

# FRIENDS OF THE ONALASKA LIBRARY

*Bi-Monthly Newsletter*

*MARCH/APRIL 2019*



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**Author Program set** --- The Friends are proud to announce that they are sponsoring an author program on **Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** , at **6:30 PM** at the Onalaska Public Library. Our guest speaker will be Lisa David Olson. She has authored the book, **“Laughs On Wry”** *An Improviser’s Memoir*. Lisa lives in LaCrescent. Her family did live in Onalaska and she did attend OHS for a short period of time. From the preface of her book Lisa states “that the book is a gathering of short stories, random quips, and chuckle-worthy experiences. Do

we wither or do we grow? It’s a choice no one can make for us”.

Lisa is an author, a mom, and very proud to run an award winning comedy troupe called *Heart of LaCrosse*. She loves to “prank” people. She states that she is “a harvester of humor, a goofy friend, and a prank ninja. I have read her book and I agree. She found humor through childhood abuse, failed marriages, and other hurdles. I love her “lesson” remarks at the end of her shared memories. They are meant to spark your own life observations.

A portion of the proceeds from book sales is being donated to the Family and Children’s Center in LaCrosse---specifically to the Child Abuse Prevention Program, “Healthy Families.”

On page seven of this newsletter is a short review of her book. This program is free and as always open to the public.

**Landscape and Gardening Program**---is set for **Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**, at **7:00 PM** in the meeting room

at Onalaska Library. Tom Deml, from River City Lawnscape of Holmen will be our guest speaker. Tom has been a landscape designer for 30 years. He has a degree in Horticulture and Landscape Design. He is also a confessed “Plant Geek”. He is a very knowledgeable and interesting speaker. We have had good turnouts for his presentations in the past. Are you thinking of trying some newer more unique plants? This is a great chance for you to ask your questions and get some reliable answers. Plan now to bring a friend and join us. This program is sponsored by the Friends and open to all.





“The life of inner peace, being harmonious and without stress, is the easiest type of existence.” Norman Vincent Peale

**From the Desk of Our President Kathy O’Driscoll**

Friends,

I looked at the Friends calendar on our website, <http://lacrossecountylibrary.org/OnaFriends.asp>, and was amazed. We put all our scheduled 2019 events on the calendar, over thirty-five events. From this site you can find Larry’s movie link, our membership form, bookcase donor form, Adult Coloring flyer and any other program available flyer. Thanks to Chris McArdle-Rojo and LaCrosse County Library for hosting the site for us.

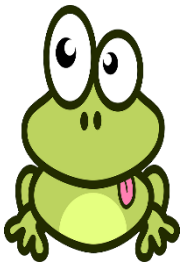
Thanks to Tim Boyle for initiating our Adult Coloring program. I encourage everyone to give it a try. You can end up with a colored sheet or two you can post at home, use as a greeting card or whatever!

Larry had to step down as our president as he was asked to join the LaCrosse County Library Commission. Larry put his heart and soul in the Friends group and we thank him for that. Fear not, he still plans to continue hosting his movie series.

We were lucky to have Peggy Opland step up and offer to be treasurer. With no other volunteers for president, I offered to give it another go. Per our bylaws, Larry, our president, proposed the new officers, with the board approval. We are officially acting treasurer and president until the next membership vote. Let us know how we can help implement any of your ideas to improve the Onalaska Library. ---Kathy O’

*Friends have lots going on in March & April, please show your support ---come, bring a friend or neighbor, and enjoy some or all of our sponsored activities -----*

*Author Program    Book Sale    Coloring Program  
Landscape & Gardening Program    Movies*



**Do you know what happened to Charlie Brown’s girlfriend when she got in trouble with the police? She was carted away in a Peppermint Paddy wagon.**



**Adult Coloring Program Continues**----Friend Member Tim Boyle has done an amazing job on getting this program up and running. A fun and relaxing evening was held at the first session In January. A music mix of mostly old jazz, acoustic guitar and gypsy jazz music played in the background. More music was added for the February session. People colored anything and everything. Some brought their own project and books to color-- pirates and detailed art graphics; and the rest just chose whatever struck their fancy from the art that Tim had printed up. He will be adding more choices to the collection of art to choose from. There is everything from very simple easy-to-color line art to very detailed mandalas, animals, castles, nature scenes, etc. We are also printing up some fold-over coloring stock that can be used as a greeting card with your own colored masterpiece on the front.

There are several really nice sets of colored pencils, along with special types of art pencils like pastels, metallic colors, and crayons. Some people got creative with blending several types together. It was fun to just experiment.

