

# SPRING VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## MEET OUR NEW LIBRARY ASSISTANT, KATE

Readers, please welcome your library's newest assistant and team member, Kate Buchal. Kate is a lifelong resident of the Spring Valley area, and has been an avid patron, along with her family, over the course of her 17 years. Eagerly looking forward to the tasks of her new position, Kate has just finished her initial two weeks of training. Relishing the opportunity to work with and help those who love books as much as herself, Kate has landed in an ideal position to satisfy this.



New assistant librarian, Kate Buchal

Getting to know Kate through questions I asked her for this very purpose, I was able to learn a bit about her history with the library and the things she loves most about it. When asked what she was most excited about contributing to our library, she expressed especial enthusiasm at assisting her fellow booklovers find their desired tomes, and also, by adding to the smooth flow of things, to improve further the general maintenance and plant care of the place.

As far as books go, Kate indicated that her sentiments spanned multiple gen-

res—a definite asset for a librarian. She claimed the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy as her particular favorite, primarily because of the rich language they are written in and the beautiful poems included throughout. In spite of the fact that she named a fantasy series her as most beloved, Kate more often tends towards non-fiction than fiction; autobiographies being a form she is particularly partial to. She confessed that on many occasions she has been guilty of annoying her younger sister by spending all of her time in the back perusing the autobiography section.

Kate has also been making early strides in her budding college career. While maintaining herself as a homeschooled high-school student, she has completed several college-level courses. At this time, she holds a temporary total of 18 credits, however, she hopes to continue far beyond this in the realm higher education.

Bringing with her a great work ethic and friendly attitude, we are glad to have her on board.

## SPRING VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATES

### Library Board Monthly Meeting

This month's library board meeting will be held Tuesday, June 11 at 7pm. This is a public meeting and all patrons are welcome to attend and speak.

### 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](http://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](mailto:schmitt@svlibrary.org)

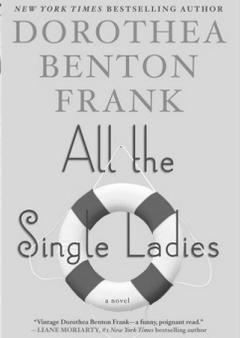
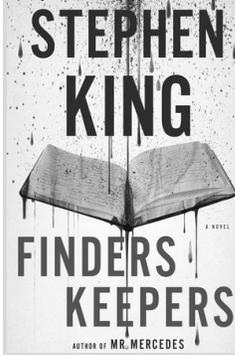
### Free Family History Resources

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

### Join us on our Goodreads page

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 June Plenty of books to make you swoon!



### The Week of June 1

*Finders Keepers* by Stephen King  
*In the Unlikely Event* by Judy Blume  
*Eight Hundred Grapes* by Laura Dave

### The Week of June 8

*All the Single Ladies* by Dorothea Benton Frank  
*Blueprints* by Barbara Delinsky  
*The Truth According to Us* by Annie Barrows  
*The Fixer* by Joseph Finder

### The Week of June 15

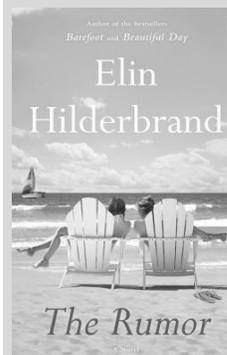
*Country* by Danielle Steel  
*The Rumor* by Elin Hilderbrand  
*The Santangelos* by Jackie Collins  
*The President's Shadow* by Brad Meltzer  
*Invasion of Privacy* by Christopher Reich

### The Week of June 22

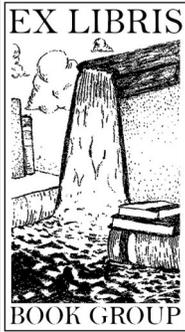
*Truth or Die* by James Patterson  
*The Melody Lingers On* by Mary Higgins Clark  
*Wicked Charms* by Janet Evanovich  
*Ever After* by Jude Deveraux  
*The Book of Speculation* by Erika Swyler

### The Week of June 29

*The English Spy* by Daniel Silva  
*A New Hope* by Robyn Carr  
*Summer Secrets* by Jane Green  
*Kiss Me* by Susan Mallery  
*The Insider Threat* by Brad Taylor



# ADULT PROGRAMS



## Adult Book Club

The Inaugural Meeting of the Spring Valley Public Library's official book club will take place Saturday, June 20th at 9:30am. The book up for discussion is Eli Brown's, *Cinnamon and Gunpowder*.

This inventive retelling of Scheherazade transports the tale to a pirate ship in 1819. Copies of the book are available for pick-up at the library.

