept. 30	6:30 PM
JUST MERCY**	PG13	2 hr 16 min		Oct. 14	6:30 PM
1917*	R	2 HR		Oct. 21	6:30 PM
YELLOW ROSE*	PG13	1 hr 34 min		Nov. 4	6:30 PM
NEWS OF THE WORLD	PG13	1hr 58 min		Nov.11	6:30 PM
THOSE WHO WISH ME DEAD*	R	1 hr 40 min		Dec. 2	6:30 PM
DREAM HORSE*	PG	1 hr 53 min		Dec. 16	6:30 PM



MOVIE LISTING FOR LACROSSE COUNTY LIBRARY BRANCHES

Fall Movie Series



Free movies

Sponsored by the La Crosse County Employees' Jeans Day fund

Nomadland

R | 1 hr 47 min | Drama

West Salem | Thurs, Sept 9, 2:15pm

Onalaska | Thurs, Sept 9, 6:30pm

Holmen | Mon, Sept 13, 6:00pm

The Father

PG-13 | 1 hr 37 min | Drama

West Salem | Thurs, Sept 23, 2:15pm

Holmen | Mon, Sept 27, 6:00pm

Bangor | Thurs, Sept 30, 6:00pm

Onalaska | Thurs, Sept 30, 6:30pm

Just Mercy

PG-13 | 2 hr 17 min | Biography, Drama

West Salem | Thurs, Oct 7, 2:15pm

Holmen | Mon, Oct 11, 6:00pm

Bangor | Thurs, Oct 14, 6:00pm

Onalaska | Thurs, Oct 14, 6:30pm

1917

R | 1 hr 59 min | Drama, War

West Salem | Thurs, Oct 21, 2:15pm

Onalaska | Thurs, Oct 21, 6:30pm

Holmen | Mon, Oct 25, 6:00pm

Bangor | Thurs, Oct 28, 6:00pm



Fall Movie Series, Cont.

Yellow Rose

PG-13 | 1 hr 34 min | Drama, Music

West Salem | Thurs, Nov 4, 2:15pm

Onalaska | Thurs, Nov 4, 6:30pm

Holmen | Mon, Nov 8, 6:00pm

Bangor | Thurs, Nov 11, 6:00pm

News of the World

PG-13 | 1 hr 58 min | Action, Adventure

Onalaska | Thurs, Nov 11, 6:30pm

West Salem | Thurs, Nov 18, 2:15pm

Holmen | Mon, Nov 22, 6:00pm

Bangor | Thurs, Dec 2, 6:00pm

Those Who Wish Me Dead

R | 1 hr 40 min | Action, Drama

West Salem | Thurs, Dec 2, 2:15pm

Onalaska | Thurs, Dec 2, 6:30pm

Holmen | Mon, Dec 6, 6:00pm

Bangor | Thurs, Dec 9, 6:00pm

Dream Horse

PG | 1 hr 53 min | Biography, Drama

West Salem | Thurs, Dec 16, 2:15pm

Onalaska | Thurs, Dec 16, 6:30pm

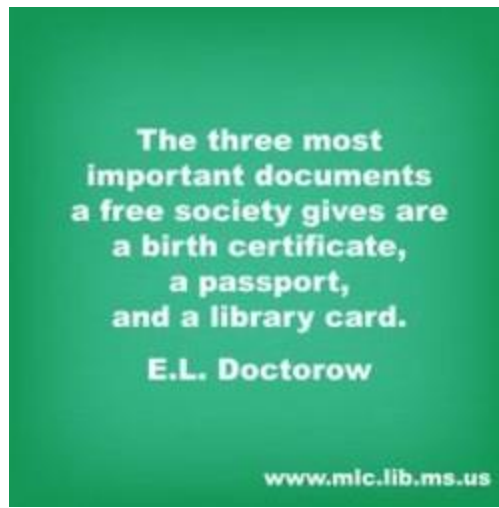
Holmen | Mon, Dec 20, 6:00pm

Bangor | Thurs, Dec 30, 6:00pm

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Masks currently required; space limited; movies subject to change. Visit lacrossecountylibrary.org for the latest info.

Rated PG-13: Guardian must accompany minors.

