



2019 Winter/Spring Calendar of Events

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Upcoming Events

January 5 ~ *Gleason Ice Races*

January 19 ~ *Merrill Ice Drags*

January 26-27 ~ *Merrill Winterfest Sled Dog Races*

Continuing Events

Indoor Pool Activities ~ Open swims, lap swims, family swims on Sunday. Water aerobics for ages 17 & older and swim lessons are available at the Prairie River Middle School pool. The pool is also available for special occasion rental. For more information, contact Kurt Vanden Huvel, Aquatic Director at (715)536-4594 ext. 3031 or check out the website <http://www.maps.k12.wi.us/>.

Bierman Family Aquatic Center Pool Passes ~ Here is a great Christmas gift for someone! Day Passes \$4.00 (2-61), \$2.00 (62+/Military), \$2.00 (Non-swimmer fee), free for under 2 yrs. *Season Passes* \$50 Resident individual, \$80 Non-resident individuals, \$100* Resident family of four, \$130* Non-resident family of four. * Family passes include up to 4 immediate family members that reside in the same household, additional family members can be added for \$15. * Identification required to prove residency. Group Rates \$2.00 per person for groups with 50 or more people – Must be pre-arranged through the Parks & Recreation Office. Party Rates/Pool Rental – 1-50 people \$125/hr, 51-75 people \$150/hr, 76-100 people \$175/hr, 101-capacity \$1.00 per person per hour. Punch Pass \$70 for 20 visits. Pool hours are everyday from 12pm-7pm.

A.H.A. First Aid and CPR Training and Recertification ~ The Merrill Fire Department offers training for individuals or businesses in American Heart Association CPR and First Aid. Cost is \$30 for the class and card. Merrill Fire Department offers initial training as well as

recertification. Please contact the Merrill Fire Department at (715)536-2233 for more information.

Reserve a Park Shelter ~ Reservations are being accepted for Ott's, Normal, Stange's, Kitchenette and Riverside Parks. A security deposit and rental fee is required when reservation is made. All park reservations must be made in person, no telephone reservations accepted. For more information please call (715)536-7313.

Riverside Athletic Club ~ Swimming lessons are offered for infants through adults with all abilities welcome. They provide a great variety of group aquatic classes for everyone such as water exercise classes, Ai-Chi Water Meditation & arthritis classes. Also offered is Pilate's, yoga, body sculpting, step aerobics, strength training and cardiovascular exercise. They also have birthday club pool parties. Call Riverside Athletic Club for time & prices at (715)536-2481 for more information. To see class schedules, www.riversideathletic.com.

Continuing Fundraising for the Handicap Accessible Playground To be located at Normal Park, any size donation is greatly appreciated. Contact Carrie Cordova at 715-536-9576 ext. 301.

Baby Shower for Life ~ A non-profit organization started in 1990 by the Lincoln County Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life. Baby Shower for Life is an on-going project that helps financially hurting families with their new born baby's basic needs,

with items such as diapers, wipes, baby powder, oil, lotion, wash, diaper ointment, onesies, sleepers, socks, cap, bottles, bibs, clothes, blankets, toys, and nukes. Monetary donations, and as mentioned above, baby items are much appreciated and welcomed by individuals, businesses and organizations. All calls are kept confidential. They look forward to calls from moms and families needing help. To register for help or to donate, call Patti Knab at (715)536-9231. Donations can also be dropped off at Knab Insurance Agency, located at 1314 East Main Street.

[Merrill Immunization Clinic](#) ~ Held at the Lincoln County Health Department, 607 N. Sales Street Suite 101. 2017 Merrill clinic days will be held the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 12 to 1pm, (Jan. 17, Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apr. 10) and the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3 to 4:30pm, (Jan. 17, Feb. 21, Mar. 21, Apr. 18). No walk-ins please. Call the Lincoln County Health Department at (715)536-0307 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Love them. Protect them. Immunize them.

[Quilting](#) ~ Stop in any time Monday –Thursday to work on current projects at the MACEC. Please feel free to call the Center first to see what we are working on. We welcome new volunteers. (715) 536-4226. Quilting Club meets Tuesdays at 12:30pm.

