

The Bookmark

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Notes From Robin

Happy New Year!

We are again gearing up for the Adult Winter Reading Program! It started January 4, 2010 and goes through March 31, 2010. "Hot Reads for Cold Nights" is the theme this year. We will be having weekly prize drawings and incentives along the way. As you may remember Redwood Falls Library was the winner of the \$500.00 prize last year. We really appreciated everyone who participated in the program to help make that happen. Unfortunately, Plum Creek Library System will not be able to provide such a prize this year, but, we would still love to see everyone participating again this year!

See you at the Library!

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Book Clubs

Interested in joining a daytime book club? We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Library Meeting Room from 12:00 to 1:00 or 2:00 p.m. Come and check us out! (We are enjoying really good lunches, too!) The following are the 2010 selections through June:

January 26th – *The Bookseller of Kabul* by Asne Seierstad

February 23rd – *Still Summer* by Jacquelyn Mitchard

March 23rd – *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

April 27th – *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls

May 25th – *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

June 22nd - *The Rest of Her Life* by Laura Moriarty

The Evening Book Club will meet every third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. The following are the 2010 selections through June:

January 21st – *City of Thieves* by David Benioff

February 18th – *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski

March 18th – *What a Woman Must Do* by Faith Sullivan

April 15th – *Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne

May 20th – *Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan

June 17th – *Main Street* by Sinclair Lewis

Everyone is welcome! Come when you can.

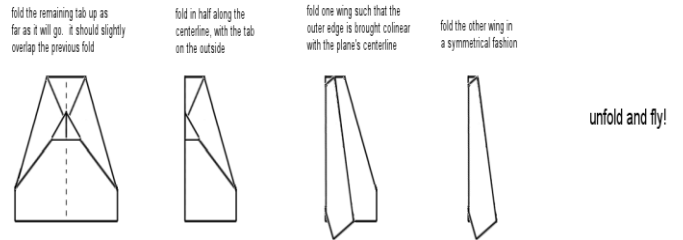
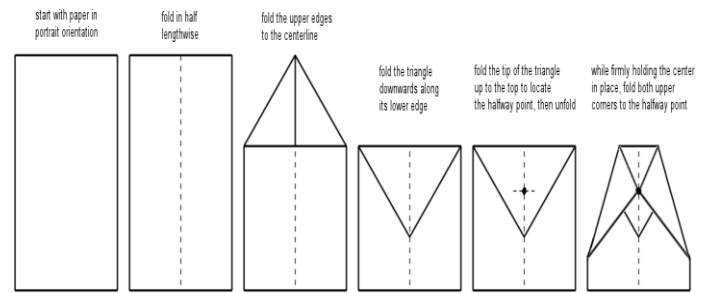
Looking for a winter project to keep you occupied during a Minnesota snowstorm?

The Redwood Falls Library has two new books by Betz White that uses wool sweaters and out of date clothing and "repurposes" them to make useful items for home and family.

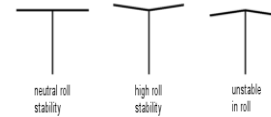
The projects in Warm Fuzzies and Sewing Green are easy to make and would make good projects for adults and youth alike.

Mittens, pincushions, doggy jackets and felted bags are just some of the items that can be made from back of the closet clothes or thrift store finds.

Betz White is a renowned felter and green crafter whose work is sold online and in boutiques around the world. Her work has been featured on Martha Stewart's TV show and in numerous magazines.



tips for flying:



throw the plane, holding it by the tab, throw it directly forward, but give the wings a small upward angle of attack, 5 degrees should be plenty.

if the plane climbs, stalls, and crashes, curl the rear wingtips **downward** slightly.
if the plane nosedives rapidly, curl the rear wingtips **upward** slightly.

Getting Cabin Fever from being stuck inside? Why not do some old fashioned paper airplane competitions!?!

High-Flying Paper Airplanes by Jack Botermans

Stuck inside because it's too cold and snowy? Running out of ideas for things to do? Why not try folding some paper airplanes? Books like *High-Flying Paper Airplanes* have tons of patterns you can use. Then once you have a couple paper airplanes completed, take them all for a test drive. Have contests to see which ones fly the farthest or highest or do the best tricks. Time will fly by as fast as your airplanes do!