Rated R: Must be 18 to attend.



BOOK SALE

October 7 1 pm - 7 pm - Thursday
October 8 9 am - 5 pm - Friday
October 9 9 am - noon * BAG SALE*

Onalaska Library Meeting Rooms
741 Oak Ave. South, Onalaska, WI 54650

Friends of the Onalaska Library

MASK REQUIRED IN THE MEETING ROOM. SUBJECT TO LaCrosse County COVID RESTRICTIONS.
Questions call the Onalaska Library (608) 781-9568

The poster features a cartoon illustration of four people (two women and two men) standing behind a long table filled with stacks of books. One man on the right is holding a stack of books high in the air. The background is white with a light blue border.

Book Sale - Sign Up

Signup sheets are at the library front desk. We will be setting up Wednesday, October 6, beginning at 1 pm. The sale will open Thursday, Oct 7, from 1 pm to 7 pm. Then our usual Friday, 9 to 5 and Saturday, 9 to noon. Please consider a second shift of volunteering. It is so much work setting the sale up, we hope the added day will reach more people and sell more books. You can call the circulation desk (608-781-9568) to sign up.

Donations

Friends of the Onalaska Library are now accepting donations for their October Book Sale. Please tell family and friends.

Items being accepted include books, audiobooks, CDs and DVDs.

They are NOT accepting VHS tapes, textbooks, encyclopedias, manuals or old medical or business books. Please bring donations to the front desk of the Onalaska Library before October 4, 2021.

ONALASKA LIBRARY NEWS

Library Closed Hours

What Really Happens?

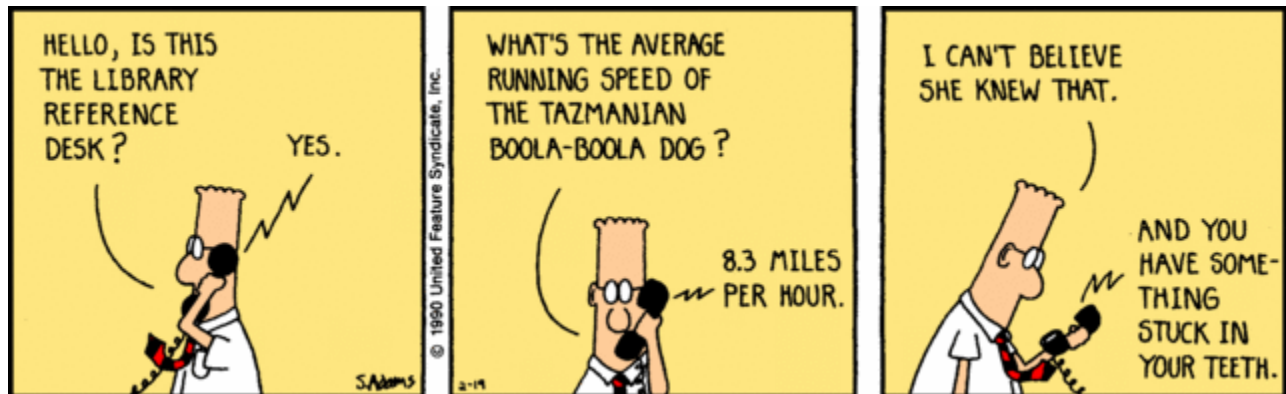
It is closing time at your local library. Usually, there are some patrons who rush in “just to grab a book” or get an answer for a homework assignment the parents just heard about. The library pages check the book bins for items not checked out and desk and reference staff peek around and in corners for any stragglers.

The cash register is locked, the computers are shut down, the questions are tallied, and the front doors are locked after all patrons have left. Staff straighten their areas, bid their daily farewells and exit out the staff door, watching out for each other’s safety. They then head home after a hard day’s work.

However, another shift is just beginning! Our cleaning person, Andrea will start her work right after closing. She vacuums the library, cleans the restrooms, wipes off all circulation areas, removes all trash and performs other duties we don’t even know about! This is after a full day of being a mom and part-time day-care provider. We certainly appreciate her efforts to keep our library in tip-top shape.

