

# Neenah Public Library

FROM THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE FRIENDS

AMY  
MOLITOR

SUMMER 2017

Neenah Public Library  
240 East Wisconsin Ave.  
Neenah, Wisconsin

The library will be closed  
Monday, May 29th in  
observation of Memorial Day.

School Year Hours (begins the  
day after Labor Day):

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 9 pm  
Friday 9 am - 6 pm  
Saturday 9 am - 5 pm  
Sunday 1 pm - 5 pm

Summer Hours (begins the day  
after Memorial Day)

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 9 pm  
Friday 9 am - 6 pm  
Saturday 9 am - 1 pm  
Sunday closed

Phone numbers  
Adult 920-886-6315  
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Children/Teen 920-886-6335

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## HELLO FRIENDS !

My name is Amy Molitor, and I am proud to say that I am the new President of the Friends of the Neenah Public Library board. I have been a patron of NPL for two decades, and back in August had the pleasure of becoming a volunteer as well. I love the environment of the library and appreciate the difference it makes in the community, and am eager to contribute to its success in whatever ways I can. Outside of my library habits, I am a substitute teacher for the Neenah Joint School District and am pursuing my Master's degree in Public Administration. My goal in life is to do what I can to make a positive impact on the community. It's what I hope to do in my career and why I believe so strongly in the mission and goals of our library and the Friends organization. I am honored to take on such an important role in helping build support.

The goals of our organization remain the same, but hopefully we can work together to find new, innovative ways of achieving these goals. We aim to bring the library more awareness, higher use of resources, more gifts from the community and new program ideas. Already this year we have invested in a new mascot (keep your eyes peeled!) and dedicated our funds this year to supporting the library concert series.

So what can you do to help support us? First and foremost, renew your membership! The dues of our members comprise a large part of the funds we use to support the library programs. Then, get the word out to your friends, family and library lovers about our organization. Word of mouth is a powerful tool to expand our membership and help build capacity. If you are the creative type, let us know your ideas for new programs or innovative fundraising ideas! Finally, please consider donating materials and your time to the annual book sale. Planning is in it's early stages, but we are always looking for donations of books, records, dvds, cds and audio books. These can be brought to the main circulation desk during business hours, and the staff will be happy to provide you with a donation receipt. Donations are tax-deductible!

Thank you for your continued support of the Library and the Friends organization.

Amy Molitor

## Repair Cafe

Do you consider yourself handy? Enjoy fixing things? The library is currently seeking out individuals that would like to help with the library's first Repair Café. While the event is in the early stages of planning, we hope to schedule the Repair Café during a weekend this fall. The Repair Café will allow patrons to get their items fixed for free. Hopefully we will have enough knowledgeable volunteers that patrons can bring in common household items, vintage toys, computers, and more. The Repair Café is also designed as an instructional event and patrons are encouraged to help with the process. If this sounds like something you're interested in volunteering for, please contact the library via email at [library@neenahlibrary.org](mailto:library@neenahlibrary.org) or give us a phone call at 920-886-6315. Thanks!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



# PARTING WORDS FROM WAYNE SIGL

Having completed their terms of office on the Board of Directors, the Friends organization recently elected a new board at its annual meeting on April 7. On behalf of the Friends membership, I want to extend a huge thank you to the outgoing Board members, including Pat Erickson, Gretchen Raab, Dana Kohlmeyer, and Lisa Hemes. It has been a pleasure working with you. And, thank you to all the Friends members for your support.

Newly-elected at the same annual meeting were the following officers and directors:

Amy Molitor, President  
Tracy Nikolai, Vice President  
Dave Fell, Secretary  
Gretchen Raab, Treasurer

Diane Fell, Jill Peterson, Gail Dolan, Caleb Cooper, Deby Netzel and Pat Erickson - Directors-at-Large

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 25 at 5:00pm, where planning for this year's book sale will begin. All Friends members are always welcome to attend the Board meetings

A reminder to all our members that membership dues are renewable in May. And, start saving your books for the book sale. You should bring your donations to the library starting in late August. The sale itself is scheduled to start on September 20.

Each year the Friends select a Volunteer of the year. After much deliberation, it was decided that we could not choose between two very deserving people. Congratulations to Jan Wilz and Ruth Wood, this year's Volunteers of the Year.

