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Outdoor Musical Instruments

The outdoor musical instruments have been installed, and they are ready for your enjoyment! The project was started in the fall of 2022 with the purchase of five Samba drums. Since then, the library has added eight Calypso Chimes, a Cavatina (like a xylophone), and a music book with eight songs to play on the Cavatina. To top off the project, the library will provide a rubberized surface material in the spring to make it safer and easier to access in all types of weather.

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Top Circulated 2023 Items

Fiction Books

1. Slammed : a novel 15
2. Lessons in chemistry 14
3. Hopeless: a novel 13
4. Regretting you 12
5. All your perfects 11

Large Print Fiction Books

1. The perfect assassin 14
2. Storm watch 13
3. The house of Wolves 12
4. I will find you 12
5. Triple Cross 12

Non-Fiction Books

1. Facebook 14
2. Storm King's thunder 12
3. Dungeon master's guide. 11
4. D&D player's handbook 11
5. Spare 11

Audiobooks

1. The boys from Biloxi 5
2. Desert star 5
3. Going rogue: rise and shine 29 5
4. A world of curiosities 5
5. Clive Cussler's Dark vector 4

Non-Fiction Audiobooks

1. The war [1941-1945] 6
2. Killers of the Flower Moon 4
3. NKJV Bible voice only. 4
4. Killing the rising sun 3
5. Measure of a man 3

Library Passes

1. Fontenelle Forest passes. 76
2. Lauritzen Gardens pass. 32
3. Durham Museum pass. 29

Magazines

1. Real simple. 30
2. Good housekeeping. 27
3. Better homes & gardens. 18
4. Consumer reports. 17
5. Fine gardening. 15

Videos

1. Yellowstone. Season 4. 65
2. Yellowstone. Season 5 62
3. Doc Martin Series 1-4 54
4. The office. Season two 52
5. Star trek, TNG 48

Non-Fiction Videos

1. The Roosevelts 16
2. Zumba fitness 10
3. Great British baking show 9
4. Mother Teresa 7
5. Duck dynasty. Season 5 6

Video Games

1. Five nights at Freddy's 21
2. Kirby. Star Allies. 19
3. Super Smash Bros. Ulti. 19
4. Nintendo Switch sports. 18
5. Mariokart 8 deluxe. 17

Teen Fiction Books

1. The Hawthorne legacy 11
2. Children of Ragnarok 9
3. The inheritance games 9
4. The final gambit 7
5. Catching fire 6

Teen Graphic Novels

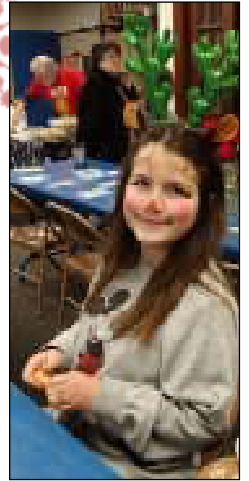
1. Naruto 46
2. Demon Slayer 33
3. Bleach 32
4. Black Butler 28
5. Twilight Princess 25

Holiday Fun

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Fifty-six adults and 104 children attended the library's holiday party Dec. 10. Cookies and apple juice were available to all attendees. Children enjoyed telling Santa

their Christmas wishes and meeting his elves and Mrs. Claus. Children chose their favorite holiday balloons to take home and had their faces painted by two artists.





Black Snow unique down-under whodunit

Patti Jo Peterson

Even if there is no snow on the ground in Cass County this month, there has surely been *Black Snow* in Australia since the murder-mystery series debuted down under Jan. 1, 2023.

Created by Lucas Taylor, *Black Snow* opens with a brush fire blazing at night. A panicked 17-year-old Isabel Baker (Talijah Blackman) quickly bicycles away from the fire to an empty phone booth outside a closed video store. As she drops a quarter in the pay phone, someone shines a pickup's headlights on her. She is found murdered the next day.

At the time of her death, no one was arrested and the case was closed. Twenty-five years later, however, when the Ashford High School Class of 1994 members gather to open their graduation time capsule, the case reopens when a braid of Isabel's hair appears amongst the items.

Brisbane Detective James Cormach (Travis Fimmel) wants to investigate this cold case. Cormach is widely known for his quirky personality and intuitive investigative skills.

With unresolved issues from his own dark childhood, the detective brings an odd intensity and quirkiness to the investigation.

Because he is viewed as an outsider in the little town of Ashford, Cormach must first win the trust of the people, including her family members who remember the murder of this very beloved young woman and who might know the most about it.

In addition to Isabel's murder, he discovers the disappearance of two young Australian South Sea boys, exposing Australia's slavery history, which existed from its colonization and even until the 1970s.

