

April Book Sale—Celebrating National Library Week!

The next Friends of the Library used book sale will be held April 12th, 13th & 14th. Mark your calendar so you can take advantage of the three-day sale! Check out our “Collector’s Corner” for rare & antique books.



April 12th: Preview Sale from 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Get a leg up on the competition by attending the Friends of the Library used book Preview Sale - free for current Friends members to attend, and a \$3 entrance fee for all others. The sale will then be open free of charge on Friday and Saturday. (Friends memberships start at just \$5 / year, and applications are available at the library and online.)

April 13th: Book Sale area open from Noon - 7:30 pm. The library will close at 6:00, but access to the book sale will remain open until 7:30 pm.

April 14th: Book Sale area open from 10:30 am - 2:30 pm. The Friends of the Library semi-annual used book sale continues. This is your last chance to stock up until the October sale this fall!

How “Odd” is Wisconsin? Author Erika Janik Knows!

The Friends of the Ripon Public Library are pleased to host Wisconsin historian and author Erika Janik on Friday, April 13th at their annual meeting. Erika is the author of *Odd Wisconsin: Amusing, Perplexing, and Unlikely Stories of Wisconsin's Past* and *A Short History of Wisconsin*. Her work has appeared in many publications, including *Midwest Living*, *Wisconsin Trails*, *My Midwest* and the *Wisconsin State Journal*.



Friends of the Ripon Public Library Annual Meeting

1:30 pm — Ms. Janik will share photographs and stories from her works. Books will be available for signing and purchase.

2:45 pm — Friends of the Ripon Public Library Business Meeting.

The public is welcome to attend one or both events. If you have any questions, please contact the library at (920) 748-6160 or Mandy Canovan at: Canovan@riponlibrary.org.

Check Out a Nook—Literally!—@ Your Library



Barnes & Noble Nook™ E-readers are now available to check out from the library! Choose color or black & white versions, both of which come pre-loaded with an assortment of over 50 best-selling titles. To check on their availability or place a hold on either a Nook Simple Touch or Nook Color eReader, simply search the library catalog for the title “Ripon nook.”

Metabolism: What You Need to Know

Join us Wednesday, May 9th @ 6 pm for this first in a planned series of health talks presented in partnership with Agnesian HealthCare’s Journeys: a health resource center. The process of metabolism establishes the rate at which we burn calories, and ultimately, how quickly we gain weight or how easily we lose it. Join James Wallace, DO, a Fond du Lac Regional Clinic Ripon board-certified family medicine physician, to learn how your metabolism works, what influences your metabolism and how you can boost your metabolism. For more information, visit our website. To register for this program, contact Journeys: a health resource center at (920) 926-4960. \$5 admission fee.

Your Membership

Thank you to those of you who have paid your Friends dues. Dues are owed if your mailing label says September 2011 or March 2012. Please consider renewing your membership to remain on the mailing list and to benefit the library. Annual dues are \$5 per individual or \$10 per family and lifetime dues are \$50 per individual or \$100 per family. Dues may be paid at or sent to the library – please make checks payable to the Friends of the Ripon Public Library. Thank you for your support!

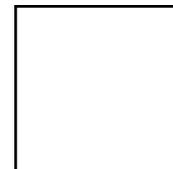
Spring Events for Kids

Storytime: Wednesdays, March 28th through May 9th. Bouncing Babies @ 9:15 am and Peppy Preschoolers @ 10:00 am. No registration.

First Grade Visits: In recognition of National Library Week, each first grade classroom in Ripon will take a field trip to the library, introducing students to the library as an exciting place where dreams and curiosity are welcome. The visit includes a tour, simple instruction in library use, book presentations, and issuance of a library card in their name, as well as time to browse and check out a book.

Culver’s® Drawing Contest: During the month of April, children ages 11 and under can enter the “Communities Thrive @ Your Library” drawing campaign which encourages children to read and celebrate their favorite book characters. All entrants will receive a certificate for a free single scoop of frozen custard from participating Culver’s, and will be entered in a drawing for a free Team Scoopie Kids Meal.

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Book Discussions

Are you at a loss for what to read next? Consider sitting in on our monthly book discussion group. Selections alternate between classics and modern works, which are discussed on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Refreshments are provided.

Leaders Needed!

The Friends of the Library needs volunteers to serve on its board and assist with the revitalization of the group. Due to a lack of volunteer leadership, the Friends of RPL has not had a meeting or been active for over a year. The board is in need of a chair, chair-elect and secretary as well as two at-large board members. The board typically meets a minimum of twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring, and assists with planning the annual Friends of the Library meeting in April. In difficult budget times the support of the Friends becomes even more important. For more information about how you can help, please contact the library.

WINTER HOURS

Through Memorial Day
Monday - Thursday:
9 am - 8 pm
Friday:
9 am - 6 pm
Saturday:
9 am - 4 pm
Sunday:
1 pm - 4 pm

How To Support Your Library

There are many things people can do to support the Ripon Public Library:

- Use the library. Whether checking out materials, attending a program, using the Internet, or even accessing the wireless, statistics of these activities are kept and used to show the value of the library.
- Donate a new book in someone's name. Staff members are available to suggest titles and a bookplate will be placed in the book.
- Volunteer. There are many tasks available, including withdrawing old books and cleaning book shelves.
- Donate money. Contributions to the Ripon Public Library are used for major projects, such as the recent renovation of the lower level which resulted in a new Story Time Room.

There are also many things people can do to support the Friends:

- Join the Friends of the Library. Memberships start at \$5 per individual per year.
- Purchase a Friends of the Library book bag for \$8.
- Volunteer to serve on the Friends of the Library board. See "Leaders Needed" in this newsletter.
- Assist with book sales. Volunteers meet monthly to sort donated books and volunteers are also needed as cashiers during the sales. Volunteers do not need to be members of the Friends.
- Donate books for the book sales.
- Donate money. Contributions to the Friends of the Ripon Public Library are primarily used for programming expenses, including summer reading programs for all ages, and audio materials for children and adults.

If you have questions about any of the ways in which you can support the library or the Friends, please contact library staff at 920-748-6160.

Celebrate Earth Day With(out) Aquatic Invasive Species

The Ripon Public Library is pleased to invite the community to a presentation by Andrew Karleigh on Thursday, April 19th at 3:30 pm. Mr. Karleigh is an Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator in Fond du Lac County working with Glacierland Resource Conservation and Development.

Using hands-on interactive learning tools, Mr. Karleigh will explore some of the commonly occurring aquatic invasive species in our area, how they are spread, why they are not welcome guests, and what each individual can do to halt their proliferation. This free, informational and fun program is designed for school age children up to adults.

Summer Reading Programs Sneak Preview

Watch for more information in May on our kid, teen and adult Summer Reading Programs. We'll have something for everyone! Highlights include:

- * Missoula's Make-up Workshop * Camp Out on the Village Green *
- * Musician & Storyteller Ken Lonquist * Great Big Faces with Paul Merklein *
- * In Capable Hands - Juggling Act * Able the Dancing Dog *
- * Circle of Sound * Hunger Games Galore *
- * Star Lab - Inflatable Planetarium * Star Party - stargazing w/ telescopes *