

# FRIENDS OF THE ONALASKA LIBRARY

*Bi-Monthly Newsletter*

*Sept/Oct 2018*



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**Chicken-Q- Fundraiser**---coming up Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. The Friends and the Onalaska Area Historical Society will co-host the dinner on **Thursday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM in the Onalaska Library Parking Lot.**

**Presale cost per dinner: \$9.00**

**Walkup price: \$9.50**

Please get your tickets early, as we have to give them a number by August 30<sup>th</sup>. This year the meal will be catered by Pogy's. This is a joint fundraiser for the Friends and the Historical Society. Tickets available at the front desk at library.



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**Movies**---the new Fall Movie Session will start September 13<sup>th</sup> and run through December 13<sup>th</sup>. Join us for a free movie and popcorn. Below is the listing of movies. (6:30 PM Thursdays)

Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup>	"Book Club"	PG-13
Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup>	"Only the Brave"	PG
Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>	"Tully"	R
Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup>	"The Rider"	R
Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup>	"Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again"	PG-13
Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	"Won't You Be my Neighbor"	PG-13
Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup>	"The Wife"	R



## Have you ever wondered how the movies are picked for the spring and fall movie sessions at the library?

For answers to this and other questions, I interviewed Larry Pohja the Movie Man. The spring session is simple and easy. The movies considered have been nominated for Best Picture for Academy Awards. Larry checks release dates on website to see if the movie will be available in time for showing.

The fall session is harder. There are a lot of movies out there that contain “so-called garbage” so Larry uses a website where critics and patrons who have actually seen the movie or have said they want to see the movie give their reviews. Larry wants movies that have at least a 70% rating from the critics and patrons.

Larry doesn't have a favorite movie. His goal is to try to find movies that everyone can enjoy. When I asked him when he started showing movies he figured it was around 2011. The crowd has grown quite a bit from when he showed his first movie. The first year or so he said four to six people would attend a movie now the average attendance is fifty to sixty people at each movie. It seems that at each movie session; one, two or maybe even three new people find out about the free movies being shown at our library. Back when the movies were first starting the rule was that at least three people had to be at movie for the show to go on and yes that is still in effect today.

The spring session usually has the bigger crowds, Larry said he will ask the attendees to vote for their favorite Best Picture Academy Award nomination. So far, the audience has not voted for the winning nomination that the Academy picks.

**“The ‘R’ rated movie---** Up until 2014, the movies shown were rated G, PG, and PG13. On October 2, 2014, the movie “Chef” was the first movie shown that was rated “R”. It received the “R” because of language. I asked Larry about the decision to show “R” movies. He says a lot of good movies end up with the “R” rating. It might be because of a couple swear words, language, nudity, drug use etc. He said there is “R” rated movies and then there are “R” rated movies. Larry tries to pick movies on the “low end” of the “R” ratings. Movie reviews do not tell you everything. Larry shows a short power-point presentation before the movie starts and, in the presentation, it is stated that if anyone is uncomfortable with movie they should get up and leave. The “R” rated movie is for mature audiences and minors under 18 are not permitted. Likewise, a parent/guardian must be present for all minors who wish to view a PG-13 movie.

**Close Captioning---**Although a couple of people requested it Larry mentioned that the close captioning option is not used for the movies he shows. There are reasons for that. First—the people in the first four rows away from screen can see everything going on. This means they would tend to be reading the line of

close captioning and would be focusing away from what is happening on the screen. The captioning takes away from the picture and slows down their following of the story line being played out on the screen. The people in the back rows can't see the bottom of the screen to view the captioning. Second if you wear a hearing aid because of a hearing problem both the City and County have provided a hearing loop system\* so you can enjoy any program in the room. Also, most hearing aids now have the T-Coil feature which broadcasts sound wirelessly to the hearing aid.

\*The hearing loop system is an amp system that amplifies into digital hearing aids so that people can hear much more clearly. Both this system and the T-Coil feature are available in the movie room.



**Popcorn**---Who doesn't like popcorn with their movie? You came to the right place for freshly-made popcorn. Of course, the amount made depends on the crowd but Larry says they generally go through four packages (8 oz each) per movie. Larry mentioned that he is grateful for the tremendous help he gets from Gail Saltz and her Mom, Delaney Gilster, who come and help with the showings.

Larry is not only our "Movie Man" but he also is the President of the Friends. We would like to thank Larry for his dedication to finding good movies, showing the movies and making popcorn for the movie crowd.

*"You always past failure on the way to success."* Mickey Rooney



Author Program---September 26<sup>th</sup>--- Area author Larry Scheckel will do a power-point presentation at the Onalaska Library pertaining to his just-out new book "Murder in Wisconsin: The Clara Olson Case." **Time is 6:30 PM Wednesday Evening, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>.**  
Sponsored by the Friends—free—everyone welcome.



**How does a witch tell time?  
With a witchwatch.**



**Bookmarks**---Turning cards into bookmarks for the Onalaska Library has been a project of Pat Blanchard for several years. The cards are usually donated. She mentioned that members of the Friends have donated their cards for her to convert into bookmarks.

It all started when Pat, who was volunteering for RSVP, started making new cards from old cards for RSVP. She found she usually couldn't use all of the old card in the making of the new card so she started using the "leftover" part to make bookmarks for the library. Pat mentioned that she wanted to use up rather than throw away. What does she look for in a "used old" card? She said she does not use any religious cards for the bookmarks but likes to use cards with winter scenes, Santa Claus, Christmas Trees, animals, kids--- things that are pretty to look at.