Black Snow, Season 1, was directed by Sian Davis and Matthew Saville. It earned 13 Losie Award nominations including Most Outstanding Drama Series, Miniseries or Television Movie and Most Outstanding Supporting Actor for Alexander Eng-land who portrays Anton Biachi.

Critical reviews have been positive with it receiving 4.1 out of 5.0 on the Rotten Tomatoes audience rating.

According to top critic Karl Quinn of Sydney Morning Herald, *The Age* in Australia:

Black Snow must surely count as one of the braver exercises in Australian TV in recent years. A crime drama set in the Australian South Sea Islander community of North Queensland, it demands a cast the like of which we haven't seen before – and that means a cast that has had little, if any, professional experience. It could have been a disaster, but it isn't. It's a real breath of fresh air brought here that way.

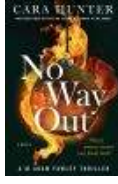
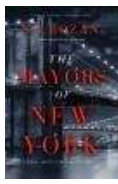
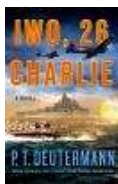
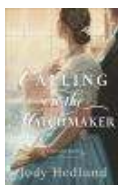
The library has the DVD in our new section. I enjoyed watching it and am hoping it will have a second season.

To date, nothing about a second season has been released. All I can say is "Let it snow."

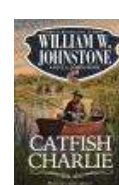
New Items

Fiction

The Academy by Poyer, David
 After the shadows by Cabot, Amanda
 The ball at Versailles by Steel, Danielle
 Beyond what is given by Yarros, Rebecca
 Calico by Goldberg, Lee
 Calling on the matchmaker by Hedlund, Jody
 The Christmas bookshop by Colgan, Jenny
 City of betrayal by Thompson, Victoria
 Command and control by Cameron, Marc
 The curse of Penryth Hall by Armstrong, Jess
 Death in the dark woods by Ryan, Annelise
 A demon's guide to wooing a witch by Hawley, Sarah
 The final curtain by Higashino, Keigo
 The fourth rule by Lindsay, Jeffry P.
 Game on by Glass, Seressia
 Gaslight by Kayode, Femi
 The gentleman's gambit by Dunmore, Evie
 Hallowed ground by Yarros, Rebecca
 Housebroke by Burton, Jaci
 The husky and his white cat Shizun by Roubaobuchirou
 Inheritance by Roberts, Nora
 Irish milkshake murder by O'Connor, Carlene
 Iron flame by Yarros, Rebecca
 Iwo, 26 Charlie by Deutermann, P. T.
 Killers never sleep by Johnstone, William W.
 The lace widow by Bryan, Mollie Cox
 Lost hours by Shelton, Paige
 The lost tomb by Preston, Douglas J.
 Manner of death by Cook, Robin
 The mayors of New York by Rozan, S. J.
 The mirror man by Kepler, Lars
 Murder crossed her mind by Spotswood, Stephen
 The mystery guest by Prose, Nita
 Never lie by McFadden, Freida
 No way out by Hunter, Cara
 The Noel stranger by Evans, Richard Paul
 Noel Street by Evans, Richard Paul
 On the plus side by Howe, Jenny L.
 The other half by Vassell, Charlotte
 The other mothers by Faulkner, Katherine
 The rabbit hunter by Kepler, Lars
 Recitatif by Morrison, Toni
 Remnants of filth by Roubaobuchirou
 River strong by Daniels, B. J.
 Robert B. Parker's Broken trust by Lupica, Mike
 The serpent & the wings of night by Broadbent, Carissa
 The stone monkey by Deaver, Jeffery
 The talk of Coyote Canyon by Novak, Brenda
 There should have been eight by Singh, Nalini
 This spells love by Robb, Kate
 Thousand autumns by Mengxishi



A twisted skein by Goldenbaum, Sally
 Unnatural death by Cornwell, Patricia Daniels
 The vacation by Marrs, John
 Valdemar by Lackey, Mercedes
 The watchmaker's hand by Deaver, Jeffery
 We must not think of ourselves by Grodstein, Lauren
 The weekend retreat by Laskowski, Tara
 A winter by the sea by Klassen, Julie
 The wonder of it all by Bradford, Barbara Taylor
 You're the Duke that I want by Bell, Lenora

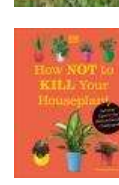
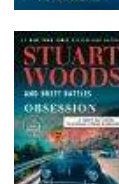
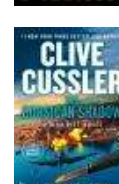
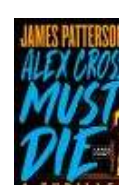


Westerns

Catfish Charlie by Johnstone, William W.
 Preacher's bloody rampage by Johnstone, William W.