Adult Coloring Nights at the Onalaska Public Library (in the Meeting Room) are on the third Monday of each month in 2019 through November. The next two coloring nights coming up are March 18<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>. Bring your own project or do some of ours. Time is 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. All adults welcome. This program series is sponsored by the Friends.





**Spring Movie Session**---starts Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> with "The Wife" being the first movie scheduled for showing. All movies are shown on a **Thursday evening** and start at **6:30 PM** in the Onalaska Library Meeting Room. Please note that for movies rated PG-13 a parent/guardian must be present for all minors. For those movies, rated "R" minors under eighteen will not be permitted. Following is a listing of the movies, dates and their ratings.

March 14 <sup>th</sup>	"The Wife"	R	May 16 <sup>th</sup>	"A Star is Born"	R
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	"Bohemian Rhapsody"	PG-13	May 30 <sup>th</sup>	"The Upside"	PG-13
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	"Stan & Ollie"	PG-13	June 6 <sup>th</sup>	"What They Had"	R
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	"Green Book"	PG-13	<i>Free movies &amp; popcorn</i>		

Please be familiar with the movie storylines. The Library is not responsible for film content. As always, shows are subject to change. Please check programming information at the Library or at our website.

*No matter the price*

*No matter how new*

*The best safety device*

*In the car is you*

**BURMA SHAVE**

**Book Sale**----our spring Book Sale will be **Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** and **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**. Hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Friday and 9:00 AM to Noon on Saturday. As the time gets closer there will be a sheet at the library for you to sign up to volunteer to help. As usual, help will be needed the day before (Thursday) to set up for the sale, help needed on both days of the sale and also help needed on Saturday for the takedown and cleanup.



At this time, we are very short of Non-Fiction for both the on-going sale as well as the April sale. History books always sell well but other non-fiction are also selling well this winter. Thank you for your donations, your voluntary help at the sales and your support of our book sales.

**What do you call the wrong meat order at a restaurant? A miss-steak.**

**How do you get milk from a cat? Steal its saucer.**



**Floyde's Senior Moments---Wednesdays 10:00 AM--** funded by Ben and Floyde Sias Foundation returns on March 13<sup>th</sup> and runs through May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This program is an eight-week series of learning and entertainment, fun and friendship for adults over age 50.

### Senior Moments Program—Spring Series

March 13<sup>th</sup> Dennis & Karen Vinar, Authors "How Did You Find Me!"

March 20<sup>th</sup> "Cheeseheads" Film Screening John Mitchell

March 27<sup>th</sup> Fred Beseler "Women Air Force Service Pilots in WWII"

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Rochelle Pennington "Down Memory Lane"

April 10<sup>th</sup> "American Pocket Watches" Bob Taunt

Apr. 17<sup>th</sup> "Barns of Wisconsin" Jim Draeger, Wisconsin Historical Society

Apr. 24<sup>th</sup> "Murder in Wisconsin: The Clara Olson Case" Author Larry Scheckel

May 2<sup>nd</sup> "Freedom Honor Flight" Bill Hoel

10:00 AM Wednesday Mornings---*Light refreshments will be served.*

**Next Friends Monthly Meetings will be on:** Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM Library Mtg. Room

Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM Library Mtg. Room

**Movie Nights—starts March 14<sup>th</sup> with "The Wife"**

**Membership Renewal Due:** We currently only have 28 paid members for 2019. Please print up the membership form on Page 8 of this newsletter, fill it out, include the payment and drop it off at the library or you may mail it to our treasurer, Peg Opland at 621 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., Onalaska, WI 54650.

**Sales--**Remember to check out our continuous on-going book sale. Presently there is a special sale still on featuring Teen Books ---6 for \$1.00 and Magazines --12 for \$1.00. Check it out.

Starting this Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, a new sale will start. There will be a large display of paperback books available for **\$.50 each**. Paperbacks are great to carry with you when you are on the go. They don't take up much room and are lightweight. This would be the time to replenish your supply of reading material.



## Decoding the Driftless Screening---



George Howe introducing the Decoding the Driftless movie to the two rooms of viewers.

The Friends hosted the film Decoding the Driftless on January 10<sup>th</sup>. George Howe, writer and producer, introduced the film and fielded questions afterward from the 110+ attendees. He said he sure to stay for the credits, as they are full of entertaining outtakes.

Thanks to Sherri Sinniger for making the arrangements, Larry Pohja for his A/V support, and Jackie Bartz for helping with the post movie reception we hosted.



