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Farewell

STACEY BURKART Interim Library Director

In January we said good-bye and good luck to library director Brian Simons who accepted a position as director of the Brown County Library in Green Bay. During his almost seven years at the Verona Public Library there were many, many successes to celebrate, not the least of was being awarded the 2013 Wisconsin Library of the Year award. During this time of transition, we will be keeping focused on the things that make our library great, customer service, commitment to life-long learning, and providing a place where people in the community can connect. I have seen our library grow and change so much in the ten years I have worked here and look forward to the new challenges and opportunities that await us.



Changing Weather & Climate in the Great Lakes Region

Feb. 23-March 31

This free four-week online class, presented by UW-Madison:

Explores one season each week through short lectures and activities;

Features instructors Steve Ackerman, UW professor of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, and Margaret Mooney, director of the Cooperative Institute for Meteorological Satellite Studies;

Requires about one to three hours of work per week, including watching videos;

Includes weekly facilitated discussions at the Verona Public Library on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.: Feb. 25 and March 4, 11, and 18.

Register at www.moocs.wisc.edu.

The Verona Public Library is one of 21 Wisconsin libraries that have joined forces with UW-Madison and Wisconsin Library Services to deliver this Massive Open Online Course.

Wisconsin Film Festival Sneak Peeks

Monday, March 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

You're invited to a free preview of this year's Wisconsin Film Festival (April 9-16). Watch trailers from this year's films, and have an open discussion with festival organizers. **Register online at veronapubliclibrary.org, or call 608-845-7180.**

This program is funded in part by Beyond the Page, The National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Madison Community Foundation.

No Credit, No Problem

Tuesday, March 24, 6-8 p.m.

Whether you've just turned 18 or are "starting over," tools are available to help you build credit.

Learn:

The lifelong value a good credit rating provides and how to control it;

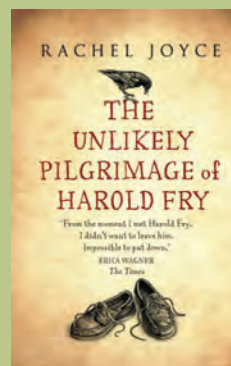
What's on a credit report and how to dispute a negative report;

How long negative information affects you.

Presented in partnership with the Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation. **Registration required. Call 608-257-5450.**

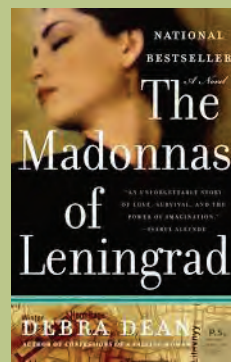
Morning Book Group

Book selections will be discussed on the dates listed below. Copies of the books are available for checkout at the service desk. Morning Book Group meets the second Monday of each month at 11:30am.



April 13
The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry: A Story

by Rachel Joyce



May 11
The Madonnas of Leningrad

by Debra Dean



June 13
The 100 Year-old Man Who Climbed Out The Window and Disappeared

by Jonas Jonasson

Storm Water Retention and Use

Tuesday, March 31, 7-8 p.m.

Robert Bohanan, Ph.D., from the Wisconsin Institute for Science Education and Community Engagement & North Temperate Lakes Long Term Ecological Research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will discuss his research on the water quality of the detention ponds in Verona and at Badger Mill Creek that he conducts with area teachers and students.

Marty Cieslik, assistant director of Verona's Public Works department, will discuss Verona's rain garden and rain barrel rebate program. **Register online at veronapubliclibrary.org or call 845-7180.**

Wisconsin Author, Susan Holding

Wednesday, April 8, 7-8 p.m.

Susan Holding, Le Cordon Bleu-trained pastry chef, will discuss her new cookbook, *The Little French Bakery Cookbook*. Books will be available for sale and signing. **Register online at veronapubliclibrary.org, or call 845-7180.**

Frank J. Hess and Sons Cooperage

Tuesday, April 14, 7-8 p.m.

Learn about the 62-year history of Wisconsin's largest barrel maker from Gary and Jim Hess, family historians and grandsons of Frank J. Hess. **Register online at veronapubliclibrary.org or call 845-7180.**

Getting to Know Medicare

Wednesday, May 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Whether you're planning to enroll in Medicare or have had it for years, most people have questions. Plus, changes occur regularly. Have your questions answered by Jesse Grutz, owner of The Retirement Classroom. **Register online at veronapubliclibrary.org, or call 608-845-7180.**

Long Term Care & Final Expense Planning

Tuesday, May 12, 6:30-8 p.m.