Large Print

Alex Cross must die by Patterson, James
 The ball at Versailles by Steel, Danielle
 Blood lines by DeMille, Nelson
 The burnout by Kinsella, Sophie
 The camel club by Baldacci, David
 A Christmas vanishing by Perry, Anne
 Command and control by Cameron, Marc
 The Corsican shadow by Cussler, Dirk
 Dirty thirty by Evanovich, Janet
 The edge by Baldacci, David
 Identity by Roberts, Nora
 Midnight at the Christmas bookshop by Colgan, Jenny
 Obsession by Woods, Stuart
 Unnatural death by Cornwell, Patricia Daniels
 The watchmaker's hands by Deaver, Jeffery
 West heart kill by McDorman, Dann



Non-Fiction

28-day fast start day-by-day by Stephens, Gin
 ADHD for smart ass women by Otsuka, Tracy
 Barking up the right tree by Dunbar, Ian
 Be seen by Gottlieb, Jen
 The beginner's guide to cosplay armor & props by Van den Goor, Joyce
 Colorado by Cook, Terri
 Diabetes meal planning & nutrition by Poole, Simon B.
 Endgame by Scobie, Omid
 Feel-good productivity by Abdaal, Ali
 GED test prep 2024-2025
 The genius of Israel by Senior, Dan
 House love by Richardson, Patric
 How not to age by Greger, Michael
 How not to kill your houseplant by Peerless, Veronica
 I didn't know I needed by Rallo, Eli
 J.K. Lasser's your income tax 2024

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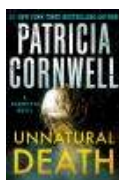
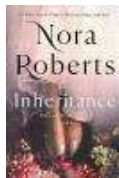
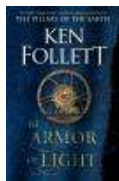
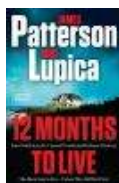
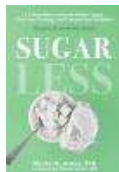
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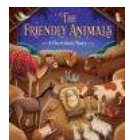
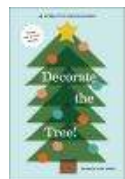
Njuta by Brantmark, Niki
 Nolo's essential guide to child custody & support by Doskow, Emily
 Princes of the Apocalypse
 The self-sufficient life and how to live it by Seymour, John
 Starkweather by MacLean, Harry N.
 Starting a business 101 by Cagan, Michele
 Stitches and seams by Macias, Valeria Carrandi
 Sugarless by Avena, Nicole M.
 A thousand sisters by Wein, Elizabeth
 Vegetable gardening made easy by Gala, Resh
 The woman in me by Spears, Britney
 Worthy by Smith, Jada Pinkett
 Your journey to financial freedom by Souffrant, Jamila

Audiobooks

12 months to live by Patterson, James
 23 1/2 lies by Patterson, James
 Alex Cross must die by Patterson, James
 All the dead shall weep by Harris, Charlaine
 The armor of light by Follett, Ken
 Blood lines by DeMille, Nelson
 Bright lights, big Christmas by Andrews, Mary Kay
 Calico by Goldberg, Lee
 Code red by Mills, Kyle
 The Corsican shadow by Cussler, Dirk
 Dead mountain by Preston, Douglas J.
 Dirty thirty by Evanovich, Janet
 The exchange by Grisham, John
 Hercule Poirot's silent night by Hannah, Sophie
 Inheritance by Roberts, Nora
 Judgment prey by Sandford, John
 Just once by Kingsbury, Karen
 Losing spring by Andrews, V. C.
 Manner of death by Cook, Robin
 Obsession by Woods, Stuart
 The raging storm by Cleeves, Ann
 Robert B. Parker's broken trust by Lupica, Mike
 The secret by Child, Lee
 The spy coast by Gerritsen, Tess
 Tom Clancy weapons grade by Bentley, Don
 Tom Lake by Patchett, Ann
 The twelve dogs of Christmas by Wiggs, Susan
 Unnatural death by Cornwell, Patricia Daniels
 The watchmaker's hand by Deaver, Jeffery
 The wishing bridge by Shipman, Viola
 Wyoming proud by Palmer, Diana

**Videos**

Balthazar. Series 4
 Balthazar. Series 5
 The blind
 Blue Beetle
 Forever young
 Gran turismo
 A haunting in Venice
 Hocus Pocus
 Mayor of Kingstown. Season two
 The miracle club
 Oppenheimer
 The Sandman. The complete first season
 Saw X
 Scraper
 Sharp objects
 Unforgotten. The complete fifth season
 When calls the heart. Year 10
 The White Lotus. The complete first season
 The White Lotus. The complete second season