George Howe brought DVDs and shirts for purchase.

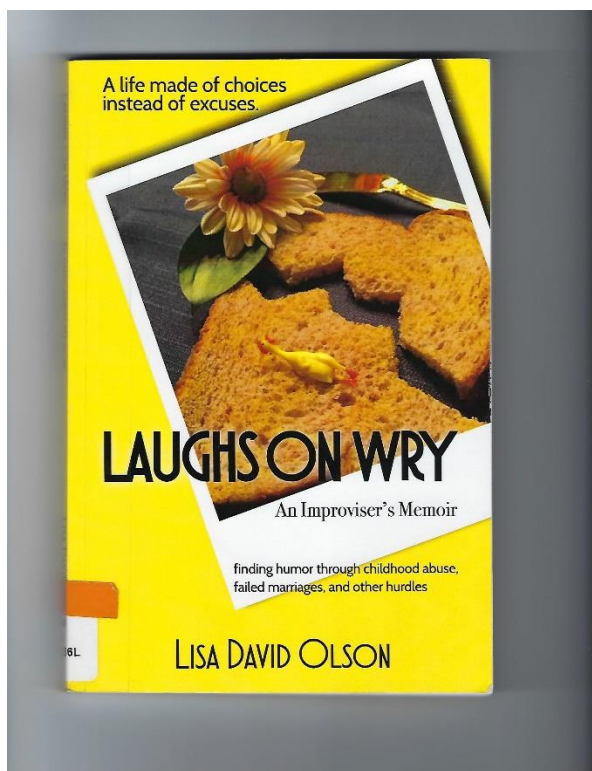
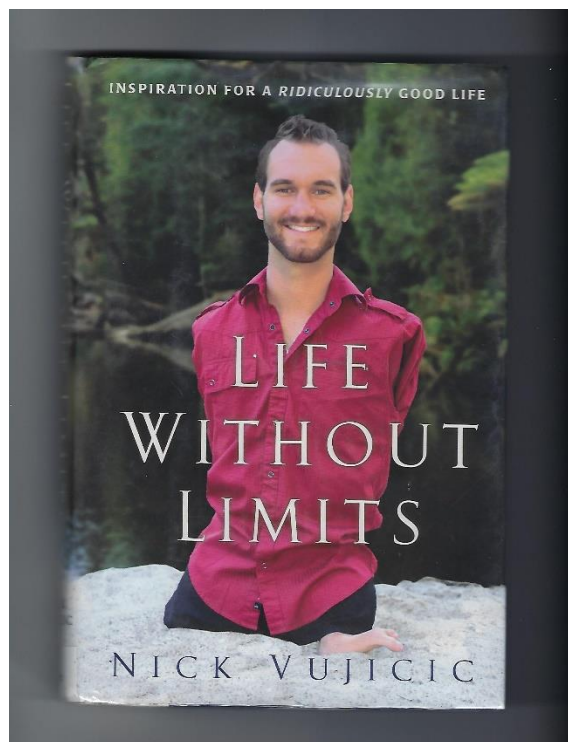
*From the Shelves of the  
Onalaska Library---*

**“Life Without Limits” --- by Nick Vujicic**

***(Inspiration for a Ridiculously Good Life)***

Born without arms or legs, Nick Vujicic overcame his disability to live an independent, rich, fulfilling life, becoming a model for anyone seeking true happiness. Nick spreads his central message that the most important goal for anyone is to find their life’s purpose despite whatever difficulties or seemingly impossible odds stand in their way.

A long-time resident of Australia, Nick now lives in southern California. Nick is a motivational speaker and director of the non-profit organization Life without Limbs. Non-Fiction



**“Laughs on Wry” An Improviser’s Memoir**

**By Lisa David Olson**

*Finding humor through childhood abuse, failed marriages, and other hurdles--* It is funny and will make you smile and even laugh aloud but there is also a very poignant side to it. I found the book quick to read and hard to put down. Like the author said she tells the stories in “snippets” instead of chapters. Most times, there is a short “Lesson” block at the end of the snippet sharing the author’s wisdom.

Lisa David Olson lives in LaCrescent. She will be our guest speaker on Monday night, March 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM at the Onalaska Library. Memoir

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**2019**

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## **Friends Volunteer Opportunities**

Please circle all items you are willing to help us out with.

**PRESIDENT-2019**

Book Sale helper

**Secretary - 2020**

Event Host/Hostess

Newsletter

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Event/Program Planner

Bakers

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## **Program Suggestions**

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Interests: specific local authors, hobbies, local interests

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