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It is Still Summer at the Library

July is here, and the Oostburg Public Library Summer Reading Program is still going strong! As of writing, we have over 500 participants across all age levels! We're now just past the halfway point, but the fun's not stopping any time soon!

Our Elementary School readers got to meet some new furry friends when Kim's Amazing Animals visited last month, and the next week they got an awe inspiring show when Magic and Mischief (pictured to the right) came to town.

Our Teen Tuesday programs have been a blast as well. We had some Boredom Busting Board Games, where Wendy revealed her mastery of Settlers of Catan. The next week, Colleen led a group in making some gorgeous and soothing driftwood wind chimes.

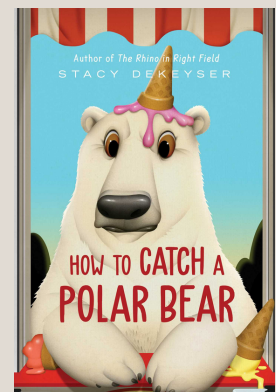
And even with all of this hubbub, our patrons have still found the time to read up a storm! Our Adult Summer Reading participants have reviewed over 100 books so far this summer!

Beyond the programming, June had the highest number of physical items circulated in the recorded history of the Oostburg Public Library! It's already been

a summer for the record books, but read on to see what's still coming up at the library this month!



New at the Library
***How to Catch a
Polar Bear***
Stacy DeKeyser



In 1948, 12 year old Nick is ready to have the summer of his life! But he gets a lot more action than he bargained for when a polar bear escapes from its enclosure at the Milwaukee City Zoo. This fun and heartfelt historical fiction novel is a great choice for a summer read, and its Wisconsin setting makes it especially fun for kids who have seen the Polar Bears at the zoo in person.



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New At
the
Library
*Silver
Nitrate*

*Silvia Moreno-
Garcia*



Moreno-Garcia has built up quite the following over the past few years, and her newest book is here to offer up the thrills and chills that she's known for! *Silver Nitrate* follows a young sound editor in the 90's Mexico City movie business. Used to being overlooked, she's thrust into center stage when a famed horror movie director moves in next door to her best friend and can't stop talking about the film he never finished - the film he says cursed him for life.

New At the Library: Binge Boxes



In our never-ending effort to provide our patrons with new and exciting entertainment options, Oostburg Public Library is rolling out our first wave of Binge Boxes! Binge Boxes are collections of movies that are connected by a shared theme, genre, or actor. Our first ten available Binge Boxes include Quirky Indie Rom-Coms, Comedies Your Dad Loves, and Fan Favorite Musicals.

Whether you're planning a movie marathon night with friends, need entertainment for a long weekend at the cottage, or just need some help finding some new movies to watch, our Binge Boxes take the stress out of movie night! Just find something that suits your mood and you're all set!

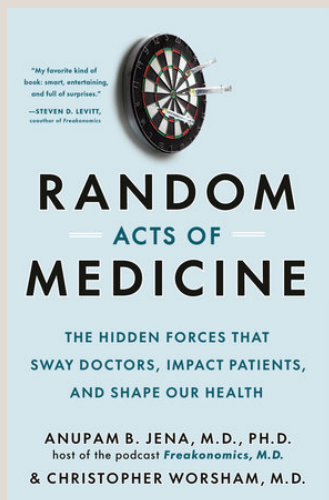
A huge thank you to everyone who has responded to our open call for movie donations. These Binge Boxes are the direct result of your generosity!

We're also still open for donations, so if you're cleaning house this summer and have DVDs (or books, or craft supplies, there's very little we won't take) keep the Oostburg Public Library in the back of your mind!

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New At the Library *Random Acts of Medicine*

Anupam B. Jena and
Christopher Worsham



Ever wonder what happens if you have a heart attack during the annual National Cardiologist Conference? If so, this is the book for you! *Random Acts of Medicine* explores the aspects of life that are out of our control and the way they affect the American Healthcare System. Written by two M.D.s using naturally occurring experiments, this book is full of interesting (and maybe a little scary) facts that you can use to spark conversations and impress your friends at parties.