**Board Books**

ABC of kindness at Christmas by Hegarty, Patricia
 Countdown to Christmas by Paprocki, Greg
 A counting Christmas carol by Kenison, Misti
 Merry Christmas, Little Reindeer by Wood, A. J.
 Merry Christmas, Red Truck by Hamilton, Kersten
 My magical Santa
 On the first day of Christmas by Dahl, Roald
 S is for Santa by Paprocki, Greg
 Snow, snow, snow! by Boynton, Sandra

Easy Books

Better together! by Robach, Amy
 Bluey. 12 days of Christmas
 The Christmassy cactus by Ferry, Beth
 Countdown for Nochebuena by Hernandez Bergstrom, Adriana
 A creature was stirring by Pierczynski, Heather
 Decorate the tree! by Jones, Amanda Jane
 Dragons are the worst! by Willan, Alex
 Elves are the worst! by Willan, Alex
 The friendly animals
 It's a wonderful life by Ruditis, Paul
 It's snowing, Leonard! by James, Jessie
 Keepunumuk by Greendeer, Danielle
 Kid Christmas by Litchfield, David
 Little Mole gives thanks by Nellist, Glenys
 Little Red by Hillenbrand, Will
 Little Tractor and the Christmas tree by Quintart, Natalie
 Love from Bluey by Brumm, Suzy
 Merry and Hark by Tucholke, April Genevieve
 Mikey and the dragons by Willink, Jocko

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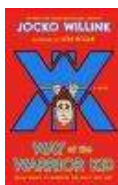
The month-by-month baby book
 My dad is awesome by Bluey
 Otto the ornament by Cummings, Troy
 Our Italian Christmas Eve by Sedita, Danielle
 Pumpkin day at the zoo by Meissner, Susan
 Red & green by Ehlert, Lois
 School day by Levy, Ganit
 Snowmen's twelve nights of Christmas by Buehner, Caralyn
 Thank you for the little things by Hart, Caryl
 A very Mercy Christmas by DiCamillo, Kate
 The voice in the Hollow by Hillenbrand, Will
 Walking together by Marshall, Albert
 What should Danny do? by Levy, Ganit
 What should Darla do? by Levy, Ganit
 When the stars came home by Luby, Brittany
 Yetis are the worst! by Willan, Alex

Juvenile Fiction

The Christmasaurus by Fletcher, Tom
 Green by Gino, Alex
 Heidi by Spyri, Johanna
 The hidden oracle by Riordan, Rick
 Marc's mission by Willink, Jocko
 No brainer by Kinney, Jeff
 The school for whatnots by Haddix, Margaret Peterson
 The spirit glass by Chokshi, Roshani
 Tim Burton's The nightmare before Christmas by Shepherd, Megan
 Way of the warrior kid. 4 by Willink, Jocko
 Way of the warrior kid by Willink, Jocko

Juvenile Graphic Novels

The Baby-sitters Club. 6, Kristy's big day by Martin, Ann M.
 Bizard the Bear Wizard by Krebs, Chrissie
 Cat Kid Comic Club by Pilkey, Dav
 Collaborations by Pilkey, Dav
 Drama by Telgemeier, Raina
 Eerie tales from the school of screams by Annable, Graham
 Ghost book by Lai, Remy
 Other boys by Alexander, Damian
 Plants vs. zombies. The Unpredictables by Tobin, Paul
 The robot soccer competition by P'odoal ch'in'gu
 Soccer robots vs. battle robots by P'odoal ch'in'gu
 Sweet Valley twins. 1, Best friends by Andelfinger, Nicole
 Teacher's pet by Andelfinger, Nicole

**Juvenile Non-Fiction**

100 ways to be thankful by Gerry, Lisa M.
 100 ways to make the world better! by Gerry, Lisa M.
 The big book of nature art by Zommer, Yuval
 Big words for little paleontologists by Gerry, Lisa M.
 Cardboard activity lab by Westing, Jemma
 Fashion design for kids by Quigley, Kerri
 Fatty legs by Jordan-Fenton, Christy
 Girls' home spa lab by Pagan, Maya
 Hope wins
 I spy Christmas by Wick, Walter
 If you're a kid like Gavin by Grimm, Gavin
 Minecraft legends
 The official Harry Potter cookbook by Farrow, Joanna
 Plague-busters! by Fitzharris, Lindsey
 The secret pocket by Janicki, Peggy
 Weird and wonderful nature by Hoare, Ben
 What does grief feel like? by Leigh, Korie

Juvenile Videos

Barbie and the magic of Pegasus
 Barbie it takes two. Series 1, Best friends forever