The Friends organization had a very good year. With your continued support, we will be able to continue bringing good things to the library.

## Summer Urban Homesteading

Preserving Fruits: Freezing, Canning, Jams, Jellies & Preserves: Monday, June 5, 6:30 p.m. with Christine Kniep, UW-Extension, Family Living Educator.

Weed Control: Monday, June 12, 6:30 p.m. with Kimberly Miller, UW-Extension, Horticulture Educator.

Making Pickles: Monday, July 10, 6:30 p.m. with Christine Kniep, Family Living Educator, Winnebago County UW-Extension.

Butterfly Garden: Monday, August 14, 6:30 p.m. Winnebago County Master Gardeners will discuss the planning and design of the Library's butterfly garden. A tour of the garden is included, weather permitting.

Canning Tomatoes: Monday, August 21, 6:30 p.m. with Christine Kniep, UW-Extension

## MEET VICE PRESIDENT TRACY NIKOLAI

Hello, my name is Tracy Nikolai, Vice President for the Friends of the Neenah Library and I would like to introduce myself. I grew up in Appleton and have lived in the Neenah/Menasha community for the past 10 years. I graduated from Marian University with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing. I have been employed with J. J. Keller & Associates, Inc. for the past 8 years and am currently a Marketing Event Planner. I plan, market, and execute safety and compliance events all over the country. On the weekends, I work at J.C. Penney's as a Senior Hairstylist, I have been with the company for 9 years and love being able to make people feel beautiful.

In my free time, you can catch me in my garden or curled up with a good book. I have been part of a local book club for the past few years with my favorite books being historical fiction. I also volunteer at the Neenah Animal Shelter where I socialize cats to prepare them for their forever home. I take pride in making a difference in the animal's quality of life while they are at the shelter.

Libraries are crucial to communities to promote continued learning, which is why I wanted to join the Friends board. Libraries provide a safe place for children to learn how to read while adults can learn about technology and meet to talk about books. I want to be a part of what makes our library important to our community. I have high hopes this year's book sale will be a continued success so the Friends can add new fresh programs and services to the list currently offered. I'm excited to see what we will achieve as a board and as a community over the next few years.

## The Mill *a place for writers*

The Mill and the Neenah Public Library present: "Masterworks of 20th Century Fiction." The "Masterworks" will explore three very different works in May and June: James Joyce's "Ulysses," Virginia Woolf's "To the Lighthouse," and Vladimir Nabokov's "Lolita." The talks will engage, entertain, enlighten, and encourage readers. (You need not have read any of these works beforehand, nor do you have to attend all three talks to participate in the conversation.) No registration required for these free presentations.

**Saturday, May 20, 1:00 p.m.: An Introduction to James Joyce's "Ulysses." Presented by Steve Polansky.**

**Saturday, May 27, 1:00 p.m.: An Introduction to Virginia Woolf's novel, "To the Lighthouse" with Steve Westergan.**

**Saturday, June 3, 11:00 a.m.: An introduction to Vladimir Nabokov's "Lolita" with Peter John Thomas.**

## Film and Panel Discussion: Patriots Day

Pacesetters Running Club, in partnership with the Neenah Public Library, will host an evening dedicated to the tragedy of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing. The event will feature the film, Patriots Day, followed by a panel discussion led by local Fox Cities runners and spectators who were present at the Boston Marathon on April 15, 2013.

Wednesday, May 24, 6:00 p.m.

## Ukulele Lessons

*Advanced-Beginner Level Classes*  
Join the Neenah Public Library for free ukulele lessons. The group classes are held every Thursday May 11 through June 1 at 6pm. Taught by Lawrence University student and musician Sam 'Alika Bader. Held in the Story Time Room. Open to all levels and all ages. Bring your ukulele.

Thursday evenings 6:00-7:00 p.m.

## Day Break-er

Begin your day in a brand new way with yoga, coffee and dancing at the Neenah Public Library. Rejuvenate with a half-hour of yoga, stimulate your mind with a complimentary cup of coffee, and energize with dancing!