[Mind & Body Wellness Course](#) ~ The Merrill Enrichment Center with the financial support of Security Health Plan, is excited to offer Mind & Body Wellness! The goal of this program is to provide participants with educational material and activities designed to promote brain health, ultimately empowering people to lead a healthy lifestyle and remain independent. Emphasis will be placed on the growing evidence that lifestyle choices like nutrition, exercise, mental activities, and social activities can positively impact your brain health and reduce the risk of dementia. The program will combine fun and educational mind games to challenge participants to keep their brains active. Classes are October 3rd, 10th & 17th. Call 715-536-4226 to sign up. 9am to noon.

[Enrichment Center Craft Shop](#) ~ 303 N. Sales St. If you haven't visited us in a while or maybe have

never stopped down, you will be pleasantly surprised at the variety of wonderful products we have that are made by local crafters! You will be sure to walk away with a unique, one of a kind item! Quilted wall art, table runners, painted signs, handcrafted wooden toys, unique bird houses, Beautiful American girl clothes, hats, woolen mittens, scarves, baby items, blankets, quilts, pillows, handmade rugs, embroidered hand towels, hand towels, and more!

[Painting with Amy](#) ~ No painting experience needed! You leave the class with your finished creations! Call or see Merrill Enrichment Center newsletter for dates and times for these classes. Options are a 12x16 canvas for \$18 or a 16x20 canvas for \$28. (MEC activity fee included in cost.)

[Oil Painting with Dennis](#) ~ No painting experience needed! You leave the class with your finished creations! Call or see Merrill Enrichment Center newsletter for dates and times for these classes. \$33 (MEC activity fee included in cost.)

[Alzheimer's/Dementia Education/Support Group](#) ~ Join Merrill Enrichment Center for our Education and support group for Alzheimer's and Dementia. Could this be Dementia or Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia, there is something you can do to help them and yourself. Plan to visit our Alzheimer's association support group. The support group meets once a month to provide people with an opportunity to share the experiences and receive support from others coping with Alzheimer's disease. Information and handouts will also be provided. Our facilitator, currently, is Jan Fredrickson. Call 715-536-4226 for date and time of the monthly meetings.

[Living with Loss ~ Grief Support Group](#). Please join the Merrill Enrichment Center for a grief support group. The Living with Loss support group is an on-going group that will encourage practical coping skills that are needed to create a "new normal" following the death of a loved one. It is the hope that this unique opportunity will grant you the skills and connections needed to foster a healthy grief journey and create a new relationship with yourself and the loss you have suffered. Newcomers are always welcome. A Bereavement

Care Coordinator will facilitate the meetings. Please call her at 715-355-4797 with any questions you may have. Call 715-536-4226 for date and time of meeting.

[ACT Raising Safe Kids](#) ~ Lincoln County Family Resource Center is offering this class to support parents in creating a safe, healthy and stable environment for children and families. Learn how to identify your parenting style, promote positive behaviors, guide media use, understand and manage anger. Starting October 11 going through December 20 from 4:30-6:30pm. Call to register 715-539-9228.

[Walking](#) ~ Too hot or cold to walk outside? Come to the Merrill Enrichment Center and walk the track for free. (Donations are graciously accepted). Please bring your walking shoes Monday-Thursday from 8am to 4:30pm.

[Adult Computer Coaching](#) ~ Free one-on-one computer help. Pre-register or show up. Bring your computer or use ours. Monthly flash drive door prize drawing courtesy of Friends of T.B. Scott Library. Held at T.B. Scott Library.
January 9 @ 10am, January 10 @ 1pm
February 6 @ 1pm, February 7 @ 10am
March 6 @ 1pm, March 7 @ 10am

[1000 Books Before Kindergarten](#) “Because Learning Starts Before Kindergarten” Register your child at birth or as toddlers and commit to reading every day. If caregivers read three books a night to their child, they will reach 1,095 books in three years. Caregivers and children log each book they read for prizes at reading milestones.

[Sexual Assault Survivors Support Group](#) ~ HAVEN will be holding once a week a Support Group for Sexual Assault Survivors. For more information when and where please call HAVEN at (715)536-1300.