Teen Fiction

All that's left to say by Lord, Emery
 The brothers Hawthorne by Barnes, Jennifer
 Café con Lychee by Lee, Emery
 Cold girls by Rae, Maxine
 The collectors
 Dig by King, A. S. (Amy Sarig)
 Enola Holmes and the mark of the mongoose by Springer, Nancy
 Four for the road by Reilly, K. J.
 The hunger between us by Scott, Marina
 The lesbiana's guide to Catholic school by Reyes, Sonora
 The meadows by Oakes, Stephanie
 Murtagh by Paolini, Christopher
 Nigeria Jones by Zobo, Ibi Aanu
 Our shadows have claws
 Saint by Young, Adrienne
 The stranded by Daniels, Sarah
 When ghosts call us home by De Becerra, Katya

Graphic Novels

ABC's of jiu-jitsu by Mazin, Adam
 Colorless. Volumes 01-03 by Kent
 The crow by O'Barr, J.
 Knee deep. Book one by Flood, Joe
 Rooster fighter by Sakuratani, Shu
 Show-ha Shoten! by Asakura, Akinari
 Show-ha Shoten! Volume 2 by Asakura, Akinari
 Show-ha Shoten! Volume 3 by Asakura, Akinari
 Star trek. Lower decks by North, Ryan



Higher Education in Plattsmouth

By Harlan Seyfer

Historian, Historic Downtown Plattsmouth Association



In its infancy, Plattsmouth not only aspired to become a center of commercial and political power, but also an important seat of higher learning. On 26 January 1856, the territorial legislature granted a charter to the "Plattsmouth Preparatory and Collegiate Institute" and a board of directors was created. Those directors had other priorities and nothing came

of the effort. Two years later a charter was obtained for an unnamed university to be established in Plattsmouth under the control of the Methodist Church. That too never enjoyed an existence "off paper."

In November 1865, Plattsmouth's *Nebraska Herald* announced a "Seminary For the education of Young Ladies. ...Mr. and Mrs. Sherlock beg to inform the inhabitants of Plattsmouth and its vicinity that they have opened a Seminary for the education of young ladies." The Seminary promised to provide courses in "English, as taught in first class schools in Europe; French, Music (Piano Forte, Guitar and singing), Fancy Work, &c." Tuition was payable in advance.

And if that did not supply a sufficient income, the Sherlock's added, "Pianos tuned and a supply of music for sale". The Seminary's later advertisements attempted to make clear, "The English department [is] under the superintendence of Mr. Sherlock, late Inspector of Public Schools in Canada. The Musical department is conducted by Mrs. Sherlock, pupil of celebrated masters in England," emphasizing "The term commences from the entrance of the pupil; payment in advance."

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Music will be taught as a separate study if required

Terms (in advance) can be known by applying at the residence lately occupied by Mr. Fellows. Pianos tuned and a supply of music for sale. Plattsmouth, Sept. 18, m8.

— Nebraska Herald, 1865-11-29

Alas, two years later the *Herald* lamented,

"Mr. Sherlock, favorably known to our citizens as a first class teacher, contemplates removing to Pleasant Hill, Mo. We are sorry to lose him, but the people of that locality may congratulate themselves on securing so good a resident."

There are two Pleasant Hills in Missouri, neither of which records a Sherlock matching our description in newspapers or census records.

In late 1870, the *Herald* excitedly noted:

Plattsmouth Business College! This college has removed to the commodious office occupied by Phelps Pane Esq., Real Estate and Insurance Agent, [on the north side of] Main Street [between Third and Fourth Streets]. We are happy to see this institution has opened under the most favorable auspices, it should be patronized by all who desire a good business education.

A *Herald* ad concurrently noted "Open Every Evening from 7 to 10 O'clock ... Students can enter at any time during the evening. ... A. Murphy, Prop." Obviously Phelps Pane was not otherwise busy in his office after normal business hours.

The demise of this *Plattsmouth Business College* occurred with little or no notice, probably in 1871. Meanwhile several out-of-Plattsmouth business schools continued to advertise locally, such as the *Chicago Business College* and the *St. Paul Business College*, the later stressing "the advantages of the most invigorating climate in the world," an obvious reference to Minnesota winters.

But ... Thirty some years later (1902), the *Plattsmouth Normal and Business College* advertised a night school on the second floor of the Waterman block on the southwest corner of Fourth and Main (this building was destroyed by fire in 2017). A. L. Lessemann was principal and his wife was director. It appears the two initially constituted the entire faculty. Tuition for shorthand and typewriting was \$12.50 for a ten week course. The business course of ten weeks was \$10.00. The ten-week Oratory course included general oratory, voice culture, and physical culture, tuition \$10.00. While primarily offering day classes, Lessemann added night classes attractive to area students who worked during the day. Offering a placement service boosted enrollment. He advertised twenty openings in subjects his school taught with five positions recently filled by the school's graduates, suggesting the remaining 15 were begging to be filled. An added inducement were testimonials for local businessmen and graduates.