Jesse Grutz, owner of The Retirement Classroom, will discuss the importance of early planning for long-term care, including:

Types of care available;

Costs and funding, including Title 19 (Medicaid);

Options for funding your final expenses.

Register online at veronapubliclibrary.org, or call 608-845-7180.

Get Energy From the Food You Eat

Wednesday, May 20, 7-8:30 p.m.

Scott Martin, Diplomate in Acupuncture, will discuss how to use the principles of Asian medicine to improve your metabolism, boost your energy, and maintain your health and well-being. **Register online at veronapubliclibrary.org or call 608-845-7180.**

Film Series Focuses on Civil Rights Struggles

The Verona Public Library will host a four-part documentary film series, "Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggles," from February through March. Jonathan Pollack, Ph.D., history professor at Madison Area Technical College, will show segments of four films and moderate a discussion with audience members. The film series commemorates the 50th anniversary of Mississippi Freedom Summer and the 1964 passage of the Civil Rights Act. All films are free and open to the public.

"The Abolitionists"

Thursday, Feb. 26, 7-8:30 p.m.

Abolitionist allies turned a despised fringe movement against slavery into a force that changed the nation.

"Slavery by Another Name"

Thursday, March 5, 7-8:30 p.m.

Even after the Emancipation Proclamation, thousands of African Americans--often guilty of no crimes--were

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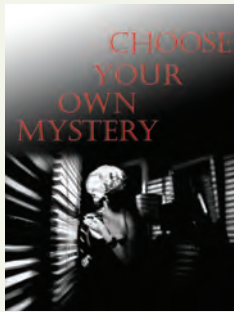
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Books 'N Booze

Our book club for people in their 20's and 30's doesn't "urge readers to drink. We urge drinkers to read." Join us! Books 'N Booze book club meets the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Pasqual's Cantina in Verona. Books 'N Booze did not meet in December.



March 19
*Choose Your Own
Mystery*

If you grew up in the 80s, enjoy video games, or go crazy for popular culture, you will devour Ready Player One by Ernest Cline. The novel is a world within a world, a treasure hunt inside a gigantic immersive online environment.



April 16
American Gods
by Neil Gaiman

May 21
*Super Sad True Love
Story*
by Gary Shteyngart



Please register online for all adult programs at veronapubliclibrary.org through the Events & Programs link, or call 608-845-7180.

Thank You

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arrested, compelled to work without pay, repeatedly bought and sold, and coerced to do the bidding of masters.

“The Loving Story”

Thursday, March 12, 7-8:30 p.m.

A racially charged criminal trial and a heart-rending love story converge in this documentary about Richard and Mildred Loving, an interracial couple who changed history.

“Freedom Riders”

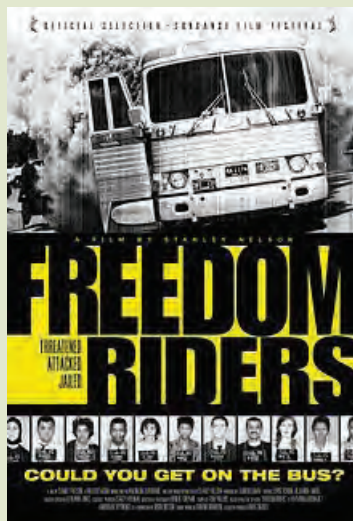
Thursday, March 19, 7-8:30 p.m.

A courageous band of civil rights activists challenging segregation in the American South in 1961 risked being jailed, beaten, or killed, as local and state authorities ignored or encouraged violent attacks.

Register online at veronapubliclibrary.org, or call 608-845-7180.

The National Endowment for the Humanities, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, and

the Bridging Cultures initiative has generously underwritten the “Created Equal” film series. While only segments of the four films will air during the evening sessions, the Verona Public Library will make the films available for circulation. They may also be viewed online at created-equal.neh.gov.



Exhibits

Edna M. Kunkel: My Verona Exhibit

March 29 – April 14

Local artist Edna M. Kunkel uses pastels to interpret the local landscape, flora, and fauna in all seasons. Join the artist for a soft pastel painting demonstration in the exhibit space Saturday, April 11, noon – 2 p.m.

Verona Area School District K-12 Art Show

May 1-28



Anime & Manga Club

Thursdays, 4:00 – 5:30 pm



Teens interested in Japanese animation and Manga meet to watch, draw, read, and eat! Grades 6 - 12. Have questions? Email veronamanga-club@gmail.com. Program meets in the Community Room or Story Room.