Every Sunday of the Month ~ [HAVEN Bingo](#) will be held at Les & Jim’s Lincoln Lanes at 7pm and ends around 9:30pm. For more info, contact HAVEN at (715)536-1300.

Every Monday of the Month starting January 14 thru March 4 ~ [Toddler Storytime](#) TB Scott Free

Library will be offering this program at 10-10:45 am. Toddler Storytime is open to children age 24-36 months with their adults. It is designed to be a special sharing experience between you and your child. This program is free and will run for an 8-week session on Mondays at 10am.

Every Monday of the Month ~ [Chair Yoga](#) – Instructor Gigi Heinz will be instructing this class at 10am. Yoga helps increase strength in both muscles and bones, improves circulation for better brain and heart health and improves mobility & flexibility to help you enjoy more activities. This is held at Merrill Enrichment Center, cost is \$3.00.

Every Monday of the Month ~ [Hand & Foot](#) game at the MACEC starting at noon. [Bridge](#) – bring your team of 4 at 12:30pm. Newcomers always welcome!

Every Tuesday/Thursday of the Month ~ [Oasis After School Study/Work Program](#) Held at OTT’S Garage Teen Center from 3pm to 5pm. Oasis provides a safe and fun study environment for Middle School and High School students. Students earn Oasis points for time spent studying and can redeem points for concession food, school supplies or gift cards to area restaurants. Call Justin Novitski for more information at (715) 539-3939.

Every Tuesday of the Month ~ [Quilting Club](#) Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center is offering a club at 12:30pm. Ironing sheets; tying quilts, sewing tops and quilts together. If you have any questions contact Tammie or Lori at (715)536-4226.

Every Tuesday of the Month ~ [Card Games](#) at Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center. Sheephead starting at 1pm. \$2 donation.

Every Wednesday of the Month starting January 16 thru April 24 ~ [Family Storytime](#) Starting at 10am at the TB Scott Free Library, our free Family Storytime is intended to nurture early literacy skills through stories, play, songs and crafts. We target children age 3-5 years old, however all ages are welcome to attend. (Ages 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult.)

Every Wednesday of the Month ~ Merrill Noon Optimist meet at noon at the Eagles Club. Their goal is to reach out to those that need to have Optimism in their lives through leadership and sharing. They are a service organization working together so that all kids can look forward to a better future for themselves and their community. The Optimists as a group donate their time, talent and money to benefit the youth of our community. They are an organization which sponsors their new members, if you know someone who's a member contact them and indicate your desire to join. If you are new to our community, you can simply contact them and they would be happy to help you get started! For more information contact Carri Kennedy at 715-539-9797 or check out their web site: www.merrilloptimist.org.

Every Wednesday of the Month ~ Games Spend the day with friends at the Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center all day. Cornhole/Bean Bag toss goes on all day. 10am ~ grab a partner and play Cribbage. Mah Jongg at 1pm – we will have a learning session on how to play this domino-type game. A \$2.00 donation is asked. For more information please contact (715)536-4226.

Every Wednesday of the Month ~ Middle School and High School Students are invited to hang out with friends after school at OTTS Garage. From 3-5pm they can enjoy activities such as pool, air hockey, table tennis, etc. Plus, play Xbox and PlayStation in the video game room. Concession items like pretzels, nachos, candy and soft drinks are available for purchase. Any questions contact Justin Novitski at 715-539-3939.

Every Wednesday of the Month ~ Senior Strength Training ~ Senior Strength classes will be held at 10am. Cost for the class is \$4. Call the MACEC Center at (715)536-4226 for more information.

First Tuesday of the Month ~ MOOC Central @ the Library MOOC – Massive Open Online Courses. – with many universities, colleges and various other online learning communities, we are seeing more and more courses being offered online. For some sitting at home while studying online is the best, for others, that may not be the case. There may be other activities going on at home – kids, pets, the household chores nagging at you while

you're sitting at your computer, laptop, etc. Well, at T.B. Scott Library at 6pm, we have a solution to that dilemma and the coffee on, ready for you to work with others under similar circumstances. The best part is if you're having issues with your technology, we will have a staff member ready to help, if necessary. Keep in mind, however, we won't be able to do your course work for you.

