

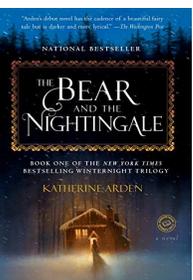
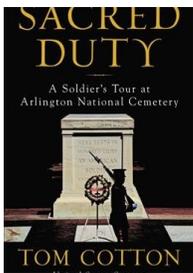
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Director's Report

Wisconsin's Digital Library offers a huge collection of free materials, but the most popular of these items are subject to waiting lists, just like physical library items. However, thanks to a new "lucky day" feature, you have a chance to "skip the line" and check out some of these high-demand items without waiting! To browse this new collection in the Libby app, select "Explore" and choose "Skip the Line," or if you use the OverDrive app or the WDL website, choose "Available Now" in the main menu and look for the "Lucky Day" section .

History Room

The History Room welcomes those interested in researching their family history and learning about the past and present history of Jackson County. Numerous indexes are available along with family histories and newspapers (microfilm) dating back to the mid to late 1880's. The History Room is also your place to tap into Badgerlink, and if you need assistance the historian is always willing to help you navigate Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.com. Calling ahead for an appointment is recommended.

Friends Group

The Antique Appraisal Event scheduled for Saturday, April 18 has been postponed. The Friends are hoping to be able to reschedule this event later this year. Refunds for those who have already registered will be available once the Library reopens.

The Friends Book Sale has also been postponed. We will update you on a future date once plans are made.

Youth Services

[Bright by Text](#), supported by Wisconsin Public Television, is a free text service. Parents and caregivers receive three to five texts per week in English or Spanish. Bright by Text provides invaluable information from early childhood experts on topics including developmental milestones, brain development, mental health and resilience, social-emotional competence, STEM, language and literacy, nutrition, health and more. Text the word BADGER to 274-448 to subscribe.

More helpful tips for Parents!

[Reach Out and Read Wisconsin](https://reachoutandread.org/what-we-do/resources-2/) offers *Tips for Parents on How Books Help Children Cope with Stress*. *Reach Out and Read* is the only national network of medical providers ensuring that millions of infants and toddlers do not miss out on critical years of early brain development by integrating early literacy into the healthcare experience, starting at birth. Sharing the message that reading helps children feel safe and secure is more important than ever. Find additional resources at: <https://reachoutandread.org/what-we-do/resources-2/>



Tips for Parents on How Books Help Children Cope with Stress

We all want our children to feel safe and secure. When families are going through stressful times, when they experience a perceived threat of danger, when they are practicing physical distancing and must remain in their homes, children still look to their parents and caregivers to help them feel loved and protected. Reading aloud to your child is one way to help your family through this difficult time.

CHILDREN NEED ATTENTION. When you read aloud, whatever else may be going on in the world, you are concentrating all your attention on your child, on the book and the story—and your child will understand this and feel reassured.

CHILDREN NEED PHYSICAL CONTACT AND AFFECTION. Take your child on your lap or lean against one another—make reading time a moment for hugging and cuddling—the combination of your voice and your hug will help your child feel loved and secure.

CHILDREN NEED ROUTINE. Read a story at bedtime or naptime or mealtime—it will help your child feel that the day has a predictable schedule, even in unpredictable times, and give your child something to look forward to.

CHILDREN NEED ENTERTAINMENT. Read books that make your child laugh, books that make your child eager to turn the page and find out what happens next.

CHILDREN NEED A SENSE OF SECURITY. Even when the world is full of scary questions, a young child can find some security in a parent's voice and a parent's embrace.

CHILDREN NEED TO FEEL LOVED AND CARED FOR. Reading aloud is a way to show your child, every day, how much you care, and how important it is to you to spend time together. It's a way to hold your child close and help your child feel loved and protected.

For more resources for parents and caregivers, visit the Reach Out and Read website:
<https://reachoutandread.org/what-we-do/resources-2/>