Here's one guide to start you folding:

PUZZLES! For those Long Winter Nights!

As mentioned in the Redwood Gazette, the Library received a donation of many, slightly used but still fun, puzzles. Come in and check out what's available. There are many to choose from. They check-out for three weeks so hopefully that will give you time to complete!

Movie –review by Molly Get Snowed In With A Good Movie!

In *New In Town* Renee Zellweger plays Lucy Hill, a business woman from Miami who is sent to Minnesota—in the middle of winter—to restructure a food plant. Lucy is the ultimate “fish out of water” and she struggles to find balance in her new position and warm up to the community. Lucy is told to close down the plant and most of the town would be unemployed if that happened. As a result, her character is often at odds with the handsome local union rep, played by Harry Connick Jr. This

film is set in New Ulm, Minnesota, and sure, they make fun of us Minnesotans a bit, you betcha, but overall it's well worth the laughs!

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Soup & Sandwich Time

Enjoy the comfort and simplicity of soups and sandwiches. Cook up a soup with carrots or potatoes, chicken or meatballs, noodles or rice — all designed to warm you from the inside out. Add a sandwich stacked with meat, veggies and cheese, plus tasty sauces and toppings, and prepare to be satisfied!

CHUNKY TOMATO BASIL SOUP + GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH

Soup Ingredients:

- 2 (14-ounce) cans chicken broth
- 1 (28-ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 1 (26-ounce) jar tomato and basil sauce*
- 1/2 cup LAND O LAKES® Fat Free Half & Half

Topping Ingredients:

- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons purchased pesto sauce

Combine chicken broth, diced tomatoes and pasta sauce in 4-quart saucepan. Cook over high heat, stirring occasionally, until mixture comes to a full boil (5 to 7 minutes).

Reduce heat to low; stir in half & half. Continue cooking until heated through (2 to 3 minutes). (DO NOT BOIL.)

Combine sour cream and pesto in small bowl. To serve, ladle soup into individual serving bowls; top each with **2 tablespoons** sour cream mixture.

*Substitute 1 jar of your favorite tomato-based pasta sauce and 1 teaspoon dried basil leaves.

UNITED THROUGH READING

The United Through Reading® Military Program helps ease the stress of separation for military families by having deployed parents read children's books aloud via DVD for their child to watch at home.

This powerful program is available to all deployed military units and at select USO locations. It provides parents a chance to make powerful and lasting connections with their children and parent from afar.

One of the most difficult things a child can experience is having a parent deployed to a war zone for an indeterminate period of time. You can help by donating children's picture and chapter books. The Library will be the drop-off for any books or donations that anyone would like to make.

You can learn more about this program by visiting their website:

<http://www.unitedthroughreading.org/>

News from the Children's Department

Preschool Story Hour - Tuesday Mornings at 10:30 a.m. January 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th. Featuring stories, crafts, games, finger plays, songs and more! For ages 3-5.

Sock Puppet Story Hour - Saturday, January 16th, 10:30 – 11:30 p.m. Socks are great for two things. . . keeping feet warm and making puppets! Join us for sock themed finger plays, songs, and games. Each child will create a sock puppet to take home! For families with children ages 3-8.

An Icy Adventure Club

Thursday, January 14th – 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Library meeting room. I scream, you scream, we all scream for **ICE CREAM!** Come experience all kinds of frozen fun at the Library! For grades K-4.

Wii CHALLENGE!

Thursday, January 28th, 3:45- 5:00 p.m. Come to the Library and test your Wii skills with games like Mario & Sonic at the Olympic Games, Mario Kart, and more! For kids in grades K-12.

Family Movie Night featuring:

G-FORCE

Monday, January 25th, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Get out of the cold, and snuggle in to watch a movie! Bring a couple blankets, a few pillows, and settle in to enjoy this fun story on the big screen.

I'll make sure there is plenty of popcorn to share!

For movie lovers of ALL AGES. This movie is rated PG.

GOLD MEDAL READERS!

January 25th – February 25th for Grades K-4

The Children's Winter Reading Program is coming!