Every Second and Fourth Thursday of the month ~ Living with Loss Grief Support Group is an on-going support that will encourage practical coping skills that are needed to create a “new normal” following the death of a loved one. Held at MACEC from 12:30pm to 1:30pm, January through April. Newcomers are always welcome, Please call Bre at (715)355-4797 if you have any questions or plan on attending. Please always check our MACEC monthly calendar or call the center as dates may change.

Every First & Second Friday of the Month ~ Community Youth Group A collective effort of local church youth ministries using a series of interactive teaching session that explore the basics of the Christian faith. This series is designed to engage youth in questions about life, faith and meaning. Each night features food, games, worship, music, lesson and prayer. This program is offered for Middle School and High School students from 6-8pm at OTTS Garage, 805 E Main St. Any questions, contact Justin Novitski 715-539-3939.

Every Third Tuesday of the Month ~ Book Club at 1pm at MEC. Newcomers always welcome. October – Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng
November – Britt Marie was Here by Fredrick Backman

Every Third Wednesday of the Month ~ Library Board Meeting Held at 4pm in the Board Room of the T.B. Scott Library. Meetings are open to the public. Call (715)536-7191 for more information.

JANUARY

January 3 ~ eBook Coaching T.B. Scott Free Library is offering this program from 1-2:30pm to

help you to be able to use you Kindles, Nooks, iPads, etc. This program will be held in the Board Room. No registration required. If you would like an individual session, please call Stacy Stevens at 715-536-7191.

January 5 ~ [Gleason Ice Ovals](#) Come out and watch ATVs, Carts and Sleds race around the Oval track in Gleason. Gates open at 7am, gate fee \$7 and registration 7-9am. Racings starts at 10am. Warming house and concessions available onsite. For more information visit www.gleasoncc.org

January 9 ~ [A Book Club Walks into a Brewery...](#) Join our short story discussion nights at the sawmill Brewing Co. for a night of discussion, trivia and more. Did we mention it's at the brewery? Must be 21+ years to participate. Registration is not required. This event starts at 6:30pm. For the current short story, go to www.tbscottlibrary.com

January 10 ~ [eBook Coaching](#) T.B. Scott Free Library is offering this program from 6-7:30pm to help you to be able to use you Kindles, Nooks, iPads, etc. This program will be held in the Board Room. No registration required. If you would like an individual session, please call Stacy Stevens at 715-536-7191

January 10 ~ [Building Merrill Together Series: Community & Economic Growth: Creating an Action Plan](#) Various sectors of the community along with the members of the Aware and active Citizens work to develop a strategic economic development marketing plan. Establish the Next Action Step at 6pm TB Scott Free Library.

January 11 ~ [Minecraft Club](#) – Minecraft Club will meet in the TB Scott Library Board Room at 3:15pm for Grades 3 and up. This club will allow participants to create and play in the same worlds and participate in building and coding challenges.

January 11 ~ [Critic's Choice Movie](#) 1pm Cuba Gooding Jr. stars as Radio, a mentally challenged man living in South Carolina. This movie is based on the true story of the relationship developed between Radio and the town's high school head football coach (Ed Harris) who takes Radio under his wing. Not all the town folk are happy, and conflicts arise. Also starring are Debra Winger and

Alfre Woodard. Rated: PG. Run time: 1 hr. 19 min. Refreshments will be provided during the movie. As always, bus rides to and from the show are FREE. For more information contact the library at (715) 536-7191.

January 17 ~ [Family Fun Night Birds of Prey-](#) Northwoods Wildlife Center will present this program from 6-7pm at the TB Scott Free Library on the 2nd Floor in the Youth Services Department. Unique adaptations help these special birds hunt and survive. Come learn about a few and meet one or two of these birds up close and personal. Children under 3 must be accompanied by an adult.

January 18 ~ [Minecraft Club](#) – Minecraft Club will meet in the TB Scott Library Board Room at 3:15pm for Grades 3 and up. This club will allow participants to create and play in the same worlds and participate in building and coding challenges.

