

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2019

by Kay Rankel, director



### EASTER IN GILLETT 2019

Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

I've had a preliminary meeting with Hillside Assembly, and we've set the date and have started planning for this event.

The Elementary School is reserved and we will be "hunting" on the track again this year; then the kids will turn in their eggs and travel down the Candy Lane that is set up inside the school. This is one of our biggest program attendance events (almost 500 attended last year). More info coming soon...



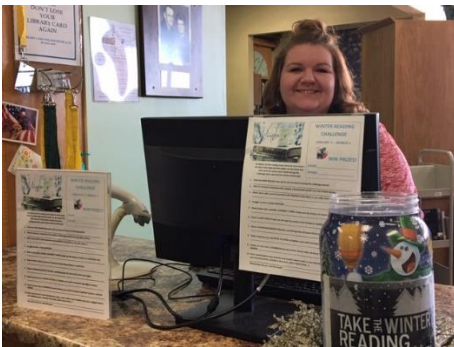
### WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Our reading challenge this winter will end on March 1<sup>st</sup>, and participants can win prizes which consist of books and/or gift certificates to Gillett area businesses including For You With Love, Gillett Handiworks, St. Clare Heirloom Seeds, and our new Liberty Bake Shop.



### MINUTE TO WIN-IT

School was out Friday February 15<sup>th</sup>, so we planned this activity right after StoryTime that Friday. Kids competed in several challenges including trying to break a balloon with your bum in one minute (treats were provided too)!



### MEET DESTINY - NEW LIBRARY AIDE

Destiny started working this week, and she'll be working up to 23 hours/week. She will be helping at the Circulation Desk and will be doing the majority of the cleaning around the library and Community Center. She's a fast learner and so far so good!

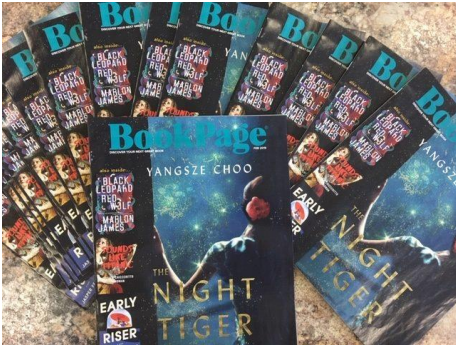


**HOT CHOCOLATE DAYS @ the Library** There were several days this winter that we provided FREE hot chocolate to library visitors. It's a nice welcome on cold winter days.



### MANURE AND WATER QUALITY TESTING – Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:30-7:00 PM

Scott Reuss, the Agriculture and Horticulture Agent for the UWEX-Marinette County, will be here to discuss rural water quality. Everyone can bring in their well water samples to be tested at 5:30 with a learning session afterward.



### BOOKPAGE AVAILABLE HERE

We're subscribing to this publication again, and are sharing the subscription with the Lena library to save on the cost. It's a great source of information for readers, and highlights new authors and books (including suggestions and reviews).



### SLP 2019 – WORKSHOP

Janie, our Children's Librarian attended our Library System's workshop for children's librarians which took place in Oshkosh @ the EAA Museum on February 21<sup>st</sup>. It's a space theme this year, so there will be a lot of possibilities for weekly programs and activities.

This workshop focuses on the Summer Reading Program (SRP), which is now being called a "Summer Learning Program" (SLP). The focus for library programming is changing to STEM related activities which encourage kids to build and create, and Janie came back with some great ideas that we can incorporate here throughout the year. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math; and now there is also emphasis on STEAM (adding Art to the mix). I'm excited for this summer's program, and we are already planning to enhance our monthly Drop-In programs with STEAM activities.