



# THOMAS ST. ANGELO

## Public Library Newsletter

Cumberland, Wisconsin

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Storyhour for ages 3-5 throughout the school year on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Scrabble for players of all levels Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Barron County Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald offers safety training Thursday, Feb. 7 at Noon and 5:30 p.m.

Lego Club for Grades 2-4 meets Friday, Feb. 15 after school-5 p.m.

Friends of the Library meets Thursday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. Members are encouraged to attend, and the public is welcome.

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The library is closed on Easter Sunday, March 31. The library is open Good Friday and Saturday, March 29-30 and on Monday, April 1.

Remember that Friends of the Library collects Our Family brand labels. The labels are redeemed for cash to fund children's programming.



### Greetings

from Lori the Librarian

I remember celebrating winter as a kid with days off from school, building huge snowmen and fashioning forts out of snowbanks and stocking them with snowballs. Today it is more difficult to find the fun in winter except at the library, where exciting things are always happening. The next two months are no exception. February will be Family Photo Month here, and we will also have two presentations on safety in our community and schools and a presentation by Phil and Joanne Peterson about skiing from Ely to Grand Portage, which is part of their Life as an Adventure series. Local author Jay Gilbertson speaks on farming and writing his Madeline Island series at the March Brown Bag Lunch. When you have finished with that snowman and your soggy mittens are drying by the fire, remember that the library offers lots of reasons to come in out of the cold. And as always, you can find more information about all of it right here.

*Lori Bock*

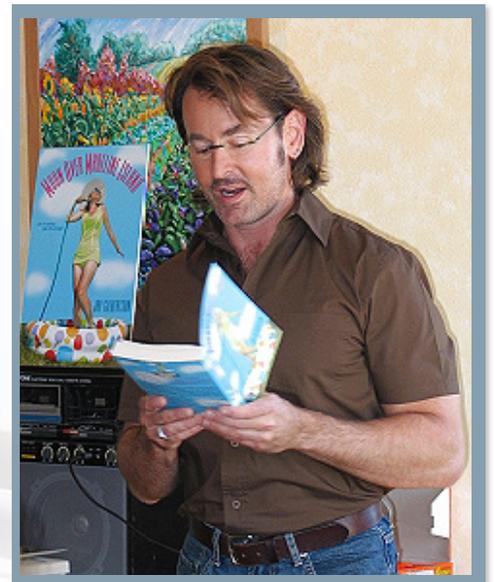
### Prairie Farm writer to speak March 28

Native Wisconsin author Jay Gilbertson shares his love of rural life and his penchant for infusing his writing with familiar voices on Thursday, March 28.

Gilbertson is also a beekeeper, hospice volunteer, book review columnist, farmer and the nation's first pumpkin seed oil producer. He thrives upon the influence of family and friends and finds that relationships, with all their complexities and truths, are his most valued teachers and sources of inspiration for his characters' voices.

His work includes the series "Moon Over Madeline Island," "Back to Madeline Island" and "Full Moon Over Madeline Island." The just-released third novel is available online through Amazon, or signed at [www.jaygilbertson.com](http://www.jaygilbertson.com). Information about his certified organic, gourmet Hay River Pumpkin Seed Oil is available online at [www.hayriver.net](http://www.hayriver.net).

The Brown Bag event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a light meal served by Friends of Thomas St. Angelo Public Library. Register by calling the library at 715-822-2767.



# Student Art Show

## Local students present artwork

Artwork by Cumberland Middle and High School students was featured at the library in a free art show last month.

Students' work included drawings, paintings and pottery created using a variety of mediums. Many of the pieces move to WITC-Rice Lake in March, where they join artwork



by students from several area schools in the annual Youth Art Month Show.

The show included,

at left, an acrylic canvas painting in the abstract style of Wassily Kandinsky by Amy Denver, and above at left, a white charcoal drawing on black paper by Saskia Nerlich and at right, a colored pencil and marker Op Art drawing by Winder Estebo.



## Safety training to be offered

Barron County Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald

and the Cumberland Police Department present Safety in Our Schools and Community on Thursday, Feb. 7 at the library.

Fitzgerald said that he has no answers to end the tragedies that plague our nation, but he can help people be prepared.

Training sessions begin at Noon and 5:30 p.m. The Thomas St. Angelo Public Library Board serves a light meal at each presentation. Registration is required by calling the library at 715-822-2767.

## Family Photo Month

February is Family Photo Month at Thomas St. Angelo Public Library.

Robert Nugent of RMN Action Photography partners with Thomas St. Angelo Public Library and Kinship of Cumberland and Turtle Lake in February to offer free professional photographs to Cumberland area families in response to the Olivia Act.

The Olivia Act was established by an anonymous photographer to honor the victims of the Dec. 14 Newtown, Conn. tragedy and named after Sandy Hook Elementary School student Olivia Engel, whose parents had a family portrait taken shortly before her death. It asks photographers to offer free family photographs.

Participants may decide what special bonds constitute family in addition to biological relationships, such as Kinship kids, their mentors and families; work groups; teams; clubs and groups of friends. All

are encouraged to participate.

Businesses, teams and other groups should contact Nugent directly at 715-296-0967 to set up a date and location for photographs.