## Spring Valley Reads—Author Visit

Keep your eyes peeled for free copies of this summer's Spring Valley Reads selection, *I Didn't Stop to Smell the Roses*, by Mary Jane Gruber. Mrs. Gruber will be here July 21st at 6pm to discuss her book and life, so be sure to read it before then.

## Music in the Park

Music in the Park will be returning three Thursdays in July on the evenings of the 9th, 23rd, and 30th. More info online.

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING IN JUNE

## Summer Reading Program Registration

Early registration for this year's summer reading program is still open and can be completed either online at our website or at the library. The program will run from June 8th to July 24th. There are two separate programs; each designed to accommodate a different reading level.

The first, the Read-To-Me Program, is for children who still require adults or siblings to read with/to them. To complete this program participants will be asked to read 50 books; about one-a-day.

The second, our Independent Reader Program, is for kids who will be entering 2nd-6th grade and can read alone. Readers of this level will be challenged to read 1000 minutes; about 20 minutes a day.

Participants will have the opportunity to win prizes upon reaching milestones. These prizes include books, a Pulse Yo-Yo, a Skipsation Skip Ball, and a Super Hero Squad Chutes and Ladders Game. Readers who have managed to read 500 minutes by June 29th will also earn an invitation to a special Subway catered party July 1st.

## Ice Cream Social and SRP Kick-Off

June 8th will mark the first day reading logs are available for pick-up, and we're celebrating the start of our summer reading program by offering free ice cream from Noon-1:30pm. Come in for a scoop!

## Summer Story Time Sessions

This summer's story time series will be an abbreviated one There will be just six half-hour presentations as opposed to ten one-hour story times. The reason for this is that in July, Miss Julie will be facilitating four special Kid's Club activities regarding Superheroes. This month however Story Time will stand alone with two sessions:

June 17th-10am-*The Hero Inside of Me*  
June 24th-10am-*The Heroes in My Family*

## Children's Monthly Book Club

This month's meeting will take place Saturday, June 6 from 10-10:30. The book up for discussion will be J.K. Rowling's, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*.

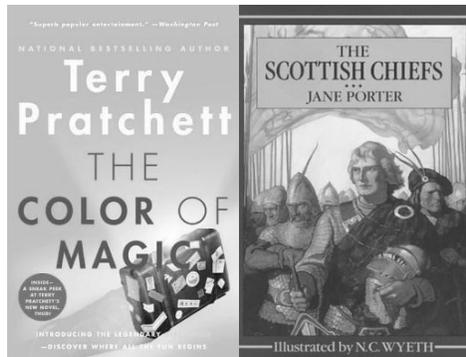
## Family Game Night

On Friday, June 26 at 5:30pm the library will be hosting a game night. Play 1 of over 30 games or bring your favorite to share.

## The Color of Magic by Terry Pratchett

An amusing satire, *The Color of Magic*, delivers memorable humor and criticism. As with most Pratchett novels, the story is a parody with absurdity compounded upon absurdity resulting in a fantastical journey that flips the ordinary and mundane, such as insurance policies, into the extraordinary and bizarre. Following the mishaps of the failed wizard Rincewind and tourist, Treeflower, readers discover that, in the Disc World, the improbable is always plausible. This fast-paced novel is a great summer read for those craving adventure yet unable to set upon one.

## HERE BE BOOK REVIEWS



## The Scottish Chiefs by Jane Porter

This historical epic may take an epoch to read, but its penetrating themes are sure to stir the conscience of the brave soul who ventures turn its many leaves. With beautiful prose Porter paints a provocative picture of virtue's plight against the traitorous hearts of ambitious humanity. An emotional elegy to the legendary William Wallace, *The Scottish Chiefs* is a romantic account of the events which occurred within and surrounding Wallace's campaign against the English. Full of angelic heroes and treacherous villains, this powerful book is not as merciful as its protagonist.

## Notable Authors Born in June

June 1—Colleen McCullough June 2—Thomas Hardy June 3—Larry McMurtry June 5—Richard Scarry  
June 5—Ken Follett June 6—Thomas Mann June 10—Saul Bellow June 10—Maurice Sendak  
June 11—William Styron June 12—Anne Frank June 12—Charles Kingsley June 13—Joyce Carol Oates  
June 13—W.B. Yeats June 13—Dorothy L. Sayers June 14—Harriet Beecher Stowe June 15—Brian Jacques  
June 19—Salman Rushdie June 21—Ian McEwan June 25—Eric Carle June 25—George Orwell  
June 26—Pearl S. Buck June 26—Walter Farley June 29—Antoine de Saint-Exupéry June 30—Mollie Hunter



*“Has the world ever been changed by anything save the thought and its magic vehicle the Word?”*

- Thomas Mann (*Freud and the Future*)

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