Get to Know Our New Librarian



You may have noticed a brand new friendly face here at Oostburg Public Library! Tricia Oonk has joined the staff as our new circulation librarian. Though she's already a familiar face to many of the kids in the community, as she's spent several years as a substitute

teacher in the Oostburg School District, we wanted to give the grownups an opportunity to get to know our newest staff member!

Favorite Book?

I love Simone St. James, especially *The Sundown Hotel*, and anything by Rachel Harrison

Favorite Food?

I like a good burger and fries, like what you'd get at Gosse's

What Are You Reading Now?

I just finished *The Last One Left* by Riley Sager, it was so good!

If You Could Travel Anywhere in the World, Where Would You Go?

I'd like to see England and Ireland, that part of the world

What's One Thing You Think Patrons Should Know About You?

While I am sad that I'm not going to be subbing anymore, I'm really excited that I'll still get to see and work with the kids here!



Cake Pan of the Month

No. 42 Fish

If you love a Friday Night Fish Fry, why not try out a Friday Night Fish Cake? Perfect for after a day on the lake or the fisherman in your life's birthday, this cake pan is sure to delight. Perch may be in short supply, but this fish can be caught using only a library card at the Oostburg Public Library!

A Note from the Director

Well folks, we've made it into July! I can honestly say that I wasn't sure we would after those first few days of Summer Reading. I figured I'd be stampeded by a herd of children rushing to claim their rewards by day five and spend the rest of the summer recovering on a nice farm somewhere, sipping lemonade and cashing in on my insurance policy. But instead, we've been having a wildly successful Summer Reading Program, which I guess is okay too.

In the midst of all of the action, we've had a lot of changes around here, some big and some small. We've launched our Experiences Passes and gotten some great feedback on them. Since they were made available about a month ago, they've already checked out over 30 times! That's 30 families that have already gotten to enjoy a day out for just the cost of gas. How cool is that?!

We also got the library painted, and I'm so happy to be able to wear my mauve shirts again without being worried about clashing. Everything looks so clean and bright, and as a part time employee of Steve's Painting, it felt great to be on the other side of a project for a change.

And then there's our staffing changes! Wendy has retired, and she made me promise not to make a big deal about it, so I will not be singing her praises from the rooftops like I'd like to, but we will all miss her very much.

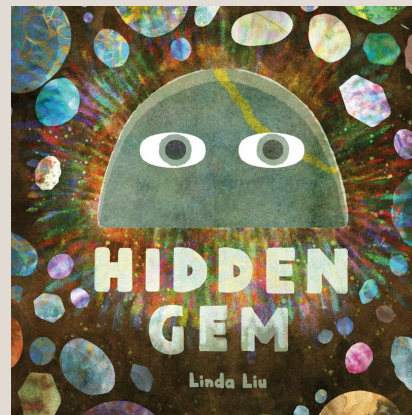
Stepping into her position is Tricia, who has already done such a fantastic job. I'm glad she wanted to work with us! And as an added bonus, Nancy, who's been working as our adult page, has been trained up to be our substitute librarian!

So yeah, we've been busy around here. As someone who once had to be carried out of the house on the ratty old living room sofa because I didn't want to let go of it, change can be hard for me. But change is a part of life, and a part of growth. Our community has been growing for years now, and it's exciting to see the ways our library can contribute to that growth. I've said from the start that the library is a place for community and connection, and with our new offerings (and new makeover) we're in good shape to serve the community in more ways than ever. I hope you're as excited as I am to see where the next few years of growth and changes takes us!

New at the Library

Hidden Gem

Linda Liu



A pebble visits the museum of rocks and notices that only the shiniest and most beautiful rocks get displayed. Meeting them all, he starts to wonder what he can do to be special. He decides to seek answers in the World's Most Beautiful Gem exhibition. But could it be that the answer has been inside him all along?

This quirky and clever children's book will capture the hearts of children and parents alike. Featuring simple yet evocative artwork and a story about self acceptance, be prepared to get emotional over a rock!

Jesse Rogers
Library Director