The strong force behind Albert Lawrence Lessemann was his wife, Neenah Hastings Lessemann. After earning a law degree from Dixon College, she was admitted to the Wisconsin bar in 1899. That year she married Albert, who at the time was superintendent of

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schools in LaSalle County, Illinois. While in Plattsmouth, the Lessemanns' two daughters, Neenah Kathryn and Jean Alberta, were born.

Despite inducements to put down roots, the Lessemanns were focused on other plans. By March 1903, the business school claimed a student body of 85, growing too large for the second floor of the Waterman building. When Prof. Lesseman began soliciting Plattsmouth's citizenry for funds to construct a separate building for the college, none was forthcoming and Lesseman, despite his popularity locally, began looking elsewhere. It was Plattsmouth's loss: the *Plattsmouth Normal and Business College* faded from history.

The *Nebraska City Weekly* in early 1904 reported, "Mayor H.H. Bartling and A.L. Lesseman*, of Plattsmouth, were circulating a petition today among the merchants asking for subscriptions to aid Mr. Lesseman in starting a business college in this city. They met with very fair success." A month later, the same paper reported that Lesseman was planning "to open his business college in the Hawke residence."

In mid-1905, Lesseman sold the Nebraska City Business College, of which he was president and owner. At this time, the *Nebraska City Tribune* reported "Prof. Lesseman leaves tonight for central Kansas, where he will take charge of a large business college," noting "Under his management the Nebraska City Business College has prospered and a large attendance was present at each term."

The Lessemans did indeed settle in Great Bend, central Kansas,



Albert Lawrence Lesseman, ca. 1905

— Barton County Democrat [Kansas]

and in September 1905, opened the Great Bend Business College and began teaching a business night school. Lesseman seems to have always left good feelings behind him. "He is a gentlemanly educator and the interests of young people are entirely safe in his hands," W.C. Smith, Cass County, Nebraska, Superintendent of Schools, testified in a Great Bend newspaper, "His normal [teacher] students have made excellent records in this office. I have never had a failure from his school. I recommend him to all young people desiring instruction."

In addition to managing the college in Great Bend, the Lessemans taught classes in its High School. However, in late 1907, they tendered their resignations and announced that they would leave for California for Neenah's health. "If the crowd of people that was at the Santa Fe depot is any evidence of that esteem in which they were held by their pupils it must have been very gratifying to them," the *Great Bend Tribune* reported. "There were at least one hundred young people, boys and girls, that came and waited until No. 5 [train], which was an hour and half late, left."

They settled in San Francisco where Albert became president of the private Heald Engineering and Business College. The school thrived, and so apparently did Neenah's health. That the couple prospered became apparent when they built a two-story, eleven room home in Redwood City. The 1930 census showed a servant Bertha Guber and her seven-year-old daughter Roberta living with them.

Neenah was active in the Democratic Party during Teddy Roosevelt's presidency. She was the long-serving California Chair of the *National Women's Party* up to her death in 1953.

Albert passed away at age 90 in 1962. He was cognizant up to the last: his death certificate listing him as providing its information. His funeral cost \$791.00.

Concerning the girls born in Plattsmouth, the oldest, Neenah, married Gordon "Oskie" Slade, who played in the National League for the Brooklyn Dodgers, St. Louis Cardinals and the Cincinnati Reds during the 1930-1935 seasons. The younger daughter, Jeanne, was trained as a classical cellist, but according to her 1967 obituary, "turned to set and costume design in the New York theater" during the 1920s and early '30s. She married a junior college instructor, that marriage ending in divorce after a few years. Around 1941, she married Frederick Bigland, an architect. Upon his retirement in 1954, the couple opened a jewelry store, specializing in original silversmithing. She passed away in 1967.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year One and All!

CORRECTION: In last month's history article I wrote that Bauer's Overland Auto Dealership was located on the southwest corner of Sixth Street and Avenue "A". I was wrong. The Bauer dealership was one door west, in the at-one-time Plattsmouth Community Center. The building was sold by the city to the Cass County Historical Society in 2006. A tip of the humbled historian's hat to Margo Prentiss for bringing this to his attention.

* Around this time, Lesseman dropped the last "n" in his name.

Plattsmouth Public Library's Youth Services "Happenings"

Please Notice This



NEW Program @The Library... "Silent Book Club"

In the hustle and bustle of our tech-savvy world, where emojis often replace words and silence is as rare as a cat who enjoys water, the Plattsmouth Public Library will introduce the Silent Book Club for the community's cool kids aged 10 and up!