January 19 ~ [Merrill Ice Drags](#) Don't miss out watching the fastest 1/8th mile drag racing on ice! Racing starts at Noon. Free to watch when parking on the ice. Held at Council Grounds State Park. If parking in lot, will need a state parking sticker. For more information visit www.merrillicedrags.com

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January 19 ~ [Tim Buchholz Octet](#) Merrill Area Concert Association welcomes Tim Buchholz Octet to the Merrill High School Auditorium from 7-9pm. Nationally recognized jazz singer and arranger Dr. Tim Buchholz retakes the stage in Merrill – joined by sever other fantastic regional jazz artists – featuring arrangements from their recently released album “I Can't give you anything but Love.” Admission by season membership card only. To join call 1-715-252-6295.

January 22 ~ [Sphero Obstacle Course](#) for Grades 3 and Up, TB Scott Library will be offering this course at 3:15pm. Experiment with Sphero, ball-

shaped robots and attempt to program them to navigate an obstacle course.

January 22 ~ [Google Boot Camp](#) TB Scott Free Library will be offering this event at 6pm. Join us in the Community Room to learn the basics of Google Suite applications. The evening is designed for the Google novice who wishes to feel more comfortable with these great online resources. If you have a laptop or tablet, please feel free to bring it along. The library will have a few laptops available for your use should you not have a portable electronic device.

January 25 ~ [Big Fish Fry](#) – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northcentral Wisconsin 2nd Annual Big Fish Fry. The Big Fish fry is a kick-off to Merrill's Annual Bowl for Kids' Sake! Register your bowling team the night of the fish fry and receive extra "Alley cash" at the BFKS event. Fish fry tickets available at the Sawmill Brewing Co, Breman Merrill Ford or by call 715-848-7207. Limited Tickets available. This event is held at Sawmill Brewing Co from 4-7pm. Each plate is \$12.

January 26 ~ [Merrill Ice Drags](#) Don't miss out watching the fastest 1/8th mile drag racing on ice! Racing starts at Noon. Free to watch when parking on the ice. Held at Council Grounds State Park. If parking in lot, will need a state parking sticker. For more information visit www.merrillicedrags.com

January 26-27 ~ [Merrill Winterfest Sled Dog Races](#) Stop out at Pine River School for Young Learners to watch the mushers in action. All different division will be held. Dress warm! Free for spectators. Warming house and concessions available onsite.

January 27 ~ [Afternoon at the Library with Author Robert Townsend](#) "A novel is a packet of lies hounding the truth." Carlos Fuentes. From 1-2:30pm, Robert Townsend is among some of the few men in America familiar with the war of ruse and stratagem between the US and the USSR. His five-novel *Long War* series addresses US/USSR 20th century deception, war and peace. The fifth novel in the series, *Resurrection*, will be released in late 2019. After graduating from the university of Wisconsin at the height of the Vietnam War protests

in 1969, Townsend flew 130 combat missions in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. From 1982-1989 he was deputy chief, Air Force Intelligence Agency, counter-deception directorate. He is one among few men in America intimately familiar with the war of ruse and stratagem between the US and the USSR and its recent revival post-collapse of the Soviet Union. The long *War* series addresses deception and truth in war and peace in a 20th century world of contrived and real moral ambiguity.

January 29 ~ [Sphero Obstacle Course](#) for Grades 3 and Up, TB Scott Library will be offering this course at 3:15pm. Experiment with Sphero, ball-shaped robots and attempt to program them to navigate an obstacle course.

January 31 ~ [Family Storytime Special Stuffed Animal Sleepover](#) ~ Children ages 3-7 are invited to visit the Library in their pajamas with their special stuffed animal friend for a special Stuffed Animal Sleepover Storytime from 5-6pm. Children will share stories, songs and fun with their friends. Then they will leave their friend at the Library for a "Sleepover" during which the stuffed animals will participate in adventures at the Library – all captured on photos! Children will receive their stuffed animal and a personalized picture frame with photos of their friend's sleepover library fun.