June 23, July 28, August 25  
7:00am

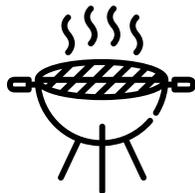
## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

# MAD DOG AND MERRILL AT THE NPL

Grilling buddies Mad Dog and Merrill entertained patrons of the Neenah Public Library with their special blend of humor and grilling secrets during their "Grilling 101" workshop in April at the Neenah Public Library. The duo shared tips and tricks on how to get the most from the grilling season. They also grilled up some BBQ summer sausage to share with the lucky attendees. Try something new this summer with one of their signature recipes.

## Cedar Plank Steaks

1 cedar plank  
Two to four 1 inch thick New York Strip Steaks  
olive oil  
Mad Dog & Merrill's Grandma Hazel's Rub



Soak the cedar plank in water, wine, or beer for at least 2 hours. Rub your steaks lightly with olive oil and season with Mad Dog & Merrill's Grandma Hazel's Rub or your favorite seasoning. Sear steak on a high heat for about 2 minutes on each side. Place cedar plank on the grill and put your steaks on the plank and turn your heat down to a medium heat. Close the hood and grill for about 15 minutes or desired doneness. Please note that you can do the same thing with pork chops and pork steaks.



## YOUTH SERVICES

# SUMMER OF AWESOME READING!

With the end of the school year approaching, the Youth Department is gearing up for another busy summer! Year-round storytimes for our littlest library users continue into the summer months packed with stories, songs and movement. Family programming features professional performers sharing music, nature and magic. We offer librarian led programs like book clubs, science exploration and art projects. Each year as we plan our summer programming, we explore new ways to engage readers of all ages. This year we look forward to new programs like Tween Scene, weekly projects just for tweens and teens, and STEAMy Summer, weekly activities incorporating STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math).

Children from birth to age 18 can register for the reading component of the Summer Library Program and earn incentives for reading, being read to and other literacy activities. We will offer three different reading records based on the age of the participant. Each reading record will include age appropriate literacy activities. Ultimately summer at the library is about keeping kids reading when school is out and avoiding the "summer slide". Experts agree that children who read during the summer gain reading skills, while those who do not often slide backward. Summer slide affects millions of children each year in this country—but it doesn't have to. Libraries and librarians play a huge role in promoting summer reading and making reading fun for children and families. We make an extra effort to reach children and families who may not be familiar with our library and library services through outreach and promotion. Keep your eye out for SOAR yard signs popping up around town. We can't wait for another Summer Of Awesome Reading!



## SUMMER STORYTIMES

June 6-Friday, August 18  
No registration required

Storytimes are fun for children and caregivers, with new books and old favorites, music and motion, puppets, fingerplays and more.

Baby Time (birth to 12 months)  
Wednesdays @ 9:15 am

Toddle Time (12 - 24 months)  
Tuesdays & Fridays @ 10:30 am

Lapsit (ages 2-3)  
Wed. & Thurs. @ 10:30 am

Bach to Rock (ages 2-4)  
Fridays @ 10:00am

Story Time Ninjas (ages 3-5)  
Tuesdays @ 10:00 am

WeeRead (ages birth-6 years)  
Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm

## STEAMy SUMMER

Ages 6 and up. Thursdays @ 1:00 pm

June 8 Fingerprint Art  
June 15 Paper Bag Robots  
June 22 Construction Creations  
June 29 Marble Mazes  
July 6 Fun with Portraits  
July 13 3 Little Pigs Challenge  
July 20 Matchbox Car Races  
July 27 Beautiful Butterflies  
August 3 Catapult Building  
August 10 Fantastic Frogs  
August 17 Movie: LEGO Batman



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Membership Application/Renewal—Friends of the Neenah Public Library

I appreciate the value of our library and want to demonstrate my commitment. Note: The Friends' membership year is May 1 through April 30. If you've already renewed your membership with the Friends—Thank you!

- Yes! I would like to become a member of the Friends of the Neenah Public Library
- Yes! I would like to renew my membership
- Junior (Under 12)—\$2.00       Supporting or Small Business—\$30.00
- Individual—\$15.00       Contributing—\$50.00
- Family—\$25.00       Sponsor or Corporate—\$100.00
- Additional contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes! I would like to volunteer at the annual book sale

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please mail your check to “Friends of the Neenah Public Library, P.O. Box 569, Neenah, WI, 54957-0569.” The Friends group is an official 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation. Donations are tax deductible and qualify for many corporate matching gift programs.