

Michael Edmonds Highlights Friends' Annual Meeting

The Friends of the Library will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, April 17th in the library's Silver Creek Room at noon. After the meeting, at 2:30 pm, guest speaker Michael Edmonds will present "Bunyan's Progress: How the Private Jokes of Lumberjacks Became America's Best-Known Folk Hero." Edmonds, a Wisconsin author, will share new discoveries about Paul Bunyan's origins among working-class loggers in the 1880s. He'll recount a saga of lies, hoaxes, thefts, and greed that carried Bunyan out of the woods, into print, onto the

children's shelves in every public library, and ultimately onto YouTube. He'll also describe how printing and publication forever changed the oral tales, and share some of the earliest authentic Bunyan stories as they were told aloud by Wisconsin lumberjacks during the 1880s and 1890s.

Michael Edmonds is deputy director of the Library-Archives division at the Wisconsin Historical Society, where he has worked since 1982. For the last decade he has overseen the Society's efforts to digitize collections, leading the teams that have put nearly half a million pages of manuscripts, rare books, journals, and photos onto the Web. He has also taught at the University of Wisconsin as an adjunct lecturer since 1986. He writes the weekly syndicated newspaper column, *Odd Wisconsin*, and the blog of the same name. His most recent article, "More Groovy than Woodstock" -- about the Grateful Dead's visit to a rock festival in rural Poynette, Wis., in 1970 -- appears in the current issue of the *Wisconsin Magazine of History* (Spring 2010). His book, "Out of the Northwoods: The Many Lives of Paul Bunyan," on which his April 17th talk is based, appeared last fall. Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Book Sale Returns With Three-Day April Sale

The next Friends of the Library used book sale will be held during National Library Week in April. Mark your calendar so you can take advantage of the three-day sale!

April 15th: Preview Night from 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Get a leg up on the competition by attending the Friends of the Library used book sale Preview Night—free for Friends members to attend, and a \$3 entrance fee for all others. The sale will then be open free of charge on Friday and Saturday. (Friends memberships start at \$5 / year, and applications are available at the library.)

April 16th: Book Sale area open from Noon - 7:30 pm. The library will close at 6:00, but access to the book sale will remain open until 7:30 pm.

April 17th: Book Sale area open from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. The Friends of the Library semi-annual used book sale continues. This is your last chance to stock up until the October sale!



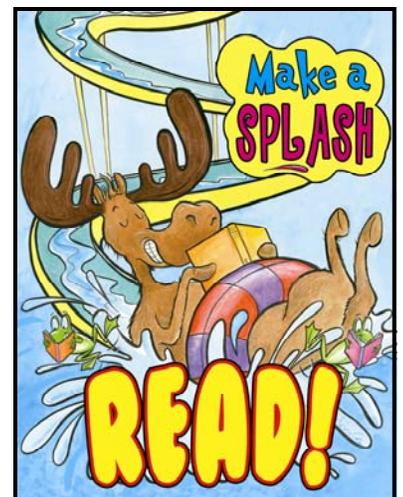
Silent Auction Fundraiser

In addition to the book sale, a silent auction will be held for a framed photo-art print by library staff photographer Ben Sprague. All proceeds from the sale of the print will be donated to the Friends of the Library. The silent auction will end at the close of the book sale on Saturday, April 17, at 3:00 pm. If not present at the close of the auction, the winning bidder will be notified by phone or email.



Your Membership

Thank you to the many of you who have paid your Friends membership for the current year. If you have already paid your dues, your mailing label will say "2010" or "Life" on it. If not, and to stay on our mailing list, please become a member of the Friends. Annual dues are \$5 per individual or \$10 per family and lifetime dues are \$50 per individual or \$100 per family. Dues may be paid at or sent to the library – please make checks payable to the Friends of the Ripon Public Library. Thank you for your support!

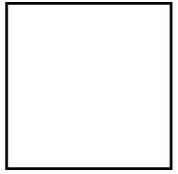


Make a Splash!

The annual children's summer reading program returns this June & July. Enjoy special appearances by "Graybeard the Ancient Mariner" (a.k.a. musician David H. B. Drake), Award-winning children's singer/songwriters Tom Pease and Ken Lonnquist, and the Wayne & Wingnut Family Comedy Show. Watch our website and your local newspaper for details.

In the meantime, enjoy Storytime on Wednesday mornings through May 5th. First-graders can also look forward to receiving their first library card during National Library Week, April 11th-17th.

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Former Riponite Presents Experimental Documentary

Together, the Public Library and Ripon College are hosting a screening and discussion of “Revival: Presidential Campaign Spots, 1952-1968”, a film by Aidan Tumas. This event will take place on Thursday, April 8th at 6:30 PM in Room 147 of Ripon College’s Rodman Center for the Arts.

During his final year at Vassar College, Tumas – a former Riponite – created a documentary that explores presidential campaign advertising during the 1950s and 1960s. The history of televised political campaigns runs parallel to the larger history of advertising, and in the first two decades, candidates became increasingly compelled to make use of this mass medium. “Revival” focuses particularly on 1964 and 1968, two years in which prominent admen were given unprecedented freedom to create groundbreaking campaigns for Johnson and Nixon.

Please join us for this free event – which celebrates a talented Riponite and is sure to be an interesting and informative evening!

WINTER HOURS (Through Memorial Day)

Monday - Thursday:
9 am - 8 pm
Friday:
9 am - 6 pm
Saturday:
9 am - 4 pm
Sunday:
1 pm - 4 pm

Work Begins on New Story Time Room



Following an extensive clean-up effort, work has begun on the creation of a new dedicated Story Time room! What was, only months ago, a complete disaster area (see photo at left) will be transformed, by Ripon Area Builders, into a cheerful, bright space perfect for stories and crafts.

Plans include a welcoming double-door entrance, plenty of seating and storage space, a fanciful wall mural, and a mirrored backdrop so that parents can see their children’s expressions of delight during story time.

Below are several “artist’s concept” renderings of what the new room might look like when finished. The project is expected to be completed in time for this year’s Summer Reading Program!



Water Your Mind—READ!

Adult Summer Reading Program

- June 14th – August 1st
- Read or listen to books of your choice
- Every title completed gives you the chance to win prizes
- Participate in fun programs

Make Waves @ Your Library

Get ready to dive right in to the Teen Summer Reading Program!

- June 14th – August 1st
- Win weekly prizes for reading
- Participate in fun programs at the Ripon Public Library

Sign Up For Friends Email Updates

Now you can stay informed of Friends of the Library events and volunteer activities by e-mail! To join the mailing list, simply send an email to Julie Waldvogel, Friends of the Library chair, at: jwaldvogel@morainepark.edu and include “Friends of the Library” in the subject line.