

SPRING VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

Because it is National Poetry Month, and I feel slightly responsible for making you all participate in what was once a national pastime, here is a beautiful April poem to ponder as spring rushes on and our lives take their turns. So enjoy ye patrons and take note of your friends, for a wise man once wrote, "you'll need one before it ends." What? Somebody probably said it.

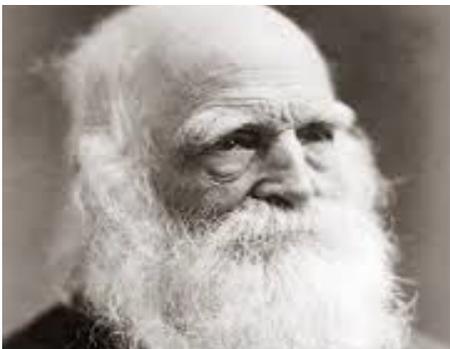
The Yellow Violet by William Cullen Bryant

WHEN beechen buds begin to swell,
And woods the blue-bird's warble know,
The yellow violet's modest bell
Peeps from last-year's leaves below.

Ere russet fields their green resume,
Sweet flower, I love, in forest bare,
To meet thee, when thy faint perfume
Alone is in the virgin air.

Of all her train, the hands of Spring
First plant thee in the watery mould,
And I have seen thee blossoming
Beside the snow-bank's edges cold.

Thy parent sun, who bade thee view
Pale skies, and chilling moisture sip
Has bathed thee in his own bright hue,
And streaked with jet thy glowing lip.



Yet slight thy form, and low thy seat,
And earthward bent thy gentle eye,
Unapt the passing view to meet,
When loftier flowers are flaunting nigh.

Oft, in the sunless April day,
Thy early smile has stayed my walk;
But midst the gorgeous blooms of May
I passed thee on thy humble stalk.

So they, who climb to wealth, forget
The friends in darker fortunes tried;
I copied them--but I regret
That I should ape the ways of pride.

And when again the genial hour
Awakes the painted tribes of light,
I'll not o'er look the modest flower
That made the woods of April bright.

SPRING VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATES

Library Board Meeting: This month's library board meeting will be Wednesday, April 8 at 7pm. This is a public meeting and all patrons are welcome.

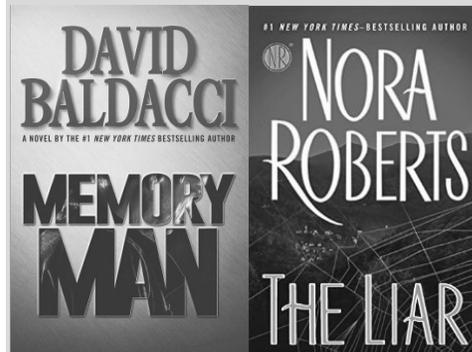
1000 Books Before Kindergarten: Registration is still open for our new 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program. This free program encourages you to read 1000 books with your child before he/she enters kindergarten. Studies have shown that the more books read to a child before kindergarten, the better that child does in school. Fostering the love to read can start with snuggle time with books. WE LEARN TO READ SO WE CAN READ TO LEARN! Once you register either online at springvalleylibrary.org or by signing up at the circulation desk you will be given a red

folder to begin keeping track. Your child will earn prizes for milestones reached. To learn more about this great program come visit us, check out our website, or email Rebecca at schmitt@svlibrary.org

Family History Resources: Did you know you had free access to Ancestry.com? At the library, patrons can build their family tree by accessing census lists, marriage and death records. In addition, our MORE page grants access to seven local databases; including the Wisconsin Historical Society. Need help? Feel free to ask.

Join us on Goodreads: Virtually browse our most recent book orders, follow our ongoing A-Z Reading Challenge with Ben, and converse with your fellow patrons all while cataloging your reading history.

Popular Titles Coming Out April Each with a story to instill!



The Week of April 6

Hot Pursuit by Stuart Woods
Blood on Snow by Jo Nesbo
Inside the O'Brien's by Lisa Genova
The Grace of Kings by Ken Liu
Chasing Sunsets by Karen Kingsbury
Falling in Love by Donna Leon
The Lady from Zagreb by Philip Kerr

The Week of April 13

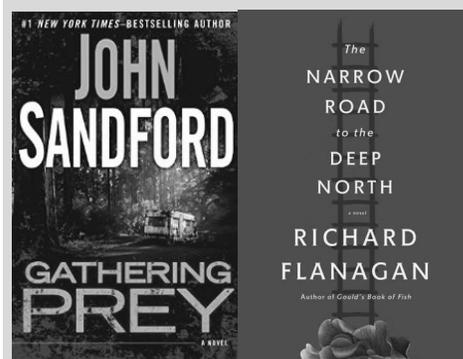
The Liar by Nora Roberts
Every Fifteen Minutes by Lisa Scottoline
The Inn at Ocean's Edge by Colleen Coble
The Narrow Road to the Deep North by Richard Flanagan

The Week of April 20

Memory Man by David Baldacci
The Bone Tree by Greg Iles
God Help the Child by Toni Morrison
Garden of Lies by Amanda Quick
Beauty's Kingdom by Anne Rice

