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Summer Smoothies and Seasonal Sustenance

The popular "Summer Smoothies" program for adults (ages 16 and up) is back!

This year we're pairing our drink with food. Not only are you eligible to win a free smoothie, but also a free copy of local author Terese Allen's book, "The Flavor of Wisconsin: An Informal History of Food and Eating in the Badger State."

The guidelines are: read a book, fill out an entry form, and submit the form in the library's "Summer Smoothie Box" to be eligible to win a free smoothie from Mary's Coffee Express. You may also submit one entry to win a free copy of "The Flavor of Wisconsin: An Informal History of Food and Eating in the Badger State." Smoothie drawings will take place every Friday from June 4th through August 6th. The book drawing will take place Tuesday, July 27th at Terese Allen's "Seasonal Sustenance" program (Registration required).

Terese Allen is a former chef who writes about the pleasures and benefits of regional foods, sustainable cooking, and culinary folklore. Her articles have appeared in Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, Madison Magazine, the Isthmus newspaper, and other publications. She is currently the food editor and columnist for Organic Valley Family of Farms, the country's largest organic farmers' cooperative. (For more information, visit www.tereseallen.com).

On Tuesday, July 27th at 7 pm Terese will visit the Mount Horeb Public Library to lead a discussion about cooking with seasonal, regional ingredients. She will offer recipe suggestions, cooking tips, and information about local food sources. A book signing will follow her presentation. Registration is required.

For more information or to register, please contact Jessica Williams at 437-5021 ext. 109 or jwilliams@scls.lib.wi.us.



THE FLAVOR of WISCONSIN

AN INFORMAL HISTORY OF FOOD AND EATING IN THE BADGER STATE

REVISED AND EXPANDED • WITH 450 RECIPES

HARVA HACHTEN and TERESE ALLEN • FOREWORD by ODESSA PIPER



MAY

- 10** 10:00 am Morning Book Group, Book TBA
- 7:00 pm "Practical Care-Giving for Your Elderly Parents" with Beverly Monigal.*
- 13** 7:00 pm Friends of the Library Meeting
- 18** 7:00 pm Writer's Group**
- 22** 9:00 am Children's used book sale, library
- 24** 6:45 pm Evening Book Group, Book TBA
- 26** 7:00 am Library Board Meeting
- 29-31** **CLOSED, MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

JUNE

- 1** 9:30 am Summer Smoothies and Seasonal Sustenance Begins
- 7** 10:00 pm Morning Book Group, Book TBA
- 10** 7:00 pm Friends of the Library Meeting
- 23** 7:00 am Library Board Meeting
- 25** **CLOSED, STAFF INSERVICE**
- 28** 7:00 pm Evening Book Group, Book TBA

JULY

- 3-5** **CLOSED, INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND**
- 8** 7:00 pm Friends of the Library Meeting
- 12** 10:00 am Morning Book Group, Book TBA
- 17-18** Art Fair and FOL Pie Sale
- 26** 7:00 pm Evening Book Group, Book TBA
- 27** 7:00 pm "Seasonal Sustenance" w/ Terese Allen.*
- 28** 7:00 am Library Board Meeting

AUGUST

- 2** 10:00 am Morning Book Group, Book TBA
- 12** 7:00 pm Friends of the Library Meeting
- 23** 6:45 pm Evening Book Group, Book TBA
- 25** 7:00 am Library Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 4-6** **CLOSED, LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

**Please note that the Writer's Group will resume in September.

*Signup required

Friends' Corner

by the Friends of the Mount Horeb Public Library

Kicking off the 2010 Fundraising Season

Combine a bunch of friends, a dash of fun and a bit of work and you have the recipe for successful fundraising. Despite a down economy the Friends had an "up" year this last year, raising \$12,000 through our many events. We couldn't have done it without YOU!

Thanks to all of your volunteer help, and donations of money, pies, cookies and books, the Friends continue to support the library's popular programs. These include the summer library program, early release days, Parent's Place programs and the Baker and Taylor reserve book collection. Last year, we also provided monetary support for the Big Read, the library newsletter, and helped purchase a new train table and a doll house for the Children's Room, an early literacy station for children and the Mango Language database for the library.

This year, the Friends of the Library kicks off our fundraising season with the 2nd Annual Children's Book Sale, so popular last year. It will be in the Community Room at the library on Saturday, May 22nd. Mark your calendars! This is a great place to purchase inexpensive summer reading for your kids.

