



# MENOMONIE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS & REVIEWS



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## **YOUTH SERVICES**

No Registration Required

**Learning Together**—1-3 yrs, attend with parent or caregiver

Tues, Wed, OR Thurs  
10:00 am—10:30 am  
Jan 6—March 12

**On My Own**—3-5 yrs, Kids Only

Tuesday OR Wednesday  
10:40 am—11:10 am  
Jan 6—March 11

**After School Adventures**—K-3rd grade, free popcorn provided

Mondays, Jan 5—March 9  
4:15 pm—5:00 pm

**Book Stew**—“Tweens” aged 9-12

If you’ve moved beyond picture books but need a few years before reading young adult, this group is for you!

Mondays, Jan 5—March 9  
4:15 pm—5:00 pm  
Free popcorn provided

## **Special Activities**

**Movie Days** with free popcorn

Jan 19, “8 Below” rated PG, 1:00 pm  
Feb 13, “Balto” rated G, 1:00 pm

**March 17th**—St. Patrick’s Day Party

Kids age 7-10, 1:00 pm

**March 18th**—Build It Your Way Party

Kids age 5-12 build with Legos, blocks, & Lincoln Logs, 1:00 pm

**March 19th**—Movie Day, all ages, 1 pm

**March 20th**—Wii Party, kids age 8-12, 1:00 pm

**March 21st**—Princess Tea Party, in conjunction with the Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts. Check with the Library for more details later.

## **SPRING FILM SERIES**

Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm

March 26—The Godfather  
April 2—Monsoon Wedding  
April 9—The Barbarian Invasions  
April 16—Steel Magnolias  
April 30—Smoke Signals

The theme this year is the concept of family, as seen through different cultures, time periods, and also genres, including comedy, tragedy, and melodrama.

## **NEW LIBRARY HOURS**

Menomonie Public Library  
to begin Sunday hours  
on Feb 8, 2009

The Menomonie Public Library Board recently established new winter hours commencing on Feb 8, 2009. Winter hours will begin on the Sunday following the Labor Day holiday and run through the weekend prior to the Memorial Day holiday.

### **Winter Hours**

Mon—Thurs.....10 am—9 pm  
Friday.....10 am—6 pm  
Saturday.....10 am—5 pm  
Sunday.....1 pm—5 pm

### **Summer Hours**

Mon—Thurs.....10 am—9 pm  
Friday.....10 am—6 pm  
Saturday.....10 am—5 pm  
Sunday.....CLOSED

## **BOOK REVIEW**

by Penelope Michler

**Edgar Sawtelle**  
by David Wroblewski



Once or three times in a century comes a writer able to craft a story of such passion that the reader must lay the book down to grasp what’s been read, to go back and reread for the words themselves, and then go on to gulp the story once more. *Edgar Sawtelle* is the one for the honor in the early years of this century.

The story of a boy, born mute, but not deaf, into a family that has raised a particular type of dog (fictional breed) and trained them into adulthood before selling them. How this boy was as much raised by a dog as by loving parents, and how he too learned to carry on the generational passion for the family business while treating the animals with great respect.

## **SPRING BOOK SALE**

**April 23.** Thurs, 5-8  
Members only.  
Memberships available at the door.

**April 24, 25.** Fri & Sat, 10-5  
Public invited.

A big *thank you* to everyone who participated in our Fall Book Sale last October, whether by donating or purchasing books or helping with set-up or tear-down. *It was the best sale yet!* The Friends took in over \$3,000, all of which will be used to fund special projects at the library! Donations of “gently used” books are welcome at the circulation desk for the April sale during regular library hours. If you want to volunteer some time at the April sale, call the library and leave your name and a call back number. A member of the book sale team will get back to you.

This story pivots on the return of an uncle and the death of the boy’s father, causing Edgar to leave the homestead in northern Wisconsin and hide with some of his beloved dogs in the wilds of the Chequamegon National Forest (where David Wroblewski grew up himself). Not only is this the story of a boy coming of age, but the possible communication, deep loyalty, and love between human and animal. It delves into the human mind and how we think and imagine ourselves onto many false paths, and about seriousness of purpose as opposed to our often cartoon world of entertainment and straw men.

This book will be a classic in the finest sense and one to be passed from person to person until we’ve all read it.



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## STAFF PICKS

**UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY** by Lin Enger  
Seventeen year old Jesse goes into the Minnesota woods one cold November morning with his father to hunt deer. They separate and each go to their separate deer stands. When a gunshot rings out, Jesse knows something is wrong, and he races to find his dad dead, apparently a suicide. Jesse has a difficult time believing his easygoing father would kill himself. As their family secrets are revealed, Jesse wrestles with thoughts of retribution and what is his responsibility for the family. And then along comes a beautiful young woman.

**MATTERS OF FAITH** by Kristy Kierman  
As a young boy, Marshall Tobias witnessed a terrible accident in which his best friend was killed. He started searching for a faith, going from one church to another. His parents aren't interested in issues of faith, but are more concerned with Marshall's little sister, Megan, who suffers from severe food allergies. Marshall is home from college with his first real girlfriend, Ada, a fundamentalist believer. Ada does not believe in medical intervention and a crisis occurs when Megan becomes ill. Ada tries to intervene and prevent any medical help. What follows becomes a test of faith and family.

**BORN TO RUN** by James Grippano  
Jack Swytech's father Harry is proposed to become the new Vice President of the United States after a hunting accident kills the current V.P. Harry asks Jack to be his lawyer, and as the political wheels turn, Jack finds himself in the middle of an old cover-up that spans the world. Old secrets must be revealed, if lives are to be spared, including the President of the United States.

**THE SOLOIST** by Steve Lopez  
Steve Lopez, columnist for the LA Times, his friendship with Nathaniel Ayers, a Julliard-trained bass player that he encounters playing a 2-string violin under a freeway bridge. This is a moving account of an unlikely friendship with mental illness, and the transformative power of music.

## SENIOR CORNER

### Special Tips for Seniors



The Menomonie Public Library can supply you with free tax forms. One form of particular interest to the elderly is called "Credit for the Elderly and Disabled". If you use form 1040, the credit form is Schedule R. If you use Form 1040A, then you should use Schedule 3. Both are in stock today.

Another "freebie" will be available at the WEST-consin Credit Union on Schneider Ave every Monday (9-1) and Friday (11-4:30). There will be volunteers there to help fill out and file taxes using efile. It is a free service to the elderly, low income, and disabled, but appointments must be made by calling 232-4006.

Pick up a flyer at the library for your Free Prescription Discount card put out by NACo (Nat'l Ass'n of Counties) which will help you save an average of 20% on prescriptions with no membership fee. Information about this service can also be obtained online at [www.caremark.com/naco](http://www.caremark.com/naco) or calling 1-877-321-2652.

### TIDBITS FROM THE FRIENDS

April 21, 2009, 7:00 PM, is the **Annual Meeting** for the "Friends". This includes the election of officers. There will be some officer positions, as well as some director seats available. Please plan to attend and volunteer if you can. The Board of Directors makes the all-important decisions about donations to the library. We only meet 4 times a year, so the time commitment is not great!

April 23, 24, 25, 2009, is the **Spring Book Sale**. We are badly in need of a chairman (co-chairs also work great!). If you can donate some time to this very good cause, call Bonnie Nelson at 715-308-0599 as soon as possible.

### APPLICATION TO JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

2009 Calendar Year

I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to Friends of Menomonie Public Library

\$ 8.00	Senior Citizen
10.00	Individual
25.00	Family
50.00	Sponsor

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Call me for volunteer projects!

Return to: Friends of the Library  
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Menomonie, WI 54751