

Fall 2023

# LIBRARY MUSINGS

Briggs District Library Newsletter



## Coming Soon

This November, the Library is hosting an online silent auction to raise funds for our upcoming facility renovation project. Many items are being donated by local businesses and organizations, making this the perfect opportunity to acquire unique holiday gifts while supporting the library.



All auction items will be available for viewing online and at the library starting Monday, October 30th. Bidding will begin Saturday, November 4th and close at noon on Saturday, November 11th. To view or place a bid on auction items, visit <http://bidpal.net/briggslibraryfundraiser>. Library staff will also be available to accept bids for those wishing to place their bid in person.

A reception for auction winners and those that donated items will be held at the library from 4:30-6:00pm on Saturday, November 11th. For more information on the library's renovation project, visit [briggsdistrictlibrary.org](http://briggsdistrictlibrary.org).

## Staff Reference Interview

In each Staff Reference Interview, we are going to ask the in-depth, hard-hitting questions that get to the core of our staff. First up, we pull the curtain back on Eunice Link! Eunice is the newest member of the Briggs Library team, having joined us in July as a front desk Library Clerk. We asked Eunice a few questions to help introduce her to our patrons.

### **What do you like to do in your free time?**

Outside of the standard sewing, knitting, crocheting, needle work - I love to play with tools. Fix, build, putz around with different projects. I take vintage radios, refurbish the exterior and turn them into Bluetooth speakers.

### **What's something people may not know about you?**

I enjoy welding and creative metal work. I don't have the facilities at home for this, so I take Creative Metalwork and Welding classes at LCC on weekends when they offer them.

### **What is a library service you recommend patrons try?**

The Potter Park Zoo passes.

### **Is a hotdog a sandwich?**

Sure, ok.

### **Does pineapple belong on a pizza?**

Yes.

### **What movie have you seen the most?**

*When Harry Met Sally...*

Thanks for sharing, Eunice! And, the next time you're in the library, be sure to ask Eunice about the Potter Park Zoo passes.

## News



Smart and savvy buying tips are just a few clicks away!

Whether you're looking to find the best deal on a new appliance or researching top-recommended cars, **ConsumerReports.org** can help you make the best choice for your time and money. Covering a variety of categories such as electronics, home and garden, babies and kids and more, ConsumerReports.org contains ratings and reviews for thousands of products from shoppers and experts, money-saving advice and tips, buying guides, videos and more. Visit the library's website to get started: [www.briggsdistrictlibrary.org](http://www.briggsdistrictlibrary.org). Library staff is available to assist you with any questions you may have about Consumer Reports and/or accessing this free service.

Briggs District Library is excited to offer a new digital collection. The library now offers audiobook, movie, music, comic, ebook and television titles through hoopla. Registered card holders can borrow up to 5 hoopla instant titles each month. These titles are always available to you with no waiting.

- Movies & TV Shows have a 3-Day Checkout Period
- Music Albums have a 7-Day Checkout Period
- Audiobooks, ebooks and comics have a 21-Day Checkout

Borrowed content can be accessed (watched/listened to) as often as you want during the checkout period, and you can return them whenever you want!

To access this vast digital collection on your mobile device, you will need to first download the **FREE hoopla digital app** from the [iTunes Appstore](#) or [Google Play Store](#). There is no need to download an app or extension for your internet browser.

## Library Hours

**Monday –Thursday**  
10:00 am—8:00 pm

**Friday**  
10:00 am—6:00 pm

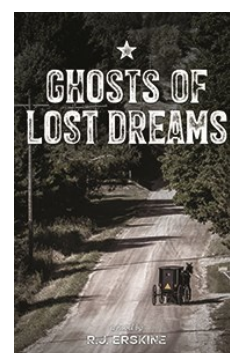
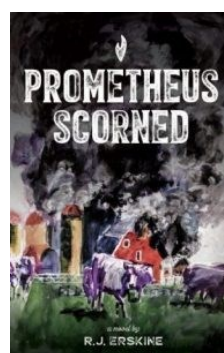
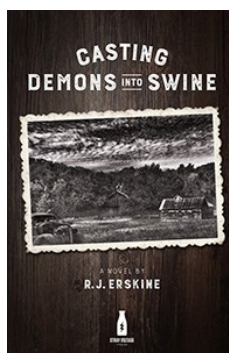
**Saturday**  
10:00 am—3:00 pm

### Note to Parents:

The Library has enabled content restrictions for this service based on the age of the card-holder. Adults age 18 and up can view/listen to any title in the hoopla digital library, while younger users accessing the online collection with their own library cards have limited access based on predefined content filters and established rating systems. For details regarding our hoopla digital content restriction policies, contact library staff.

## Upcoming Programs

Join us on Thursday, October 26th at 6:30pm on the main floor of the library for a presentation by author RJ Erskine. RJ will be talking about his Coigreach Trilogy. The fictional novels are based on true events from the author's years of veterinary practice in a rural Pennsylvania community. He served as a large animal veterinarian for 40 years, including 30 years at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University. He is especially interested in the natural and cultural forces that impact farming and rural life. In his suspense novels, he relies on personal experiences and events while practicing within an Amish community in Pennsylvania. The author currently lives in Michigan with his wife and assorted pets and continues with his veterinary career. His interests include gardening and driving his 1963 "Chevy cow truck." Upon conclusion of his talk, RJ will have his books available for purchase and signing.



## FAMOUS STEAM LOCOMOTIVE NO 1225

On Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30, join us for an enjoyable evening of railroad history, memories and a little magic that will make you smile. The Steam Railroading Institute (SRI) is bringing an exciting program about their famous movie star: Steam Locomotive No1225, that was used for imagery and sounds in the classic Christmas movie ... The POLAR EXPRESS!

There will be time for "Questions & Answers". So, bring your stories, your curiosity and come learn more about a local steam locomotive celebrity ..... ALL ABOARD!!!





Back to School



Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. During the month, the American Library Association and libraries unite in a national effort to ensure every child signs-up for their own library card.

Throughout the school year, public librarians and library staff will assist parents and caregivers with saving hundreds of dollars on educational resources and services for students. From free access to STEAM programs/activities, educational apps, in-person and virtual homework help, technology workshops to the expertise of librarians, a library card is one of the most cost-effective back-to-school supplies available.

Brainfuse is a collection of tools and support for learners of all ages. HelpNow offers live tutor access for homework help, skills building and test preparation. The Writing Lab and the 24/7 Center options give users the freedom to receive assistance at any time of the day without connecting with a live tutor. Users can submit papers through the Writing Lab for detailed feedback, and the 24/7 Center is for non-writing assignments such as math or science. The Adult Learning Center is the adult learners' version of HelpNow, where patrons can access High School Equivalency prep, US Citizenship test prep, resume assistance, Microsoft Office support, and Career Resources. All of these tools are free with your library card! Use the Brainfuse link at [briggsdistrictlibrary.org](http://briggsdistrictlibrary.org) to get started today!

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