



# OFF THE SHELF

Newsletter of the Hudson Area Public Library  
February 2018

## *Laura Ingalls Wilder Week*

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At the Hudson Area Public Library, we're celebrating the birthday of one of America's most cherished authors, Laura Ingalls Wilder, who would've turned 151 years old on February 7th. Her enduring series of Little House books continue to stir the imagination of generations of readers. We're honoring this Wisconsin-born writer with a series of events emphasizing authenticity. Events featured include a Laura cook-a-thon, Laura inspired crafts, a story time, book club and a special presentation entitled "Everything Laura Ingalls Wilder Left Out of Her Novels."

All the program details can be found on our website.

## ***Engineering Design Challenge***

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On Saturdays, February 10th through March 3rd, the library is hosting an Engineering Design Challenge program for kids in grades 6-8. This special class is being offered by Christopher Mick from Space St. Croix with an Out of School Learning grant from the NASA Glenn Research Center. Using the engineering design process, students will design, build, and improve a stand-alone solar powered pumping system.

Investigations will include building a solar-powered oven to learn about reflecting solar energy to heat up a tasty treat, learning how light intensity changes as you move away from the source and how lenses can be used to manipulate light.

Call in or stop by the front desk to register.

## ***Winter Reading***

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A good book, a cup of cocoa and a comfy chair - winter is for reading! The library's winter reading program had its kick-off on January 3rd, but it's not too late to join. Visit our website to register and check-out the reading challenges you'll be able to complete to earn entries for prizes.

Registration at the circulation desk and paper reading logs will also be available to log your reading time if you prefer to go the old-school

route. Prizes include gift cards from several of our local Hudson businesses and some wonderful, winter-themed gift baskets. Anyone ages 13 and up is invited to join us. Don't miss out on this winter fun!

## ***New Fiction in February***

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*The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah

*Fifty Fifty* by James Patterson

*Look for Me* by Lisa Gardner

*Poison* by John Lescroart

*Bad Daughter* by Joy Fielding

*A Death in Live Oak* by James Grippando

*Surprise Me* by Sophie Kinsella

*The Deceivers* by Alex Berenson

*Force of Nature* by Jane Harper

*Sunburn* by Laura Lippman

*The Belles* by Dhonielle Clayton

*Broken Beautiful Hearts* by Kami Garcia

*Tess of the Road* by Rachel Hartman

*A Girl Like That* by Tanaz Bhathena

*Beneath the Sugar Sky* by Seanan McGuire

*Markswoman* by Rati Mehrotra