Once a month, young book enthusiasts are welcome to delve into their own personal, quiet literary realm. Picture this: a room filled with young minds, each armed with a book of their choice or one borrowed from the library, immersing themselves in the pleasure of reading amongst like-minded book-loving creatures. It's like a scene from a hip library utopia, where the only sounds are the occasional turning of pages and the rustling of leaves outside – because, you know, we

are all about being eco-friendly and assisting with keeping our Cass County beautiful wherever we can.

So, mark your calendars, young bookworms of Plattsmouth! The Silent Book club will begin on Tuesday, January 9th at 4:30pm.

While it's not a secret society, the nature of the Silent Book Club revolves around one cardinal rule – silence. But wait, there's more! The Silent Book Program is not just about quiet contemplation; it celebrates the written word.

Imagine the thrill of discovering a hidden gem and

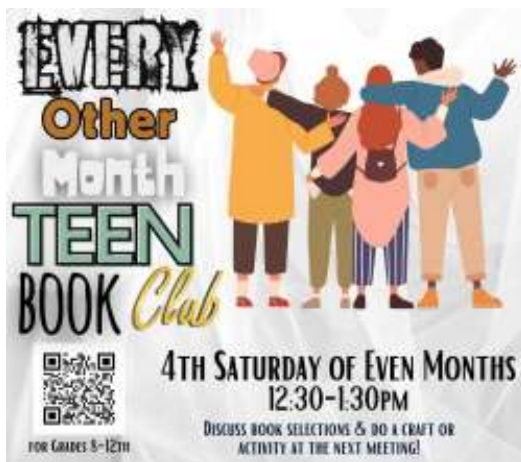
wanting to shout about it to the world. Fear not, young book padawan; participants can exchange thoughts and recommendations in hushed tones. It's like a silent book review party, and the level of enthusiasm for your latest literary find will undoubtedly be allowed. Kids can stroll in, book in hand, and claim their spot in the most

incredible, quietest reading haven in town... a.k.a. "The LIBRARY."

It's like being a part of an elite secret invisible cardigan club without having to wear a secret handshake on your sleeve.

Shhh... your next adventure is just a page turn away!

Scan the code to register if you are interested in a quiet adventure at the library.



TEEN BOOK CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT!

After a thoughtful discussion during the last teen book club in December, it was collectively decided that the club would transition to a bi-monthly schedule. Recognizing the hectic lives of today's teens, the decision aims to alleviate the challenge of finding time to read amidst their already demanding schedules. The change acknowledges that teenagers juggle numerous

commitments and responsibilities, making it difficult at times to prioritize reading. Moving to an every-other-month format, the teen book club seeks to ensure that young members can fully engage with the chosen literature without feeling overwhelmed by their busy lives. This adjustment reflects the club's commitment to fostering a love for reading while accommodating the realities of the modern teen experience.

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Unwrapping the Mystery: A Festive Finale to 2023 with the Teen Murder Mystery

By Tasha Bashus

As we bid farewell to 2023, the library is thrilled to reminisce about the grand conclusion to one of our most cherished programs – the Teen Murder Mystery. All throughout 2023, the Teen Murder Mystery program has been a source of regular and consistent entertainment, collaboration, and intellectual stimulation for our young teen detectives. A sense of community and fellowship has formed among the teen participants throughout the year.

On Saturday, December 30th, the community's teens were invited to celebrate the holiday season with a twist.



Despite occurring just after the festive Christmas season, the library's teen detectives enthusiastically embraced the Ugly Sweater theme for the program's grand finale. It certainly did add an extra layer of intrigue to the final installment of the teen murder mystery-solving experience. Some of the quirkiest and most outrageous holiday sweaters provided a unique, colorful spectacle of festive fashion.

To shed some light on the origins of the "Themed" teen murder mystery game: In the early days of 2023, a group of dedicated teen murder mystery experts, who've been deeply immersed in the world of mystery-solving for quite



some time, came together and decided that the Teen Murder Mystery program should take on a new dimension by introducing thematic elements each time the program occurs, which is every other month.

As we reflect on the success of the Teen Murder Mystery program in 2023, we express gratitude to ALL the teens who dedicated their time and enthusiasm to make each installment a memorable experience. The library looks forward to continuing this beloved tradition in the coming year, exploring new themes and creating even more opportunities for our community's young sleuths to shine. The first Teen Murder Mystery of 2024 will occur on Saturday, February 24th, from 5-7pm. Scan the code to register early for this event.

In the spirit of the holiday season, we extend warm wishes to all our patrons and eagerly anticipate another year filled with mystery, adventure, and of course, the joy of reading. Thank you for making the Teen Murder Mystery program a highlight of 2023!