Contact the library to learn how to include pets. Each photograph will be put onto a disc for the family or group.

Freewill donations will be accepted to help the library and Kinship continue their support of area youth through reading and other cultural enrichment activities and events, mentorships and mid-year school supplies.

Photographs will be taken in the fireplace seating area of the library. Call the library at 715-822-2767 to register for one of the 20-minute photo sessions offered on Sunday, Feb. 3 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 6 from 5-8 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 10 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; or Sunday, Feb. 17 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.



## Couple to share outdoor adventures



Phil and Joanne Peterson of St. Croix Falls bring the spirit of adventure to the library's Brown Bag Lunch on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 5:30 p.m.

The Petersons' philosophy, Life as an Adventure, engages, informs and entertains audiences wherever they present personal narratives and pictures of their own adventures and misadventures. Their Cumberland presentation focuses on a six-day cross-country ski trip by Phil and four friends from Ely, Minn., to Lake Superior's Grand Portage via the Canadian border route. The group called themselves the Helluvits, and their journey included wrestling with rain, below zero temperatures, fire and broken equipment.

Phil is a retired businessman, and Joanne is a retired elementary school teacher. Phil's books include two authorized biographies and the first in a historical fiction trilogy about Northern Wisconsin during Prohibition.

Call the library at 715-822-2767 to register. Friends of the Library serves a light meal.

## Grab Your Hat and Read with the Cat

The Cat in the Hat celebrates Dr. Seuss's birthday with young readers Friday, March 1.

The event marks Read Across America Day 2013, the National Education Association's reading initiative to motivate children and teens to read.

This year's theme is Grab Your Hat and Read with the Cat. **The library's party includes cake and ice cream, stories and games from 3:30-4:30 p.m.**



## New Book Shelf additions

The following books are due out soon. Stop in or call the library to add your name to the waiting list.

### February

- "Week in Winter," by Maeve Binchy
- "Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker," by Jennifer Chiaverini
- "Red Velvet Cupcake Murder," by Joanne Fluke
- "Tough and Go," by Lisa Gardner
- "Deadly Stakes," by Judith Jance
- "Guilt: Alex Delaware Series," by Jonathan Kellerman
- "Alex Cross Run," by James Patterson
- "Storyteller," by Jodi Picoult
- "Calculated in Death," by J.D. Robb

### March

- "Death of Yesterday," by M.C. Beaton
- "Breaking Point," by C.J. Box
- "Six Years," by Harlan Coben
- "Striker," by Clive Cussler
- "Chance," by Karen Kingsbury
- "Ordinary Grace," by William Kent Krueger
- "Leaving Everything Most Loved," by Jacqueline Winspear



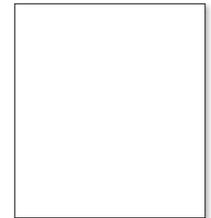
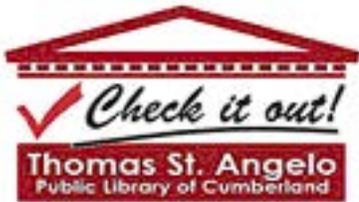
## Chocolate adds flavor



Participants at the library's weekly Scrabble Club recently added a taste treat to their game when Bob Strickland, pictured above at left, shared the Chocolate Scrabble game he received for Christmas.

Clockwise from Strickland are players Leona Bowen, Ethel Anderson and Esther Strickland.

The club meets Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. Players of all levels are encouraged to attend.



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### Library opens earlier

Thomas St. Angelo Public Library now opens at 9 a.m. Monday-Saturday.



Existing staff cover the additional hour, so library patrons should expect fewer staff on duty than at the end of the day.

Hours were expanded in December in response to patron requests, and many are expressing their appreciation for the change, said library director Lori Bock.

"They come to town to run errands or exercise or have morning coffee and used to end up waiting in our parking lot for us to open," she said.

"Many thanks for the 9 a.m. opening," said library patron Allan Siemers. "Since many stores in town open then or earlier, it makes it much more convenient to visit the library, too."

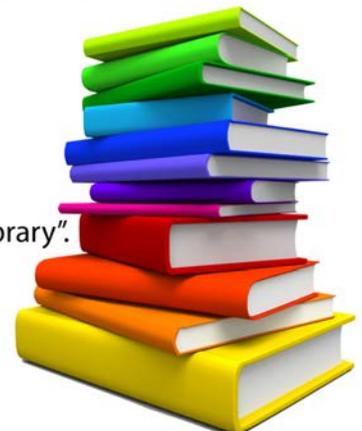
### Friends of Thomas St. Angelo Public Library membership form

Membership is open to everyone. Your membership helps bring quality programs and services to the library, and your support is greatly appreciated.

- Youth (up to age 18) .....\$3
- Adult .....\$5
- Family .....\$10
- Life (one time donation) .....\$100

• Make checks payable to "Friends of the Library".  
 • Memberships are accepted year-round.

• **Friends of the Library**  
 • **P. O. Box 97**  
 • **Cumberland, WI 54829**



• Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 • Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 • State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 • Email \_\_\_\_\_

• Monthly meetings are held the third Thursday evening beginning at 7 pm. Notice of monthly meetings will be published in the local paper.