

Department News ~

Wayne Public Library ~



Don't pay any attention to the snow outside. The Wayne Public Library is deep into planning for our spring programs. Storytimes continue, with Mother Goose on the Loose for babies and toddlers which meets every Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, fingerplays, and all sorts of other fun activities create special times and memories for you and your little one. Winter storytime runs through the end of March, and is capped off on Saturday, April 5th, with our annual Easter Egg Hunt. The library book club for adults continues to meet the last Tuesday of every month. The March title is "Girl with a Pearl Earring" by Tracy Chevalier, and we have multiple copies available for checkout.

Young and old are invited to stop

by on Tuesday, March 4th, to celebrate Mardi Gras. Snacks, crafts, and beads will be available to the public as long as our supplies last. Also during March, the Library will host a table at the annual Wayne State College Health Fair, being held on Thursday, March 20th, from 11-2 in the Frey Conference Suite in the Student Center.



With April comes spring showers, and we are showering the calendar with our many events. April brings National Volunteer Week from April 6-12, National Library Week from April 13-19, Elderfest on April 17th, Summer Reading sign-up at the Community Activity Center April 25th and 26th, along with the Friends of the Library Book Sale April 25-27. Our Volunteer Open House will be held on Tuesday, April 8th, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please stop by for a snack and some information on

the many ways in which people have volunteered at the Library. Special activities are being planned for Library Week, so keep looking for these announcements. The Library will host Chamber Coffee on the Friday of Library Week, April 18th, at 10 a.m.

Last, but certainly not least, is our Spring Expand Your Horizon. This April, we will focus on cooking, and topics under consideration include Healthy Cooking, Ethnic Food Dishes, Cooking for Two, Grandma's Favorite Recipes, as well as others.

~Lauran Lofgren
Library Director

WISE WORDS

"Any fool can criticize, condemn, and complain, and most fools do."

~ Benjamin Franklin

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Green Notes - Shop with Reusable Bags ~



You may be thinking, what's one plastic shopping bag to the environment? A lot.

Sadly, plastic bags are rarely recycled, made from petroleum oil, and an enormous harm to our environment. Paper bags are just as bad for the environment as they take more raw materials and energy to manufacture per bag.

If you've made the switch to reusable grocery bags, then applaud yourself for being environmentally aware. But if you're still using plastic bags, read the facts below and consider making the switch when

you shop. Cloth bags are readily available for purchase and many stores will give you a credit when you bring your own bags.

1. Plastic bags take anywhere from 15 to 1000 years to decompose.
2. Only 1 percent of plastic bags are recycled in the United States. The rest end up in landfills, the ocean, or some other place in the environment. There's actually a giant garbage heap made mostly of plastic floating in the ocean that's twice the size of the United States.
3. It's estimated that 1 million birds and thousands of turtles and other sea animals die each

year after ingesting discarded plastic bags.

4. More than 10 percent of washed-up debris polluting the U.S. coastline is made up of plastic bags.

5. It takes 12 million barrels of oil to produce the estimated 100 billion plastic bags Americans use each year.

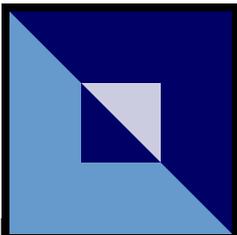
The petroleum used to produce 14 plastic bags can drive a car one mile.

For more tips on the Green Path to the Good Life, like the Wayne Green Team on Facebook or visit www.cityofwayne.org/greenteam.

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

- ◆ Humans use more and more water each year.
- ◆ Americans use 5x the amount of water Europeans use.
- ◆ Two-thirds of the water used in a home is used in the bathroom.





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EnergyWise Tip ~



Icicles put the finishing touch on many of Thomas Kinkadee's paintings of nostalgic-looking homes locked in time and surrounded by a winter wonderland. Perhaps you have quietly passed the time watching an icicle form, becoming longer and longer with each drop that trickles downward. Or maybe as a child, you energetically jumped to pull icicles off the sides of your home to use as a toy sword. Icicles may seem beautiful, magical or picturesque, but they can also signal big troubles for you and your home.

Icicles are the result of "ice dams," which are a buildup of ice on the roof along the overhang or eave. Eaves are the parts of the roof that extend beyond the exterior wall and gutters attach to. Ice dams form when the upper part of the roof is warm enough to melt snow but the eaves and gutters are cold enough to freeze the runoff into icicles. As the ice gets thicker and thicker, it stops water as it comes down the roof, making an ice dam. Eventually, water coming down the roof is backed up enough that it does not refreeze because it continues to be warmed by the house and its attic. Finally, as the water gets deep enough behind the ice dam, it is pushed up under the shingles and into the house causing water damage.

The best way to prevent this

from happening is to keep your attic cold in the first place. The majority of heat in the attic comes from heat inside the house leaking into the attic. If your house has big, beautiful icicles, you are probably using way more energy than you need to keep your home warm. So what can you do?

Attic insulation and air sealing



This is the primary way of stopping ice dams. Since most of the heat comes from below the attic, ensure the attic is properly insulated and air sealed. In Nebraska, your attic should have enough insulation to equate to an R38 value. If you are not sure, contact your local hardware store or utility company to learn more.

Air leaks transmit a lot of heat into the attic quickly, so they are important to stop as well. Pay particular attention to sealing up and insulating the following major sources of heat in the attic:

- Chimneys
- Plumbing stacks
- Recessed lighting from the ceiling below
- Bathroom and clothes dryer ventilation

Bathroom and clothes dryer

exhausts can be the worst of the four. Not only are they bringing heat into the attic area, some are vented right into the attic. This will bring additional moisture into the cooler area and can lead to problems like rotted roofs and rafters, ruined insulation, moisture inside the walls, mold, and peeling paint.

More attic ventilation



Though secondary to insulation, ventilation is also important. No matter how much insulation is in your attic, some heat will still come through. Insulation and sealing only slows down heat transfer. The purpose of attic ventilation is to give that heat somewhere to go. Note that most homes built before 1980 have lousy ventilation. Again, if you are not sure, visit with your utility company, local hardware store, or home contractors in the area.

Wayne Utility wants you to stay comfortably warm this winter. Part of our commitment to delivering low-cost, reliable energy is helping you make the most of the energy you use throughout the year. For more ideas on how you can make your home or business EnergyWiseSM, contact the City of Wayne Power Plant at 402-375-2866.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
March 4th
March 18th

WAYNE COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER HOURS

Monday-Thursday
5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Friday
5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday
1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.