In honor of "I Love to Read Month" and the Winter

Olympics this February, Redwood Falls Public

Library will host a winter reading program for kids

in Kindergarten through Fourth Grade featuring

crazy Olympic events throughout the month. Be

sure to mark your calendars and visit often in

February!

Upcoming Teen Events!

Animation Coalition: Tuesday, January 12th from

4:00-5:00 p.m. A time to gather, watch and talk

about Japanese animation with screenings of

everything from classic titles to new releasease.

This month we will be watching *Kaze No Stigma*

Volume 1.

Wii Challenge: Thursday, January 28th from 3:45-

5:00 p.m. Think you're the best gamer out there?

Want to see how you measure up to others who love

to play? Come to the Library and test your Wii

skills

FUSE: Tuesday, January 5th from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Games, food, books and an opportunity to tell Lori

what you *really* want from your Library.

STAFF PICKS:

By Sherri:

Moon Called by Patricia Briggs. This is the first of four books about Mercedes Thompson, “Mercy”, who is an auto mechanic who can also shift into a coyote. If you enjoy the urban, paranormal, and the dark fantasy, you may enjoy reading this series. She is the only walker she knows, raised by werewolves and has a vampire and a fae for friends. I found this series entertaining and look forward to the next one coming out sometime in 2010. Mercy is strong, but knows she is not strong enough to go against the werewolves and vampires. She can also see ghosts. The author has enough humor to add some laughter to a dark story. There are a lot of twists and turns in this series to keep the pages turning.

By Nancy:

Greg Mortenson’s new book *Stones Into Schools* picks up where the popular book *Three Cups of Tea* left off in 2003.

Included in the book, are the relentless, ongoing efforts to establish schools for girls in Afghanistan. Greg shares his extensive work in Azad Kashmir and Pakistan after a massive earthquake hit the region in 2005. Working to build relationships with Islamic clerics, militia commanders and tribal leaders and dodging shootouts, he continues to be involved in a remarkable two-decade humanitarian effort.

Greg Mortonson is the recipient of Pakistan’s highest civil award (The Star of Pakistan) for his sixteen years of work to promote education and peace. The cofounder of the Central Asia Institute and Pennies For Peace, he lives in Montana with his family.

By Molly:

Memories of New Ulm: My Experiences during the Indian Uprising in Minnesota by Rudolf Leonhart captures a first-hand account of the U.S./Dakota War. Leonhart moved to Minnesota from Pennsylvania shortly before 1862 to serve as a school teacher in New Ulm. He writes in a lyrical and easy to read style and discusses topics outside of the U.S./Dakota War including but not limited to his travel to Minnesota, hunting, and Christmas in New Ulm.

By Angie:

Crush by Alan Jacobson

Blood and wine!

What could be better ! What a read, kept you going from the opening pages to the cliffhanger ending. In this Karen Vail thriller (after *The 7th Victim*), a serial killer spoils the FBI profiler's Napa Valley vacation when she stumbles over the strangled and mutilated corpse of Victoria Cameron during a winery tour, and things go downhill from there.

New Books Available At the Library!

Adult:

New Adult Fiction:

Bacigalupi, Paolo – *The Windup Girl*
Boggs, Johnny – *Hard Winter*
Brand, Max – *Black Thunder*
Brooks, Bill – *The Messenger*
Chen, Patrizia – *It Take Two*
Coonts, Stephen – *Disciple*
Cottam, F.G. – *The House of Lost Souls*
Grafton, Sue – *U is for Undertow*
Grodstein, Lauren – *A Friend of the Family*
Harris, Charlaine – *A Touch of Dead*
Herbert, Brian – *The Winds of Dune*
Jance, J.A. – *Trial by Fire*
Jordan, Robert – *The Gathering Storm*
Koontz, Dean – *Breathless*
McCall Smith, Alexander – *La's Orchestra Saves the World*
MacDonald, Patricia – *From Cradle to Grave*
Paine, Lauren – *Gunman's Moon*
Phillips, Gin – *The Well and the Mine*
Roberts, Nora – *Bed of Roses*
Sapphire – *Push*
Schwartz, John Burnham – *The Commoner*

New Adult Large Print:

Cussler, Clive – *The Wrecker*
Grafton, Sue – *U is for Undertow*
Jance, J.A. – *Trial by Fire*
King, Stephen – *Under the dome*
Laurens, Stephanie – *The Untamed Brides*
McCall Smith, Alexander – *La's Orchestra Saves the World*
McMurtry, Larry – *Rhino Ranch*
Neggars, Carla – *Cold River*
Mortenson, Greg – *Stories into Schools*
Stoker, Bram – *Dracula, The Undead*

New Adult Nonfiction:

133.8 BRO – *The Truth About Psychics* by Sylvia Browne
248 OST – *It's Your Time* by Joel Osteen
261.8 FIS – *Amish Peach: Simple Wisdom* by Suzanne Woods Fisher
362.196 SOM – *Knockout* by Suzanne Sommers

362.198 DES – *Notes Left Behind* by Keith and Brook Desserich
364.152 DIT – *Murder Behind the Badge* – Stacy Dittrich
371.823 MOR – *Stones into Schools* by Greg Mortenson
630 LEV – *Super Freakonomics* by Steven Levitt
640 GEH – *Homesteading* by Abigail Gehring
641.5 BHG – *Better Homes & Gardens Annual Recipes 2009*
641.5 GOO – *Gooseberry Patch Christmas*
792.7 CAR – *Last Words* by George Carlin
794.1 EDW – *Teach Yourself Visually Chess* by Jon Edwards
794.1 POL – *Chess Tactics for Champions* by Susan Polgar
796.342 AGA – *Open: An Autobiography* by Andre Aggassi
796.323 BIR – *When the Game Was Ours* by Larry Bird and “Magic” Johnson
796.357 GIB – *Sixty Feet, Six Inches* by Bob Gibson and Reggie Jackson
811.54 KAR – *Lit* by Mary Karr
814.6 GLA – *What the Dog Saw* by Malcolm Gladwell

DVDS:

Family:

G-Force DVD-1498

Drama:

Angels & Demons DVD-1497

Non-Fiction:

917.7604 Gre – *Great Minnesota Parks*

Music CDs:

Springsteen, Bruce & The E Street Band – *Greatest Hits*
Estefan, Gloria – *Greatest Hits, Vol. II*
Mannheim Steamroller – *Christmas*
Midler, Bette

New Children's Books Available:

Picture books:

Christmas Seater by Glenn Beck
Shark in the Dark by Peter Bently
Once Upon a Twice by Denis Doyen
Hoppy Hanukkah! by Linda Glasser
Crow Call by Lois Lowry
Little Oink by Amy Krause Rosenthal
Here Comes the Big Mean Dust Bunny! by Jan Thomas
Sophie Peterman Tells the Truth! by Sarah Weeks

Juvenile Fiction:

Atherton #3: *The Dark Planet* by Patrick Carmen
Last Apprentice: *Clash of the Demons* by Joseph Delaney
The Christmas Genie by Dan Gutman
My Weird School Daze #7: *Dr. Brad had Gone Mad!* by Dan Gutman
Nathan Abercrombie, Accidental Zombie: *My Rotten Life* by David Lubar
39 Clues #6: *In Too Deep* by Jude Watson
Elvis and Olive by Stephanie Watson

Juvenile Non-Fiction:

Saving the Ghost of the Mountain by Nic Bishop
My First Scene Book: Acting Out, Acting Up, Acting Right by Kristen Dabrowski
Down Down Down by Steve Jenkins

Young Adult Fiction:

Looking Glass Wars: *ArchEnemy* by Frank Beddor
Ex-mas: A Love/Hate Story by Kate Brian
Canterwood Crest #5: *Best Enemies* by Jessica Burkhart
Fire by Kristin Cashore
The Lost Books: *Elyon* by Ted Dekker
Luxe #4: *Splendor* by Anna Godbersen
Devouring #2: *Soulstice* by Simon Holt
Charmed Life: *I'm so Sure* by Jenny B. Jones
Another Faust by Daniel Nayeri
Witch & Wizard by James Patterson

Ballad: A gathering of Faerie by Maggie Stiefauter

Young Adult Non-Fiction:

The Zombie Survival Guide by Max Brooks
Our Choice by Al Gore

Young Adult Graphic Novels:

One Piece 23 by Eiichiro Oda