FEBRUARY

February 2~ [Merrill Ice Drags](#) Don't miss out watching the fastest 1/8th mile drag racing on ice! Racing starts at Noon. Free to watch when parking on the ice. Held at Council Grounds State Park. If parking in lot, will need a state parking sticker. For more information visit www.merrillicedrags.com

February 2 ~ [Gleason Ice Ovals- Night Race](#) Come out and watch ATVs, Carts and Sleds race around the Oval track in Gleason. Gates open at 7am, gate fee \$10, or season pass for \$35 and registration 7-9am. Racings starts at 10am. Warming house and concessions available onsite. For more information visit www.gleasoncc.org

February 2 ~ [Dueling Piano's featuring Ted Oliver Productions](#). This event is sponsored by Ascension

Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation and will be held at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes. Doors open at 6pm and show starts at 8pm. \$40 per person. The Dueling pianos concept is all about fun! Put two baby grand pianos on stage, two talented outgoing constrictors and a tong of rockin tunes....

Everything from the Beatles to Nickelback from Bon Jovi to Carrie Underwood. Throw in an audience participation and you have a recipe for an unforgettable event.

February 5 ~ [Aware & Active Citizens Quarterly Meeting](#) 1pm at the TB Scott Free Library will hold for the members of the Aware and Active Citizens group along with other interested residents work to identify common ground, develop and implement action plans for addressing issues of interest. Action Teams have been developed over time.

February 5 ~ [MOOC](#) Central @ the Library 6pm (see above for information).

February 8 ~ [Critic's Choice Movie](#) Starting at 1pm - Yazoo, Mississippi 1942 is the setting for this movie based on the memoir written by the late Willie Morris. Willie is a shy and lonely boy, bullies at school, until given a puppy on his 9th birthday. The beloved dog helps Willie through his growing years. This movie stars Frankie Muniz, Luke Wilson and Kevin Bacon. Rated: PG Run time: 1hr 35 minutes. Refreshments will be provided during the movie. As always, bus rides to and from the show are FREE. For more information, contact the Library at 715-536-7191

February 8 ~ [Minecraft Club](#) – Minecraft Club will meet in the TB Scott Library Board Room at 3:15pm for Grades 3 and up. This club will allow participants to create and play in the same worlds and participate in building and coding challenges

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February 9 ~ [11th Annual Merrill Artisans Showcase](#). Enjoy live piano music with wine, cheese and appetizers at Bell Tower Residence in

Assisi Hall. Cost is \$7.00 from Noon-4:30pm. Artisan from around the country will feature artwork. Artists: Rita Weichman, Ginni Cormack, Matt Philleo, Jamie Kalvetran, Mary Robinson, Salve Regian Tschotchkes and more. On-site raffle with donated pieces by participating artisans.

February 9-10 ~ [Taking A Road Trip](#) presented by Merrill Ice Reflection Figure Skating Club. Local Skaters put on their Annual Skating show at the MARC. Feb 9 at 6pm and Feb10 at 1pm. Tickets are \$5.00 in advanced and \$7.00 at the door. Visit www.merrillskate.org for more info, or call Becky Rindt at 715-536-3487.

February 12 ~ [DIY: Book Word Art](#) – Recycle a discarded book into a beautiful work of word art! 6pm at the TB Scott Library. For more information please call 715-536-7191

February 13 ~ [A Book Club Walks into a Brewery...](#) Join our short story discussion nights at the sawmill Brewing Co. for a night of discussion, trivia and more. Did we mention it's at the brewery? Must be 21+ years to participate. Registration is not required. This event starts at 6:30pm. For the current short story, go to www.tbscottlibrary.com

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February 16 ~ Women's Luncheon at New Testament Church from 11am to 1pm. There will be a lunch provided along with a motivational speaker, Cheryl Dixon. This event is sponsored by Hearts United Women's Ministry. Cost is \$10.00. There will also be raffle baskets available. Event is for ages 12 and up. For more information, please contact Jennifer Zimmerman at 715-536-8554.

February 19 ~ Craftacular Program Bad Art Party recommended for students in grades 5 and up, this event will allow participants to experiment with various media, including watercolors and clay. Students, working individually and in small groups, may compete for the title of "Baddest of the Bad Art."

February 21 ~ Cover to Cover Book Club the Cover to cover Book Club meets the third Thursday of each month at 1pm in the Community Room. Contact the Library at 715-536-7191 for the listing of the chosen book title for the month's discussion.