The Week of April 27

Death Wears a Beauty Mask by Mary Higgins Clark
Perfect Match by Fern Michaels
Early Warning by Jane Smiley
Gathering Prey by John Sandford
Your Next Breath by Iris Johansen
Rogue by Julie Kagawa
The Silence that Speaks by Andrea Kane



LIBRARY PROGRAMMING IN APRIL

Children's Story Time: The presents series of story time will be coming to an end on May 20. Story time is an hour long program primarily for preschool aged children. It runs Wednesday mornings from 10-10:30am. Miss Julie Webb is in charge of these events and has chosen these themes to wrap up her spring sessions:

- April 1st: Bunnies
- April 8th: Farm Animals
- April 15th: Food
- April 22nd: Colors
- April 29th: Rain
- May 6th: Flowers
- May 13th: Transportation
- May 20th: Bugs



Early Release Kid's Club: On April 10, from 1:30-2:30pm, the library will be hosting Kid's Club April Crafts, which will include the making of pinwheels and cloud jars. Miss Rebecca Schmitt, our director, will be taking the reins this month, and is looking forward to facilitating the

program. Remember that registration is required for this popular afterschool event as we only have space for 50 children. A waiting list will be created for registrants 51 and beyond.

Parents MUST send a note to their student's teacher indicating they will be participating in the library's Kid's Club.

At the end of the school day on April 10 children will meet in the cafeteria where library volunteers/staff members will escort children safely across the street. Following the craft hour an open and free showing of *The Penguins of Madagascar* will begin at 2:30pm and run until 4pm. When the program ends parents must arrive for their child by 4pm. A snack may be given during Kid's Club. A departure snack will be given after the film.



The Penguins of Madagascar, showing April 10, is rated PG for mild action and some rude humor.

Children's Monthly Book Club: The Children's Monthly Book Club will be meeting together at the library Saturday, April 10 from 10-10:30am to hold their book discussion and share cookies and lemonade.

This program is moderated by Miss Julie Webb who, with the children's input, has selected *The Long Haul*, by Jeff Kinney for the April title. Copies of the book are available now for pick-up at the library. Participants are asked to have read the selection prior to the meeting. Registration can be completed online.

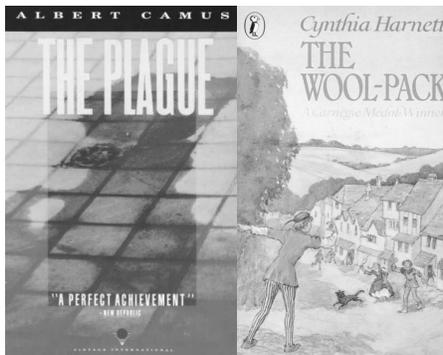
Save the Date for 2 Special May Guests:
May 1st: Local Storyteller Tracy Chipman will be here to give to our Early Release Kid's Club her *Every Hero Has a Story* presentation. This date will also kick off registration for our 2015 Super Hero Themed Summer Reading Program.

May 2nd: Local Children's Author Shelly Tougas will be here to meet the members of our Children's Monthly Book Club and discuss and sign copies of her newest book, *The Graham Cracker Plot*. Members can pick up a copy to read here anytime.

The Plague by Albert Camus

Populated by some of the most fascinating and noble characters I've ever read, *The Plague* chronicles a fictional outbreak of bubonic plague in Oran, Algeria; a colony of France at the time of publication. An absurdist allegory of great philosophical depth, it relates the plights, passions, and fears of its inhabitants with incredible affection and understanding. A book that forces you to follow your beliefs through to their conclusion, and examine your humanity through that lens. It is not nearly as bleak as it sounds, but it is sobering.

HERE BE BOOK REVIEWS



The Wool-Pack by Cynthia Harnett

A Carnegie Medal Winner from 1951, *The Wool-Pack* (AKA *The Merchant's Mark*) is quaint little mystery brimming with interesting historical detail. Set in late 15th Century England, the protagonist of the story is the son of a wealthy wool merchant who, unknowingly, has become the target of a plot to foil his business and tarnish his name. Proceeding at a pleasant pace, the joy of the book can be found in the examinations of medieval relationships. The characterization is fun and the religiosity is reverently done.

Notable Authors Born in April

- Apr. 1—Edmond Rostand Apr. 1—Anne McCaffrey Apr. 2—Hans Christian Andersen Apr. 2—Emile Zola
- Apr. 3—George Herbert Apr. 3—Washington Irving Apr. 4—Maya Angelou Apr. 7—William Wordsworth
- Apr. 8—John Fante Apr. 8—Barbara Kingsolver Apr. 12—Beverly Cleary Apr. 13—Marguerite Henry
- Apr. 15—Henry James Apr. 16—Garth Williams Apr. 17—Karen Blixen Apr. 17—Thornton Wilder
- Apr. 21—Charlotte Bronte Apr. 22—Henry Fielding Apr. 23—William Shakespeare Apr. 24—Daniel Defoe
- Apr. 24—Anthony Trollope Apr. 24—Elizabeth Goudge Apr. 24—Robert Penn Warren Apr. 28—Harper Lee



“True beauty dwells in deep retreats, Whose veil is unremoved Till heart with heart in concord beats, And the lover is beloved.”

- William Wordsworth (*Let other Bards of Angels sing*)

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