

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2017



Missy and Bob Tucker performed in the Square 9-21-17

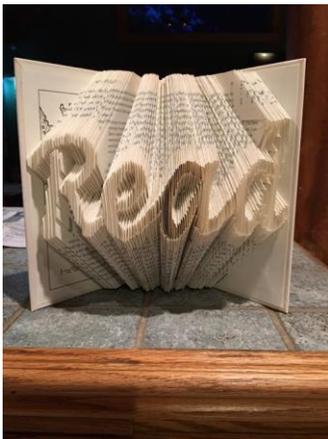
The last day of the Downtown Market in the Square is Thursday, September 28th, and Bob and Missy Tucker will be performing again on this day.

Vendors are invited back on the first Saturday of October for a special Fall Market Day when we'll have a variety of fall family activities in the Community Square.



Paranormal researcher Chad Lewis entertained over 90 in attendance at the **Oconto County Reads** event in our Community Center on September 9th.

All 6 Oconto County libraries coordinated this event which was held here in Gillett, and it brought in people from all around northeast Wisconsin. It was a packed house, we ran out of chairs, and the libraries are planning another countywide event in 2018.



Deb Stellmacher was here a few years ago to teach us how to make "POP-UP" cards, and she was back on September 16th to do a Book Folding class. 22 signed up for the class and came from as far away as Green Bay.

We charged a nominal fee to cover the cost of the pumpkin pattern (which is copyrighted), and all went home with their creations.

There is interest in holding another class, so we may do so after the 1st of the year.

COMING SOON...



Banned Books Week begins September 24th, and we're celebrating by hosting a "Captain Underpants" party on Friday, September 29th when the kids are off from school.

There will be all sorts of silly games and activities, and **everyone who wears their underpants on the outside will get a special prize!**



FALL MARKET DAY

Saturday, October 7th

9:00 – Noon

We're welcoming fall with this last Downtown Market in the Square. There will be crafters and vendors and fun fall family activities including face painting by our Teen Zone members.



COMMUNITY HAUNTED HOUSE HALLOWEEN @ HOGWARTS!

OCT 20, 21, 27, 28

The theme to this year's COMMUNITY HAUNTED HOUSE is "Halloween @ Hogwarts" and it will take place in the Community Center the last two Fridays and Saturdays of October.

Visitors will be able to interact with several professors and creatures as they travel through...and I have over 20 volunteers this year who can't wait to meet you!

Everyone will start out in the library and will travel through the Forbidden Forest to the House where the fun will begin!

OTHER:

- An ad is running in our local papers this week to advertise for our open Library Aide position.
- I met with the City of Gillett Finance committee on September 18th and presented our request. We'll have to wait now until the City hears from the State on what they will receive (hopefully we'll hear something back by the end of October). Kim G and I will be meeting to discuss certain budget reporting concerns that I have which appear on our monthly statements from the City...Kim will be talking with the auditors to see if changes can be made to correct the line items in question so that the reporting is more accurate for our library.
- I completed the UW Madison course "Building Teams That Work" and will receive CE credits which will go towards my recertification. The course provided some good information, much of which would have been helpful during our Community Square renovations last year. It will be beneficial to create a "team" as we move forward with the remaining outdoor renovations (one that involves the library board, friends group, and city) so that everyone is participating and on the same page throughout the entire process to minimize conflicts.
- We're continuing to do outreach and are providing programs to both the Sunshine Daycare and to Serenity Gardens. Cathie goes to both facilities each week and spends an hour at each...reading to the little ones at the daycare and to the seniors at Serenity. She's doing a great job and I've heard several positive comments from those who have family members at Serenity who enjoy her visits!
- The Teen Zone is getting started again now that school is back in session. We're planning to have the teens involved with our upcoming Fall Market Day in October as well as at our Community Haunted House this year.
- I'm working with our UWEX and Oconto County Tourism on the upcoming Road Rally based on our Oconto County Barn Quilt Trail. This second rally is scheduled for Saturday, October 7th and all rally riders will start at New View Industries here in Gillett. The ride will take them throughout Oconto County to answer questions about our barn quilts/farms/scenery along the way, and all will end up back in Gillett for the awarding of prizes in the afternoon. We're getting statewide attention again this year, and it's a great event that benefits Oconto County and Gillett. More info is available on our website at: <http://barnquiltsfocontocountyroadrally.weebly.com/>