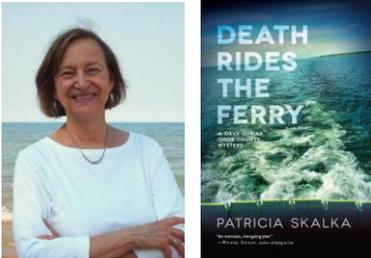


LIBRARIAN'S REPORT – APRIL 2018

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OCONTO COUNTY READS 2018

All 6 Oconto County public libraries will be working together again this summer for a county wide READ event. This year, we're bringing author Patricia Skalka here for a Book Talk/Book Signing in September. More info coming soon.

Here's more information on Patricia...

She is the author of Death Stalks Door County, Death at Gills Rock, Death in Cold Water, and Death Rides the Ferry, the first four books in the popular Dave Cubiak Door County Mystery series. Skalka turned to fiction following a successful career in nonfiction. Her many credits include: Staff Writer for Reader's Digest, freelancer, ghost writer, writing instructor, and book reviewer.

Skalka is president of the Sisters in Crime Chicagoland Chapter and a member of several professional organizations, including The Authors Guild of America, Mystery Writers of America, and Society of Midland Authors. She lives in Chicago and Door County WI.



FRIENDS OF THE GPL QUILT RAFFLE

I donated two quilted wall hangings and we're selling raffle tickets to benefit the library to be put towards the completion of the outdoor spaces here. One is a "Churn Dash" pattern and is all hand-quilted, and the other is a "Scrappy Quilt" of many colors. Tickets are \$2 each or 3/\$5.00 and the winners will be chosen on June 15th. Let me know if you can help with selling tickets.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends are coordinating the Spring Book Sale along with the Citywide Rummage event which takes place in early June. We're planning to have other activities going in in the Community Square on that Friday to attract people onto Main Street. Although the library won't be open on the Saturday of the rummage sale event (we're not open on Saturdays during the summer), the Friends plan to be set up in the Community Center for the Book Sale on that day.

APRIL IS FOR LIBRARIES!

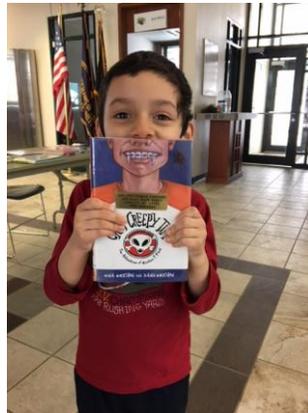
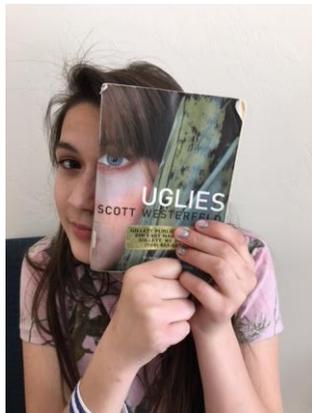
April is a big month for libraries. The month started out with **National Library Week** (April 8th-14th) and it ends with **Children's Book Week** and **Screen-Free Week** which begins April 30th. April is also designated as **National Humor Month** (our library has a lot of humorous books now on display) and **National Poetry Month**. During April, the Gillett Library rewards users with chocolate every time they read a poem to the library staff. There is a *Poetry Creation Station* set up by the Circulation Desk for all who want to create their own poem. During National Library Week, our library posted online trivia questions about the library each day, and the lucky winner won the newly released cookbook by Joanna Gaines.

In celebration of *Screen-Free Week* and *Children's Book Week*, our library will be giving away an "Activity Basket" full of games, books, and fun activities to keep families off the screen during that time. Anyone who checks out a book between April 23-April 28th will be entered into a drawing, and the prize basket winner will be announced on Monday April 30th.

Even the teens (and a little brother) got into the act and put on their best "Book Faces" at the Teen Zone program this past Wednesday...the Teen Zone meets every Wednesday in the Library Community Center from 3:30 – 5:30 after school, and we'll continue to meet throughout the summer.

FYI...I'm including an article written by Setha Low regarding creating spaces for teens in the community. A key point in her teachings is that "...a viable space has to have youth in it". She has written several books on urban planning and is a contributor to the **Project for Public Spaces**. The online article can be viewed here:

<https://www.pps.org/article/what-the-young-people-want-a-q-a-with-setha-low>



LIBRARY COMMUNITY CENTER

We were an emergency meeting place for CESA 8 this week after Storm Evelyn damaged the roof at their facility. Luckily, this is the first week that the tax preparers didn't meet in the Center, so it worked out great. In an effort to promote Community Center use, I've added a "BOOK NOW" button to our Facebook page which links directly to our website where folks can find out more information and download a form.

Book Now



DOWNTOWN MARKET IN THE SQUARE

It may not feel much like Market Season, but I've started to advertise for vendors for this year's Market. This will be the fourth year for the DOWNTOWN MARKET in the SQUARE, and the opening day will be on Thursday, June 7th. The DOWNTOWN MARKET will take place in the Square every Thursday from 4:00-6:00 PM through early October. At this time, I'm waiting to hear about construction of the pergola. I met with Oconto County Lumber earlier this month to confirm some color choices (I chose a hunter green for both the roof shingles and soffits which best-matches the Community Center), and I'll have to wait now until Preston and the Industrial Arts students are able to start on this project. Time is running out as there's not much time left before school is out for the summer. Hopefully they can at least get a start on this project before graduation day.

EASTER IN GILLETT 2018 - Saturday, March 24th @ the Gillett Elementary School



Our library worked again with Hillside Assembly and St. John's Lutheran to bring the EASTER BUNNY to Gillett. There were games and activities while waiting for the HUNT to begin, and all went through the CANDY LANE after the EGG HUNT!

We had over 200 children registered and a lot more than that were there in attendance that day. Due to the cool weather, all events were held inside this year. Over \$1000 was donated from area businesses and organizations which was wonderful! I did a lot of the set-up the night before along with volunteers from Hillside, and our Friends of the Library worked the Candy Lane that day.

GOLD (more than \$100): Beyond Manufacturing, C&L Contracting Inc., Gillett Business Association, Gillett Contracting LLC, Gillett Public Library, Hillside Assembly of God, Lambrecht's Service Garage, Pat's Market, Quality Sandblasting & Coatings LLC, and Thrivent Financial

SILVER (\$50): A&T Kadlec Transport, Gillett Cement Products, Gillett Dental Care, Seneca Foods, and Woodland Village Nursing Home

BRONZE (\$25): Countryview Chiropractic Clinic, Dimension Lumber Company, Teresa Eaker, Farmer Brothers Coffee, Flower Shoppe, For You With Love, GFJ Community Chest, Northwoods Veterinary Clinic, OJ's Midtown restaurant, Serenity Gardens, and Meunier's True Value