

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT – APRIL 2019

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EASTER IN GILLETT 2019 – Saturday, April 13th @ the Gillett Elementary School

Our library worked with Hillside Assembly again this year to coordinate the community egg hunt. It was a fun day that started with games/activities provided by Hillside Assembly. Then all followed the Easter Bunny (i.e. our Janie!) out into the snow to collect eggs, and the "hunters" turned them in for Easter treats along the Candy Lane.

Thanks to the following Gillett area businesses/organizations that supported the "hunt"...

GOLD (\$100 or more): C&L Contracting, Sally Ebenreiter (c/o Gillett Library), Friends of the Gillett Public Library, Gillett Business Association, Gillett Lions Club, Hillside Assembly of God, Legacy Funeral Home, Quality Sandblasting & Coatings, and Thrivent (Jean Frank member)

SILVER (\$50): Gillett Flower Shoppe, Gillett Cement, GFJ Community Chest-Gary Jaeger, OJ's Midtown, Pat's Market, and Seneca Foods

BRONZE (\$25): Dimension Lumber, and Liberty Bakeshop

Thanks also to the Gillett School District (especially to Elementary principal Curt Angeli) who allowed us the use of their grounds again this year.

**WELL
WATER
TESTING**



Tuesday, April 23rd

5:30 Water Testing

6:00 Discussion

@ OUR LIBRARY THIS APRIL...

Scott Reuss, the Agriculture and Horticulture Agent for the UWEX-Marquette County, will be here to discuss rural water quality. Bring your well water samples to be tested and learn from our local agent. Water testing will take place at 5:30 with a discussion following at 6:00.



**2019 SRP will meet
Friday mornings
beginning June 14th**



We're finalizing the schedule for this year's SUMMER READING PROGRAM, and are planning for two special programs this year...

Friday, June 14th: STEPHENI CURRAN

Stepheni's presentation is entitled "**Rock On Kindness...Pass It on!**", and it will be a great way to start things off this summer @ our library. Our 6 public libraries in Oconto County are also considering an **Oconto County Reads** event based on her book. Here's more about Stepheni from her site:

*I am a mom and a pediatric speech-language pathologist who is now venturing into the writing world. This has been a new adventure for me, but I am excited to fulfill my childhood dream. Her book is entitled, "**Rock On, Kindness! Pass It On!**" and is best suited for children ages 4 thru 12 years of age.*

Friday, July 12th: INCREDIBLE BATS

We had them here a few years ago and they were very popular. Two other area libraries are planning to book them too, which will save us on travel costs as they're from the Chicago area.

About the program...Daniel and Sharon Peterson, along with their Egyptian Fruit Bats and African Straw-colored Bats, have been educating people about bats since 1996. We love bats, and with our experience and knowledge we want to dispel the myths surrounding these misunderstood creatures.



PERGOLA PROJECT IN THE COMMUNITY SQUARE STILL IN PROGRESS...

Industrial Arts teacher Preston Zimmerman has been doing his best to complete the pergola, despite few students in the class and a dwindling school year. Weather hasn't helped either this spring, but he has managed to put in a few hours per week. They still need to complete the Main Street dormer, finish shingling the roof, and install the wood ceiling. Our Friends group is planning for an Open House event once the pergola is completed.

Some good news is that all of the spring bulbs that Gary Jaeger and I planted a few years ago are coming up, and I'm anticipating another beautiful display of tulips and daffodils again this year in the Square.

Our Friends of the Gillett Library approved the purchase of 4 coated steel tables with attached seating (one is wheelchair accessible). They will be green to match the trim on the Community Center and all include an umbrella hole. They have been ordered and should be delivered by the end of April, and will be a nice addition to the Community Square space.

COMPUTER SALE

Our old computers are almost ready for us to sell, and I hope to have them available by mid-May. Most are 2014 HP with Windows 7 OS, and they will include the monitor/mouse/keyboard. Our Library System's tech guy needs to get them wiped-out (all software/security removed) before we can sell them to the public.

EASTER BUNNY VISITS PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

We had a special Preschool StoryTime on Friday, April 19th when the Easter Bunny came to visit. We had an Easter Egg Hunt throughout the Community Square, and also provided special activities for the older kids who were off from school.