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Top 5 Most Circulated Children's Items for 2023



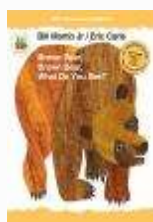
Board Books

1. C is for Christmas (12)
2. Don't Wake the Puppies! (12)
3. Bear & Mouse: Time for Bed (11)
4. Spidey and His Amazing Friends (11)
5. Who Needs a Hug? (11)



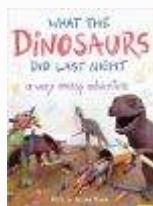
Beginning Readers

1. Chase's Space Case (10)
2. The Disney Fairies Story Collection (9)
3. Allies & Enemies (8)
4. Barbie and the 3 Musketeers (8)
5. Barbie In a Mermaid Tale (8)



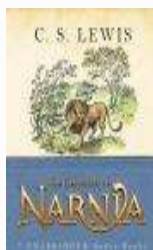
Easy Picture Books

1. Brown bear, Brown bear (14)
2. The Smart Cookie (14)
3. An Elephant & Piggie biggie! (13)
4. Polar, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear? (12)
5. The Box Turtle (11)



Vox Books

1. What the Dinosaurs Did Last Night (19)
2. A Place for Pluto (17)
3. The Good Egg (15)
4. A Home for Leo (14)
5. A Tiger Without Stripes (14)



Juvenile Audio Books

1. Chronicles of Narnia (16)
2. Farmer Boy (5)
3. Original Adventures of Hank the Cow-dog (4)
4. Adventure According to Humphrey (3)
5. Adventure Begins, the early classics (3)



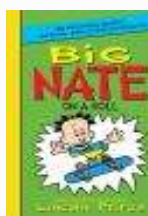
Juvenile Video

1. Barbie Dreamhouse Adventures (21)
2. PAW Patrol: the Movie (18)
3. Adventures of Sonic the Hedgehog (14)
4. PAW Patrol: Dino Rescue (14)
5. PAW Patrol: Jungle Rescues (12)



Juvenile Magazines

1. National Geographic Kids (27)
2. Cobblestone (20)
3. Disney Princess Magazine (13)
4. LEGO Life Magazine (11)
5. Fun for Kidz (3)



Juvenile Fiction

1. Big Nate: On a Roll (10)
2. Big Nate: In a Class by Himself (8)
3. Battle of The Bodkins (7)
4. Big Nate: Blasts Off (7)
5. Big Nate: Flips Out (7)



Juvenile Non-Fiction

1. Ultimate Predatorpedia (10)
2. Minecraft Blockopedia (9)
3. Oceanarium (9)
4. Polar Bear vs. Grizzly Bear (9)
5. Tyrannosaurus Rex vs. Velociraptor (9)



Juvenile Graphic Novels

1. Splatoon (80)
2. Garfield Fat Cat 3 pk (51)
3. Slaves of The Republic (20)
4. Splatoon. Squid Kids Comedy Show (19)
5. Big Nate: Say Good Bye to Dork City (14)

January 2024

AGE Color Guide

Blue = Ages 0-5

Pink = 0-9


TWEEN = 10-14

TEEN = 12+

Tween & Teen = Ages 10+

Green = Family Event

Red = Adults 19+

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2	3 Youth Bingo 4:00-5:00	4 Story Time 10-10:30	5 Friday Friends 10-11:30 Family Board Games 6-8pm	6 Teen D&D 10-2pm Adult Book Club 10am
7 Teen D&D 1-3pm	8 Story Time 10-10:30 Carvers 12-3pm	9 Chess Club 3-4:30pm Silent Book Club 4:30-5:30pm	10 Bad Art Club 4-5pm	11 Story Time 10-10:30 Homeschool Group 1-3pm ANI-Manga 4-5:30pm	12	13 SAT. Morning Cartoons 9:30-11
14 Teen D&D 1-3pm	15 Story Time 10-10:30 Carvers 12-3pm	16 Needlecraft Club 10-12pm	17 Bingo 1:30-2:30	18 Story Time 10-10:30 Needlecraft Club 6-7pm	19 Friday Friends 10-11:30 Family Board Games 6-8pm	20 Teen D&D 10-2pm Trading Card Event 2:30-4pm
21	22 Story Time 10-10:30 Carvers 12-3pm	23 Chess Club 3-4:30pm Teen Volunteer Meeting 4:30pm	24 Library Board Meeting 5:30pm	25 Story Time 10-10:30 Homeschool Group 1-3pm Youth Movie Flix 4-5:30pm	26	27 SAT. Morning Cartoons 9:30-11 Video Games 2-3:30pm Youth Night 5-7pm
28 Teen D&D 1-3pm	29 Story Time 10-10:30 Carvers 12-3pm	30	31			