A Special Thanks to Our Board

Many thanks to our hardworking and dedicated core of board members and volunteers who pitch in and help whenever and wherever needed. I'd like to thank our

board members: Harriet for her tireless work as secretary, Nancy for always putting together a readable and up-to-date treasurer's report, Lydia for keeping the membership up to date and putting together all the mailings for Friends with such finesse, Karla and Linda for running the annual Cookie Walk, Margit for her skill in following up on all the details for the Pie Sale and for writing grants for the library, Tracey for taking on the Cheesecake sales, and Mike and family for all their hard work in packing and moving books from the library to storage as well as for organizing the two book sales last year. None of these events would happen without the time and effort donated by all of you to make these fundraising events a success.

We Would Love to Meet You

As always, we invite members of the community who would like to volunteer at one of our many events, the Children's Book Sale, the Cheesecake and Pie Sales, the Book Sale and the Cookie Walk, to please contact us through the library or by signing up on the volunteer sheets displayed at the library before each event.

We also invite you to become a member of the Friends or a member of the Board. Board meetings are the second Thursday of the month, at 7pm in the library's community room, January through November.



Make a splash this summer at the Mount Horeb Public Library.

Explore streams, rivers, swamps, lakes and oceans... and all the fascinating things that live there!

The 2010 Summer Library Program features games and activities geared towards three levels of readers, to challenge and engage children of all ages.

Preschool: Anchors Away!

Young readers and pre-readers age 3-6 will delight in boat and water books and activities. Weekly storytimes include stories, fingerplays, songs, snacks or crafts.

If your child is in this age group but can already read, consider choosing the Intermediate game.

Intermediate: Swim, Splash, Slither

Explore watery biomes, and learn about the creatures who live beneath the waves. This program is designed for children age 6-11 who can read by themselves. Crafts may be made with or without the help of an adult, using readily available household items. Instructions are provided.

Optional book groups, the **Surfers** and the **Divers**, meet every other week to discuss a water tale and make a craft.

Teen: Shiver Me Timbers

Readers age 11 and up, prepare for high seas adventure. This game sheet is more challenging than the intermediate, with more difficult puzzles, and crafts geared towards an older reader's abilities.

Special teen events include a spa day, a fiction writing workshop and an outdoor movie at dusk.



Remember to catch Randy Korb on August 5!

JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
13	14 SLP begins	15 Curt Strutz Bassmeister 1 pm	16 Storytime 10:15 am	17 Teen Spa Day 1 pm	18	19
20	21	22 Book Group 1 & 2 pm	23 Storytime 10:15 am	24 Lego™ Building Contest 1 pm	25	26
27	28	29 Mike Robinson Ventriloquist 1 pm	30 Storytime 10:15 am			

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 Library Closed	6 Store opens Book Group 1 & 2 pm	7 Storytime 10:15 am	8 Teen Fiction Writing 6:30 pm	9	10
11	12	13	14 Storytime 10:15 am	15 Wacked Out Water Day 1 pm	16	17 Art Fair 12-2 pm
18	19	20 Pint-Sized Polka 1 pm	21 Storytime 10:15 am Book Group 1 & 2 pm	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Storytime 10:15 am Zoomobile 1 pm	29	30	31

AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Storytime 10:15 am Teen Movie Dusk	5 SLP Finale Randy Korb 1 pm	6	7 SLP ends store closes

Check the Summer Library Program handout or www.mhpl.org for more details on each activity or event.

*Registration is required for some events.

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From the Director

Don't Let Summer Melt Away Kid's Reading Skills

Lysianne Unruh

A scoop of ice cream dropped on hot pavement melts about as fast as your child's reading skills during the summer. Yes, if you reach down fast enough, you can salvage some of the ice cream before it completely turns into a puddle, but the original scoop is compromised; so keep that creamy, luscious goodness on the cone in the first place – READ!

Summer reading loss is cumulative. Children don't "catch up" in the fall because the other children have moved ahead with their skills. By the end of 6th grade children who lose reading skills over the summer are two years behind their classmates. So, how do you make summer reading as fun as eating ice cream?

It doesn't have to be overwhelming. Even as few as four to five books over the summer can have a significant, positive impact on academic gains for the next grade! However, if all else fails, load the kids in the car, toss some books in the back, and head to the Culver's drive-through for that teaching moment: Reading = Ice cream.

Some Summer Reading Tips

Join the MHPL's "Make a Splash Read" Summer Library Program. Kids are encouraged to read whatever they like and they get prizes for their efforts.

Lead by example. Let your children see you reading for pleasure (yes, even a guilty pleasure like a trashy romance or People magazine.)

Keep books in the car, especially for longer trips, to encourage reading during otherwise down times. Books on tape or CDs work too!

Encourage reading outside, taking advantage of a beautiful summer day.

Designate a family reading time —reading before bed creates a calm transition after a hectic summer day. Besides, it's only reruns on TV anyway.