Winter Highlights

Cookie Decorating

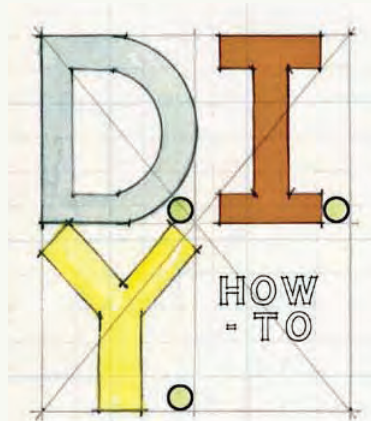
For an afternoon treat, teens decorated cookies and made cards for the holidays!



Walk-in Wednesdays

March 25, April 22, May 13,
4:00 – 8:00 pm

Drop by Teen Central for quick DIY crafts! Come any time between four and eight! Ages 11 – 18. No registration.



Children's Spring Story Times: March 23 - April 24

Baby Story Time Ages 0-18 months

A lap-sit story time for infants & their caregivers. 20 minutes with playtime afterward.

Fridays 10:30am

Toddler Story Time Ages 1-2 years

Stories, songs, fingerplays and crafts for toddlers and their caregivers. 30 minutes. No Registration.

Tuesdays 9:30am & 10:30am
Wednesdays 9:30am & 10:30am

Preschool Story Time Ages 3-5 years

Stories, songs and crafts. Child may attend independently or with an adult. 30 minutes. No registration.

Mondays 10:30am
Thursdays 10:30am

Everybody Story Time Ages 0-5 years

Stories and songs for children and their caregivers. 30 minutes.

Mondays 9:30am
Thursdays 9:30am

Sensory Friendly Story Time Ages 3-5 years

Build communication & friendship skills in a supportive environment. Registration required. Meets throughout the school year except holidays and VASD school breaks.

Fridays 9:15 - 9:45am



Children's Spring Special Events

STACEY BURKART
Head of Youth Services

Green Eggs & Ham Breakfast

Monday, March 2 at 10:00am

Join us for a free catered buffet-style breakfast featuring green eggs, ham, muffins, and juice.



Young & the Restless

Friday, March 13, 10:00 - 11:00am

Run, jump, slide, balance, dance! Our Young & the Restless open indoor play time is an opportunity for kids be active, develop motor skills, and make new friends. Ages 0-5 and their caregivers. No registration.

St. Patrick's Day Party!

Tuesday, March 17 from 5:00 – 7:30

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Irish dance and music, kids crafts, and refreshments. The Trinity Irish Dancers take the stage at 5:30 to share their talents and teach a jig and at 6:30 musician Jeff Pockat plays the Gaelic harp. All ages.

Board Games & Big Hero 6

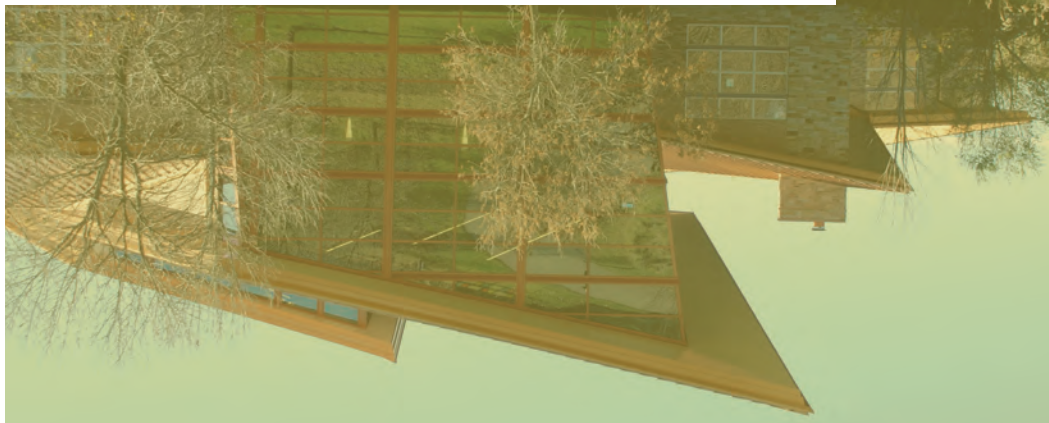
Friday, April 10

Play board games from 11 - 1pm and watch Big Hero 6 from 1:30 - 3pm. Best for ages 5 -11.

STEM Fair: presented by Navigant

Saturday, April 25, 9:30 - noon

Spend a morning challenging your brain . . . explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Presented by the staff of Navigant Consulting of Verona.



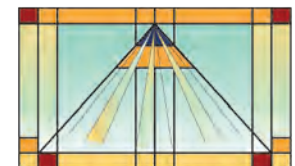
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