We open again at 9:00 am, but there is usually activity earlier than that. Our City of Onalaska partners may stop in to unclog a toilet, bring supplies, fix a door or troubleshoot other problems.

Before 9:00 am, reports are run, book drops are emptied, books are checked in and we are ready to serve our great patrons!



From the desk of our president, Kathy O’Driscoll

I hope everyone had a nice summer. Yes, I know... past tense. The seasons come and go so fast. Fall or autumn is a favorite of mine. Merriam-Webster tells me the term autumn originated in the 1300’s. It used to be called harvest, but that was too confusing. People associated “the fall of the leaves” with autumn, so in the 1600’s the term “fall” became popular.

Autumn is book sale time for us. People are ready to stock up for our Midwest winter. Please tell your friends and family that we will take donations up to October 4. We do **NOT** accept VHS tapes, textbooks, encyclopedias, manuals or old medical / business books. The sale will be 3 days this time. We hope to connect with people on Thursday night as our normal sale never allows evening access. Saturday will be advertised as a bag sale. Select hardcover fiction and all media will not be allowed in the bags. The sale is October 7-9, so we will be looking for volunteers. Feel free to help out a couple of shifts. Masks will be required in the meeting room. Thanks for all your support!



Each County library location is housed in a building provided, furnished and maintained by the municipality in which it is located. The County is responsible for the books and other media contained in each library, the processing of the materials and the personnel to provide the services.

The [Administrative Center](#) is housed in the same facility as the Holmen Public Library.

[Library Board](#)

The Board of the La Crosse County Library is assigned legal responsibility for library policy. The Wisconsin State Statutes give responsibility for the administration and management of the System to the Library Director. Board members are appointed by the County Board Chairperson.

Regular monthly meetings are normally the second Monday of the month at 3:30pm at a designated Library location.

[Winding Rivers Library System](#)

La Crosse County Library is a member of the [Winding Rivers Library System](#) (WRLS), which provides many services for regional libraries. WRLS vans pick up and deliver bins of materials from one library location to another, allowing us to receive and send requested items to 33 other libraries throughout WRLS. Through the WRLS Interlibrary Loans, we can fill your requests with books, etc., from libraries in other regions or states.

[Library Card](#)

A La Crosse County Library card allows a patron to borrow materials or use the public computers. For more information on obtaining a card, see our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page. A card issued in any [Winding Rivers Library](#) will be honored in the La Crosse County Library System.

Just a few minutes of your time and a driver's license or other form of ID with your current address will allow us to issue you a card. Patrons from neighboring states may apply for a card for a fee.

[Services](#)

Computer/Internet

Each of the La Crosse County facilities has multiple computers available for use with Internet access and a variety of MS Office products available to patrons. You will need to have your library card with you to log on to the public computers. Free wifi is also available at all locations.

Outgoing Fax Services are available at all our library locations at \$2.00 per fax.

Copy/Printing/Scanning Services are available at all our library locations at 10 cents/page for black & white and 50 cents/page for color. Scan and email documents are 10 cents/page.

Group Tours and Visits

Currently unavailable due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Radon Test Kits are available for sale for \$10.00/kit. Test kits are sold in cooperation with the La Crosse County Health Department [PDF](#)

Disc Cleaning Services available to the public for \$2.00 per disc! Inquire at the checkout counter for more information.

Notary Services are available at Holmen and Onalaska Library locations; please call ahead to verify availability.

Adaptive Equipment to assist those with hearing loss at our Onalaska and West Salem locations. Also, adaptive equipment to assist those with vision impairments and dexterity control on our public computers in Holmen and Onalaska.

Exam Proctoring

The La Crosse County Library offers proctoring services to students upon request from both the student and the educational institution. There is no fee charged for this service, but it is limited right now due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please contact us to see what we can work out for you.

Proctoring can be done at any of the La Crosse County Library branches. Emailed exams, instructions, passwords, questions, scheduling an exam time, etc. can be sent to any of the branches to ensure that proctors receive the necessary information:

LINKS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU

Our face book page

[Friends of the Onalaska Library | Facebook](#)

Links to programming on the LaCrosse County website:

<http://lacrossecountylibrary.org/programs.asp>

County Library Site

<http://lacrossecountylibrary.org>

Amazon.com/smile

Then Friends of the Onalaska Library

Book talks:

Libraries are a hallmark of a civilized culture, and librarians represent that culture to all facets of society.