February 23 ~ Merrill Ice Drags Don't miss out watching the fastest 1/8th mile drag racing on ice! Racing starts at Noon. Free to watch when parking on the ice. Held at Council Grounds State Park. If parking in lot, will need a state parking sticker. For more information visit www.merrillicedrags.com

February 23 ~ Love Me Tender in Merrill HAVEN, Inc. will be holding their annual fundraiser at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes. Doors open at 5pm and show begins at 6pm. Performers – Elvis John ~ award winning Elvis Tribute artist. Dan Sanchez ~ Rock & Roll show featuring: Buddy Holly, Big Bopper, Righteous Brothers and more. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the Door. Call HAVEN @ 715-536-1300 for tickets or additional information.

February 26 ~ "I'm Trapped at the Library" At 6pm, have a ghoulishly outrageous fun as you try to escape from the Library! For more information, please call 715-536-7191

February 27 ~ Bowl for Kids' Sake – Merrill Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northcentral Wisconsin is holding their annual Bowl for Kids' Sake at Les and Jim's Lincoln Lanes. Times are 1-3pm, 3-5pm and 7-9pm. This event raises funds for the BBBS of

Northcentral Wisconsin's Merrill Mentoring program. All money raised stays local to support Youth mentoring in the Merrill area. Cost is \$75 for adults, \$50 teens, \$25 kids, \$25 matches. Contact Linda Koepke at 715-848-7207 for more information.

February 28 ~ Family Fun Night Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday Families are invited to join us at the TB Scott Library from 6-7pm for a special party as we celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. We will share some Dr. Seuss stories and enjoy snacks and crafts all inspired by the wonderfully unique Dr. Seuss.

MARCH

March 1 ~ Be Codetastic! TB Scott Free Library is offering this 3-part series at 3:15pm which will allow Grades 3 and up to participant to create e-cards, music videos, video games and other projects using Scratch programming. They will also have the chance to explore other coding sites, including code.org and girlshocode.org. This three-week series takes place on March 1st, 8th and 29th, with a showcase during the last half hour on March 29th.

March 2 ~ Merrill Ice Drags Banquet & Raffles All are welcome for this event. Starts at 6:30pm.

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March 5 ~ Craftacular Programs Pancake Art & Food Science recommended for students in grades 4 and up, this event will give participants a chance to make art using pancake batter and to conduct experiments using food. This event is at 3:15pm at TB Scott Free Library.

March 5 ~ MOOC Central @ the Library 6pm see above for information.

March 8 ~ Critic's Choice Movie 1pm in the TB Scott Free Community Room join us for a movie

based on the true story of the mega hit from Christian group, MercyMe. This journey takes Bart (J. Michael Finley) through heartache, hope and forgiveness. Also starring are Madeline Carroll, Dennis Quaid and Trace Adkins. Rated: PG Run time 1hr 50 min. Refreshments will be provided during the movie. As always, bus rides to and from the show are FREE. For more information contact the library at 715-536-7191.

March 8 ~ *Be Codetastic!* TB Scott Free Library is offering this 3-part series at 3:15pm which will allow Grades 3 and up to participant to create e-cards, music videos, video games and other projects using Scratch programming. They will also have the chance to explore other coding sites, including code.org and girlshocode.org. This three-week series takes place on March 1st, 8th and 29th, with a showcase during the last half hour on March 29th.

March 11 ~ *Tapestry* presented by the Merrill Area Concert Association held at Merrill High School Auditorium at 7pm. Singer Suzanne Davis takes us on an amazing journey with a heartfelt tribute to Carole King. This tribute channels both Carole at the piano as well as her original and endearing stage presence. Admission is your season membership. To join, call 1-715-252-6295, email Merrillconcerts@gmail.com or www.merrillconcerts.org

March 13 ~ *A Book Club Walks into a Brewery...* Join our short story discussion nights at the sawmill Brewing Co. for a night of discussion, trivia and more. Did we mention it's at the brewery? Must be 21+ years to participate. Registration is not required. This event starts at 6:30pm. For the current short story, go to www.tbscottlibrary.com

March 16 ~ *Bell Tower St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser* Enjoy live music by Curt Pliske & Polks Spirit, playing Polka, country and classic rock. Enjoy delicious dinner/dessert/green beer/raffles. Fun, dancing, silent auction and more. This will be held at the Merrill Enrichment Center from 4:30pm to 11pm. Cost is \$30 dinner ticket.

