

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

LIBRARY NEWS

From Lakeview Branch Library
246-4547
By Katie Scharf, Librarian



Library Hours
Mon - Fri: 10 am-8 pm
Sat: 9 am-5 pm
Lakeview is closed on Mon., Sept. 4

Programs for the whole family
No registration is necessary unless indicated and most programs are sponsored by the Friends of Lakeview Branch Library.

Snakes Alive! Sat., Aug. 12 at 11 am. Herpetologist Tom Kessenich enthalls his audience with favorite, exotic snakes. Discover that snakes are not only fascinating, but also essential to our environment.

Martingilio Martial Arts & Fitness Sat., Sept. 9, 2-3 pm. Introduce kids to the exciting world of martial arts through movement and coordination exercises, fun games, and drills. Kids learn skills to help them defend themselves with confidence.

Remarkable Reptiles Sat., Sept. 30, 11 am. Reptiles rock! Join us for a lively and entertaining program presented by reptile expert, James E. Gerholdt. Get up close and personal with turtles, lizards, and snakes.

Magic Trick Workshop with Bob Bohm Sat., Oct. 7, 2 pm. Bob will instruct kids on the simple basics of magic while building their self-esteem. For grades K-5, along with their families. Call 246-4547 to register.

Lakeview Chess Club Mondays, Aug. 14, 28, Sept. 11, 25 and Oct. 9 from 6-7:45pm. Drop-in chess is the second and fourth Mondays of the month. All ages and skill levels welcome.

No registration required for the following storytimes:

Preschool Storytime Tuesdays, Sept. 19 - Dec.5 at either 10:15 or 11:15am. Enjoy stories, songs, laughs,

and crafts. Siblings are welcome.
Book Baby, Thursdays, Sept. 28 - Nov. 16, 10:15am. 15 minutes of stories and songs for babies 0-18 months old. Fun for parents, too!
Toddler Time Thursdays, Sept. 28 - Nov. 16 at 11:15am. Enjoy stories, songs as you shake your sillies out. For children ages 16-35 months with adult.

Programs for Adults
Returning to school workshop Tues, Sept. 26, 6-7:30 pm. Thinking about going back to school, but not sure where to start? This free workshop provides you with information on educational options and resources. Topics include degree completion, graduate and certificate programs, and student support services. Call 263-6960 to register.

Financing your education Mon., Oct. 2, 5:30-7:30 pm. Want to complete your degree but not sure how to pay for it? This free session outlines funding sources available to you. Register at 263-6960.

Knitting is Back! Wednesdays from Sep. 27 through Nov. 1, 6:30-7:30 pm. New and experienced knitters welcome! Drop in to learn, for help with a project, or just to sit and stitch.

Used Book Sales Saturdays, Aug.19 and Sept. 16, 9 am-5 pm. Our book sales are the third Saturday of every month. Drop off your donations anytime the library is open.

Scrabble at the Library, Wednesdays, 10 am-12:30 pm. Attention word lovers! Play Scrabble with other adults for fun (and no profit!).

Community Writing Assistance

Wednesday, Aug. 9, 5-7:30pm
Writing assistance is hiatus after Aug. 9 and resumes the week of Sept. 5. Call 246-4547 to verify fall schedule
Need professional advice about a writing project of any sort? One-on-one free assistance is available from the UW Writing Center.

From **DENNIS MCQUADE**



COMMUNITY SOCIAL WORKER

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Timebank

It has been a year since J.F.F. staff attended a training on timebanking. At the training presenters explained that timebanking was an exchange system through which people help each other and receive and spend credits called time dollars. They stressed that timebanking is based upon the value that all people have something to give. They explained further that since timebanking places the same value on everyone's work, members earn one time dollar for each hour spent helping another member. Also, the person receiving the assistance spends one time dollar for each hour that they receive help.

After receiving grants from the City of Madison and Dane County, the Northside Planning Council and Dane County Timebank decided to develop a pilot Neighbor to Neighbor Timebank program on Madison's Northside. Joining Forces for Families joined Northside residents and other organizations as an organizational member of the Timebank. J.F.F. staff also joined the Kitchen Cabinet, the local advisory group to the Northside timebank.

During the last year Joining Forces for Families has referred numerous Northside residents to the Timebank. Some who joined received help with rides to the food pantry and store. In one case a Timebank member assisted a woman in her 60s with unpacking after a move. Another woman has been receiving counseling from a graduate student in psychology. A second volunteer has helped the same woman by reading to her five-year-old in order to help him prepare for kindergarten in the fall.

After a year the Northside Neighbor to Neighbor Timebank has over 150 members and is continuing to grow. At a Northside Neighbor to Neighbor Timebank picnic this July, those attending had the opportunity to sign up for numerous classes taught by Timebank members. Timebank members are earning and spending time dollars doing childcare, advocacy, cooking, sewing, housekeeping, pet-sitting, errands, counseling, teaching exercise classes and crafts, and many other things.

If you are interested in joining and/or learning more about the Northside Neighbor to Neighbor Timebank, contact Timebank Coordinator Stephanie Rearick at 443-8229 or Dennis McQuade at the Vera Court Neighborhood Center at 241-4849. You may also get further information by going to the Dane County Timebank website at: www.danecountyttimebank.org/



Photo provided by Lynelle Harrison

Northside residents Astrid Harrison and Keeva Walls (front row) and Crystal McGuire (middle row) perform the Bulaklakan (Hat Dance) during the 108th Philippine Independence Day Celebration for PAMANA - the Philippine-American Association of Madison and Neighboring Areas. To learn more about the group, visit www.pamana-madison.org.

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Northside resident for nearly 20 years.