SEPTEMBER 2021

lacrossecountylibrary.org

NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH
 DIY Media Conversion
 Outdoor Story Time is back for the Fall
 Friends of the Onalaska Library Chicken Q

Key: **B** = Bangor 608-486-4408, **C** = Campbell 608-783-0052,
H = Holmen 608-526-4198, **O** = Onalaska 608-781-9568,
WS = West Salem 608-786-1505, **TBD** = To Be Determined,
FOL = Friends of the Onalaska Library,

SUN.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Do-It-Yourself Media Conversion Program all month! We supply the equipment. You come in with your LPs and personal VHS movies and convert them to digital storage that you bring. You must make an appointment and plan to stay for a 2 hour block of time to do the conversion. Commercial movies are NOT allowed to be copied.				Senior Moments Onalaska Public Library, 10:00 am Wednesdays. Starting August 4th through December 1st.		
	Join our Goodreads Book Club this month: Trevor Noah Born a Crime		1 O: 10:00 am Senior Moments Inga Witscher: WI Public Television Chef Food Demo	2 O: 11:00 am to 6:00 pm or until food runs out! CHICKEN Q	3	4
5	6 ALL LOCATIONS CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	7	8 O: 10:00 am Senior Moments Kevin & Patsy Alderson: Tomah Indian School WS: 1:30 pm West Salem Afternoon Book Club	9 WS: 2:15 pm Movie <i>Nomadland</i> O: 6:30 pm Movie <i>Nomadland</i>	10 11 Get ready for a new school year with Transparent Language, available through our Website	
12	13 B: 10:15 am Outdoor Story Time O: 3:30 pm Library Board Meeting H: 6:00 pm Movie <i>Nomadland</i> O: 6:30 pm Outdoor Story Time	14 H: 10:15 am & 6:30 pm Outdoor Story Time C: 6:00 pm Campbell Book Group	15 O: 10:00 am Senior Moments: Norskedalen WS: 10:15 am & 6:30 pm Outdoor Story Time Go to our Website & Sign up for a FREE class that starts Today!	16 C: 6:30 pm Outdoor Story Time	17 O: 10:00 am Outdoor Story Time	18 LitLove Book Bundles Youth Services Online Book Selection Service LitLove Book Bundles. Fill out a Request form on our website.
19	20 B: 10:15 am Outdoor Story Time O: 6:00 pm FOL Adult Coloring Book Event O: 6:30 pm Outdoor Story Time WS: 7:00 pm West Salem Evening Book Club	21 H: 10:15 am & 6:30 pm Outdoor Story Time	22 O: 10:00 am Senior Moments Rochelle Pennington: Author Walk Down Memory Lane WS: 10:15 am & 6:30 pm Outdoor Story Time	23 WS: 2:15 pm Movie <i>The Father</i> C: 6:30 pm Outdoor Story Time O: 6:30 pm Friends of the Onalaska Library Meeting	24 O: 10:00 am Outdoor Story Time	25
26	27 B: 10:15 am Outdoor Story Time H: 6:00 pm Movie <i>The Father</i> O: 6:30 pm Outdoor Story Time	28 H: 10:15 am & 6:30 pm Outdoor Story Time	29 O: 10:00 am Senior Moments Julie Hundt: Ridge History Park WS: 10:15 am & 6:30 pm Outdoor Story Time	30 C: 6:30 pm Outdoor Story Time O: 6:30 pm Movie <i>The Father</i>	Get Homework help, Chess Tutoring, Memory Flash Cards, & much more! Check it out on our website.	

I hope this newsletter finds everyone safe and looking forward to the return to almost normal

Friends of the Onalaska Library
741 Oak Avenue South
Onalaska, Wi 54650

Remain a Friend of the Onalaska Library!

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Address _____

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Type of Membership: Please circle one.

1. Individual \$10.00 2. Family \$20.00 3. Student/Senior \$5.00
4. Corporate \$100+ 5. Extra donation \$ _____

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