March 19 ~ *Craftacular Programs Spring Break Crafts* Participants in kindergarten and up are invited to drop-in at the Library at 2:30pm to make spring-related crafts, such as a pompom caterpillar,

an egg carton chick and a stained-glass butterfly. Children, aged 8 and under, should be supervised by a parent or caregiver. This program is held at the TB Scott Free Library.

March 23 ~ *Spring Craft Sale* at Les & Jim's It is time to get out of your house and get ready for spring. Stop at Les & Jim's from 8:30am to 3pm and find something for everyone.

March 28 ~ *Family Fun Night* Brodini Comedy Magic Show join us at the TB Scott Free Library for a Magic Show from 6-7p. Children 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

March 29 ~ *Be Codetastic!* TB Scott Free Library is offering this 3-part series at 3:15pm which will allow Grades 3 and up to participant to create e-cards, music videos, video games and other projects using Scratch programming. They will also have the chance to explore other coding sites, including code.org and girlshocode.org. This three-week series takes place on March 1st, 8th and 29th, with a showcase during the last half hour on March 29th.

March 29 ~ *Chicago Harp Quartet* presented by the Merrill Area Concert Association held at Merrill High School Auditorium at 7pm. Founded in 2012, this quartet has quickly established itself as the leading harp ensemble in the United States and is dedicated to presenting innovative, charismatic and forward-thinking performances. Admission is your season membership. To join, call 1-715-252-6295, email Merrillconcerts@gmail.com or www.merrillconcerts.org

March 30 ~ *7th Annual 1st Tapping Pancake Breakfast* Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for Maple Grove school featuring: Regular and potato pancakes, locally produced maple syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage links, applesauce, milk and coffee. Raffle baskets available day of event. All proceeds benefit Maple Grove school to continue to provide STEAM based and unique learning experiences for the students at Maple Grove. This event will be held at Hamburg Town Hall, 8230 3rd Ln from 9am to 1pm. \$8.00 per person/age 4 and under free.

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April 6 ~ Spring Craft Sale at Merrill Enrichment Center. Times TBA

April 9 ~ Read for Fines TB Scott Free Library will be offering this program for Grades 3 and up at 3:15pm. On the library's second floor, students are invited to read and earn food that they may use to pay off fines or donate to the food pantry. Participants will be given a 5-minute break every hour along with snacks. Reading begins at 3:15pm and concludes at Library close.

April 12 ~ Minecraft Club – Minecraft Club will meet in the TB Scott Library Board Room at 3:15pm for Grade 3 & up. This club will allow participants to create and play in the same worlds and participate in building and coding challenges

April 13 ~ Merrill High School Prom Dance 6:30 to 10:30pm. Grand March at 6:30pm. \$40 a couple or \$20 single. Sponsored by the Junior class. Any questions, please call Amy Grefe at 715-536-4594 ext. 18123.

April 25 ~ Family Fun Night Rock On, Kindness! Pass It On! (This event is jointly hosted with Merrill Rocks.) Meet Stepheni Curran, author of the book Rock On, Kindness! Pass It On! Stepheni is an Antigo native and pediatric speech-language pathologist with a passion for helping others and promoting acts of kindness. Stepheni's book focuses on the themes of rock painting, kindness, compassion, diversity, acceptance and friendship. She'll share her book and we'll share some fun painting rocks.

April 25 ~ Men in the Kitchen – Merrill HAVEN is holding their Men in the Kitchen fundraiser at St. Stephens United Church. Doors open at 5pm and dinner is at 6pm. We ask at least 4-6 men to purchase groceries, prepare and serve a table of 8. Meals of their choice. We will also have drawings and more. Cost is \$35 per person. Any questions, call Tammy at 715-536-1300.

April 26 ~ Minecraft Club – Minecraft Club will meet in the TB Scott Library Board Room at 3:15pm for Grade 3 and up. This club will allow participants to create and play in the same worlds and participate in building and coding challenges