

Library Closure

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Harry Potter at Home

Author J.K. Rowling and Pottermore partnered with Ovedrive (which is the platform for the Wisconsin Digital Library) to make the e-book and e-audiobook of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* available for checkout with no waiting! The Harry Potter at Home website (which can be found with a quick Google search) has activities including crafts, puzzles, trivia, and more.

Book Review

Enchantment Lake by Margi Preus

Seventeen-year-old Francie bolts from an audition and hops on a plane from New York City to northern Minnesota after receiving a troubling call from her great aunts Astrid and Jeannette. She hasn't visited her aunts' home in northern Minnesota since her father's death seven years prior, but she has fond childhood memories of Enchantment Lake. However, she cannot shake the uneasiness triggered by her aunts' call and their subsequent explanation. The mortality rate of long-time residents in the area seems unusually high and is attributed to a number of unusual "accidents" that do not seem accidental. There's pressure on the locals to add a road to the north side of the lake, but many do not view a new road as progress. Her aunts' property includes segments critical for a new road. Could they be the next targets? I was charmed by this mystery, which is thoroughly grounded in its Northwoods setting and captures the beauty of the area, whether the bog, the woods, or the lake, and the potential menace cloaked by the darkness of night. The stakes are high with potentially deadly consequences (by killer hot dish, no less!), but, like its heroine and her incorrigible aunts, it has a sense of humor too. Tweens may be the target audience, but I recommend it for fans of Nancy Drew, cozy mysteries, and/or of books that celebrate the upper Midwest.

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Jane, Unlimited by Kristin Cashore

Eighteen-year-old Jane is adrift. After the recent death of her beloved Aunt Magnolia, who raised the orphaned Jane, she dropped out of college and is working at the campus bookshop when she gets an unexpected invitation. Her former tutor, Kiran Thrash, invites her to the spring gala at her family's island estate, Tu Reviens. Jane might not have accepted the offer had she not made a promise to Aunt Magnolia that she would accept just such an invitation.. Jane

accepts the invitation, quits her job, and travels to Tu Reviens with all of her worldly possessions (including her handcrafted umbrellas and her Dr. Who pajamas). She is awed by the eclectic, regal home and its occupants—the family, servants, and guests— each of whom seem to be carefully concealing secrets and motives. There comes a point where Jane consciously must choose a path to take, not realizing that each option leads to a very different outcome. Which path does she choose? This wonderful book will leave you wondering about the path not taken. It's a great story set in a unique world with the compelling Jane at the center of a diverse cast of characters, including Jasper the loyal and attentive basset hound. The structure also allows Cashore to explore different genres to great effect. Recommended for adventurous teen and adult readers who may have wondered, "What if I had only..." and are willing to embrace an unconventional storytelling structure.

Gumption: Relighting the Torch of Freedom with America's Gutsiest Troublemakers by Nick Offerman

Anyone familiar with Nick Offerman or his best known on-screen alter ego, Ron Swanson, will not be surprised to learn that he values gumption and those who embody it. In this book, Offerman provides profiles twenty-one Americans who inspire him with their gumption-fueled actions across a wide range of professions. For example, he includes founding fathers, writers, skilled tradesmen, artists, and musicians. It's an interesting blend of thoughtful rumination, earnest admiration, puckish humor, and irreverence as he reflects upon the lives of these exemplars of gumption and draws connections from their works to the contemporary American society. Chances are you'll be inspired to learn more about these "troublemakers" and maybe even to create something. I highly recommend the audiobook, which is narrated by the author. Fans of Offerman's humor or the television show *Parks and Recreation* are likely to enjoy this book, as well as those who are interested in woodworking.

At the time of writing, the e-book and/or e-audiobook for these titles was available for check out in the Wisconsin Digital Library. www.wplc.overdrive.com