

Summer fun for everyone at Edgerton Library

Submitted by Kirsten Almo, Library Director

Built in 1906 and serving the community of Edgerton ever since, the Edgerton Public Library welcomes everyone to visit and make use of the many services available.

Although the library provides vital services to our community all year, activity increases in the summer as the school year winds down, and library patrons of all ages are encouraged to join in the fun of our Summer Library Program. The 2017 program, "Build a Better World!" kicks off on June 12 and runs through July 30.

As a member of the Arrowhead Library System, library patrons have access to over 600,000 books, videos, music CDs, audiobooks, and more. With our shared catalog, patrons can order materials from any ALS library and have their items delivered to Edgerton every Monday through Friday.

With a library card, patrons also have access to downloadable eBooks, audiobooks, and videos through two different services for libraries, Hoopla and Overdrive. If you need assistance getting your E-reader, phone or other mobile device connected to these products, we're happy to help

you.

Need computer time? Access our free Wi-Fi using your own device or log onto a library computer. Need technical assistance? Our friendly staff is eager to help. Investigating your family history? Search the MyHeritage database resources or explore our local history room. Need a place to hold a meeting? Reserve one of our conference rooms.

If you're new to the area, we look forward to meeting you. If it's been a while since you've been to visit the library, welcome back. If you're a regular visitor, we hope to see you again soon.

The Edgerton Public Library, part of the Arrowhead Library System, is located at 101 Albion St. Reach us at 608-884-4511.

Hours are Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Visit our website at als.lib.wi.us/EPL/index.html and our Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Edgerton-Public-Library/324208738816.

Summer Programming for Kids & Teens

In addition to our reading records where children can read and earn prizes, here's a line-up of what you can expect to

find at the Edgerton Public Library this summer for families with kids of all ages:

Mondays:
•Storytime at 10 a.m. Stories, songs, rhymes & a craft for the youngest patrons.

•Build a Better World Program at 1 p.m. A variety of programs offered - guest presenters, crafts, activities. Fun for all!

Tuesdays:
•Storytime at the Edgerton Pool at 2 p.m.
•Super Veggies: Stories at Silverwood Park at 6 p.m., June 20 and 27, and July 18 and 25.

Wednesdays:
•Open Build at 6 p.m. Legos, blocks, and other building materials paired with a fun challenge (June 14 and 28, July 5 and 19).

•Storywalk - all day. While you walk from the library to Central Park, enjoy reading a story on signs posted along the way (June 21, July 12, July 26). Enjoy the 7 p.m. Concerts in the Park on

the same days, sponsored by the Arts Council of Edgerton.

Thursdays:
•Dance, Sing and Play at 10 a.m. Early literacy activities, songs, and movement activities.

•Teen Coding Program at 3 p.m. Learn to create and maintain your own website.

•Teen "Build a Better World" Program at 1:30 p.m. (program repeats at 5:30 p.m.). Special programming each week just for our 12-18-year-old patrons.

Fridays:
•Family Movie at 2 p.m.

Also, mark your calendars for some of our summer programs with special guests and presenters:

•Monday, June 12, 1 p.m.: Dino Tlachac and Nature's Niche "Rainforest Reptiles."

•Monday, June 26, 1 p.m.: Bob McCallister and UW-Rock County Solar Energy Project.

•Monday, July 10,



On Monday, July 10, at 1 p.m., Bill Kehl will present "Earth, Music...Magic" at the library. (Photo submitted by Kirsten Almo)

1 p.m.: Earth, Music... Magic performance with Bill Kehl.

•Monday, July 17, 1 p.m.: BOLDT Construction Company Lego program.

•Monday, July 24, 1 p.m.: Dale Jensen, Canoe Builder & water activities.

•Thursday, July 27, 2 p.m.: Rick Allen Circus Magic Show.

Summer Programming for Adults

The kids aren't the only ones with all the library fun. We have over a dozen programs for adults this summer as well - choose from book club meetings, a ukulele jam session, presentations by local non-profits and bike to the library activities. There's something for everyone. Check our website for specific dates and times. We also have a fun reading record for adults and the chance to earn prizes as you read.



The Sterling North Childhood Home Museum & Literary Center is located at 409 W. Rollin St. (File photo)

Visit the Sterling North Home

Partial reprint of story by the late Mark Scarborough, former reporter for the Edgerton Reporter

Acclaimed author Sterling North's writing career started in Edgerton, with his first published poem likely composed shortly before his family moved to their 409 W. Rollin St. home.

Now known as the Sterling North Childhood Home Museum & Literary Center, the Queen Anne-style building is maintained and operated by the Sterling North Society.

Open Sundays 1-4:30 p.m. from April through December and by appointment, the museum is furnished so today's visitors can pretend the North family has just left for a 1917 picnic at Richardson's Grove at Newville.

Every stick of furniture, every accessory, is "to period," down to the Willson's Monarch flavorings in the kitchen and the early 20th Century toys casually tossed around Sterling's second-floor bedroom.

North's children, David and Arielle, always remember their father busy at his desk and typewriter. Both the desk and the typewriter are now on display on the second floor of the Sterling North Museum here. There are also copies there of many of North's books, as well as posters promoting the Walt Disney films made from North's two best-sellers, "So Dear to My Heart" and "Rascal."

For more information on the Sterling North Society and the Sterling North Childhood Home Museum & Literary Center, where a gift shop is also located, visit www.sterlingnorthsociety.com or www.facebook.com/SterlingNorth, call 608-884-3731 or email sterlingnorthsociety@gmail.com.

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