



The Library Noise

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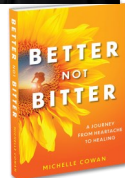
May Calendar

5/12 Friends	1:30
5/13 Library Board Meeting	5:30
5/19 Book Talk	10:00
May Theme: Historical	
5/22 Oelwein Reads at Ampersand	6:00
The Overnight Guest by Heather Gudenkauf	
5/26 Memorial Day Library Closed	
5/27 SRP Registration Event	4:00-6:00

Coming Author Presentation

June 4th at 5:30 p.m.

Michelle Cowan will present her book *Better Not Bitter: a Journey From Heartache to Healing*. She shares the story of the tragic loss of her husband due to a car accident involving a drunk driver. Listen to her inspiring story of how she and her daughter survived this loss, their pursuit for policy change and justice, how she found forgiveness towards the driver that took her husband's life, and finding healing through the love and kindness of others. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Donor's Corner

The following people made donations in memory of loved ones during the month of April:

In memory of Seth Garceau

Jens & Joanne Nielsen

In memory of Frances "Frankie" King

The Friends of the Library

In memory of Marilyn Bennett

Dennis & Michaela Graves

In memory of Terri Derflinger

Steve & Mary Reeder

In memory of Virginia Steil

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For more information on how you can create this lasting tribute to someone you have lost or would like to honor, please contact Deann Fox at 283-1515.

The Summer Reading Program is coming! And the Art Show too! We have a summer of FUN planned for you!

Get ready to unleash your inner artist at the 9th Annual Oelwein Public Library Art Show! Mark your calendars for June 2nd when all the fabulous creations will be on display. Art Show guidelines and identification tags can be found on the library website. Our Summer Reading Program kicks off on the same day and runs through June 30th, with the super cool theme:



Level Up at Your Library! Here's a rundown of the events:

Tuesday, May 27th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Drop-in Registration. Decorate your book bag.

Wednesday June 4th at 10:00 a.m. Stuffed Animal Sleepover. Bring your animal friend to Pages & Play Club for an overnight stay. Pick them up on Thursday.

Wednesday, June 4th at 5:30 p.m. Author Michelle Cowan Her book, *Better Not Bitter* tells of her courage to survive after the tragic loss of her husband due to a car accident involving a drunk driver.

Thursday, June 5th at 2:00 p.m. Pokemon Party Fun with Pokemon activities and crafts.

Wednesday, June 11th at 9:00 a.m. Creature Feature with Fontana Meet an animal who will stay at the library for a month. Stay after this program for **Read with Local Law Enforcement at 10:00 a.m.** Oelwein Police & Fire Dept.

Thursday, June 12th LEGO Derby at 2:00 p.m. Create & Race.

Saturday, June 14th at 10:00 a.m. MUSH! With Sled Dog Noggin & Karen.

This program sponsored by a generous patron.

Tuesday, June 17th Tree Wall Art at 6:00 p.m. Use discarded puzzle pieces for this art. All materials supplied.

Thursday, June 19th at 2:00 p.m. Absolute Science Butterfly Tents Get an up close butterfly experience. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Tuesday, June 24th at 6:00 p.m. Mini Book Necklaces Pick a favorite book cover & make your own necklace.

Thursday, June 26th at 5:00 p.m. Summer Reading Finale Picnic

Enjoy pizza, courtesy of Casey's, Prize drawing, & FUN!

• Oelwein Reads Book Club May 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

• This book club meets at Ampersand (110 S. Frederick)

• The book selected is *The Overnight Guest* by Heather

Gudenkauf. Contact the library if you would like a copy.



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New items on the shelf

DVD's:

Flight Risk, Companion, Dog Man, Mufasa: The Lion King

Fiction:

South of Nowhere-Jeffery Deaver, The Murder Machine-Heather Graham, Wildfire-Hannah Grace, 25 Alive-James Patterson, Vera Wong's Guide to Shopping-Jesse Q. Sutanto, The Rose Arbor-Rhys Bowen, Beautiful Ugly-Alice Feeney, Dream State-Eric Puchner, Summer Light on Nantucket-Nancy Thayer

Non-Fiction:

The Next Day-Melinda Gates, Miracles and Wonder-Elaine H. Pagels, Autism Out Loud-Kate Swenson, The JFK Conspiracy-Brad Meltzer, On the Hippie Trail-Rick Steves, Waiting on the Moon-Peter Wolf, The Harder I Fight the More I Love You-Neko Case

New YA:

Something in the Woods Loves You-Jarod K. Anderson, Rebel Witch-Kristen Ciccarelli, Banned Together-Ashley Hope Perez, Fearless-Lauren Roberts, Our Infinite Fates-Laura Steven

Ladybug:

How to Catch an Invisible Bad Guy-Alice Walstead, Good Golden Sun-Brendan Wenzel, Close Up and Far Out-Mary Auld, Buffalo Fluffalo-Bess Kalb

New J:

Caitlin Clark: Basketball Phenom-Matt Chandler

Weekly kid programs at the library

Pages & Play Club every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

5/7 Things That Go, 5/14 Bees,

5/21 Rainy Day, 5/28 In the Garden

Pages & Play Club is our Storytime event for young children, featuring books, songs, and activities. It includes playtime for kids and socializing for adults at the end.



Theme Thursday every Thursday at 4:00 p.m.

5/1 Create!, 5/8 LEGOs,

5/15 The Wonderful World of Bees,

5/22 Turtle Time, 5/29 In the Garden

This STEAM program will feature a different topic each week. LEGOs will feature the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Did You Know?

On July 23rd, the library will welcome VR Game Truck Nebraska (a dream come true for gamers!) This truck can accommodate 24 players and features 18 multiplayer game consoles along with 6 virtual reality stations and will be stationed in our parking lot from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. This exciting program is sponsored by the Oelwein Public Library Foundation. Each group of 24 will be given an hour to play. Sign up sheets will be available closer to the event.



Would you like more information on this truck & what it offers?

Check out their website at <http://www.vrgametrucknebraska.com/>

Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/vrgametrucknebraska/>

Youtube: [VR Game Truck Nebraska Youtube Channel](#)

To request an accommodation for programs call 319-283-1515 or email oelwein@oelwein.lib.ia.us.



Would you like more information on these programs? Ask a librarian



Take & Make Kits

Make a 3D Bee Card to give to a special someone.



Children under the age of seven (7) must be accompanied by a responsible person at least fourteen (14) years old. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians/caregivers to supervise and monitor the behavior and safety of their children or persons in need of a caregiver at all times. The library is not responsible for children or persons in need of a caregiver left in the building.

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