Pat is a busy lady. She also has made cards for The Tomah VA and Onalaska Food Pantry besides RSVP and Onalaska Library. She has been a long-time supporter of the Friends. Joining our group back in 1999 she has faithfully attended our meetings, helped at our book sales, worked at the chicken-ques, done baking, and always gives of her help when and where she can for the Friends. As noted in our last newsletter, Pat is retiring from making bookmarks for the Library. Thank you, Pat, for your talent and time.



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Gail Saltz, a member of the Friends, will take over making the bookmarks. Our thanks to Gail for stepping forward to take over this task.



**Wine Tasting Event**---Back by popular request, the Friends will host another wine tasting at Maggie's in Onalaska on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Theme this year will be "Old World Wine-New World Wine" (wine from old World countries and America) pairing wine and food. There will be music to enjoy. Tickets will go on sale at Library middle of September. Cost will be \$30. Check our Facebook page or website for later info.

**Why do leopards have spotted coats?  
Because the tigers bought all the striped ones.**



## Fall Book Sale

Friday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>  
and  
Saturday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>  
are the dates of the

**Friends big Fall Book Sale.** Please set aside any books you are finished with that are in good condition for the upcoming sale. As usual we will need help to set up for the sale on Thursday (25<sup>th</sup>), working the sale 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, and taking down/cleanup on the 27<sup>th</sup>. As the time gets closer, there will be a sign-up sheet at the Library's circulation desk to volunteer. Any help you can give us is very much appreciated.

**On-going book sales** are doing great. This is a very good source of steady income for our group. Non-fiction History books sell very well and are in short supply for the sales.

**Floyde's Senior Moments**----start up again on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. This popular offering is on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM at the Onalaska Library. This eight-week series of learning and entertainment fun is for adults over 50.



- Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> Vesterheim Norwegian Museum --- "In Trunks, Hands and Hearts"
- Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> "Emily's Journey" --Orphan Trains Clark Kidder
- Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> Rick Christenson from Gasoline Alley "Selling Treasures Online"
- Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> A "Grave Situation" Folks in the Onalaska Cemetery
- Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> Clearwater Farm
- Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Valley Conservancy
- Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> "Going Outside" Outhouses with Ron & Frieda Nowland
- Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> Norskedalen

**Needed  
History Books**

**Friends Monthly Meetings:**  
**Thursday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM Library**  
**Thursday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM Library**

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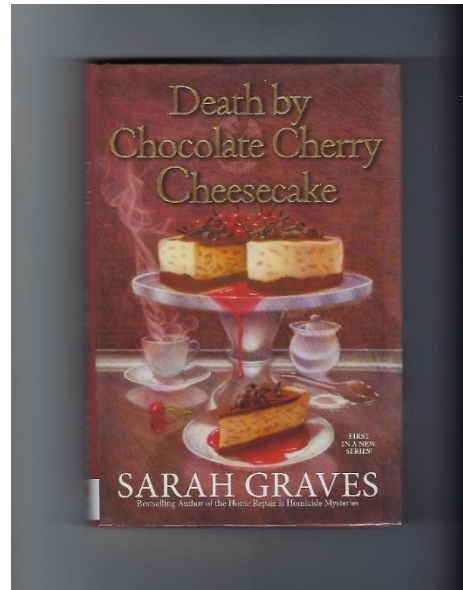
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*From the Shelves  
of the Onalaska Library---*

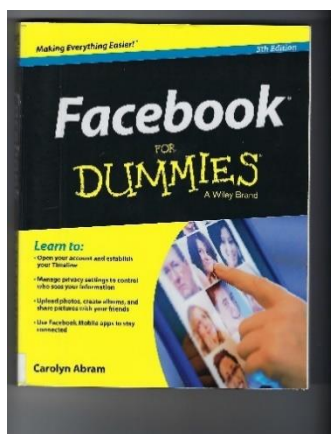
**“Death by Chocolate Cherry Cheesecake”  
by Sarah Graves**

Jacobia “Jake” and her best friend Ellie have been through a lot together, from home repair to homicide investigation. So, when they decide to open a chocolate-themed bakery, they figure it’ll be a piece of cake. Having family home for the Fourth of July holiday only sweetens the deal for Jake--until the ill wind of an early-season hurricane blows up her plans in the island fishing village of Eastport, Maine. Health inspector, Matt Muldoon is found murdered. Ellie has never made a secret of her distaste for the health inspector—now with no alibi for the night of the murder—Ellie is in a sticky situation with the police—and its up to Jake to catch the real killer and keep Ellie living in the land of the free. ---Fiction---



**DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT “FACEBOOK” or PERHAPS ABOUT THE LATEST VERSION OF MICROSOFT 2016?**

If you are looking for up-to-date info on your computer questions, you will find the information you are seeking at your library. Want to know what you can and can’t do on Facebook, Timeline tips, ways to use Facebook messages, what you can do with a Facebook page, learn how News Feeds work and so forth--- check out the book with the answers-- **“Facebook for Dummies.”**



**“Microsoft Office 2016”** covers Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook. Jump in wherever you need answers—brisk lessons and colorful screenshots show you exactly what to do, step by step.

