

Between the Pages

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Game and Karaoke Night

by Kirsten Wood

Game and Karaoke night was a lot of fun with 19 players and tons of great snack food to share. Yahtzee, Trivial Pursuit, and Balderdash were the games of the evening with lots of friendly competition. Just ask Barb or Kirsten why it is illegal to fish from the neck of a giraffe in Chicago! Thanks to Janet McCartney for donating the punch, it was delicious. We are planning on offering a game night monthly on the third Friday of every month. Our next game night will be Friday, February 17.



Janet McCartney, Carol Van Heukelom and Cherie Wallace.



Ron Van Heukelom, Drew McCartney, Linda Guynn, Jerry Blackwell and Margaret Ann Blackwell.



Natalie Campbell, Henry Guynn and Kira Legett.

We're on the Web!

Check out our page:

<http://www.plattsmouthlibrary.org>

We're on Facebook!

Check out our page:

<http://tinyurl.com/2atk91>



Come to the Plattsmouth Public Library on Saturday February 25 at 7:00pm to experience "Everything Chocolate." The evening will consist of a library scavenger hunt designed to make patrons and future patrons familiar with the library and what we have to offer. A chocolate competition is also being held but participation in this part of the event is optional. Anyone who wishes to compete for the "Chocolate Champion" or attend "Everything Chocolate" should contact the library. You can come in person to register or call the library at 296-4154. Judges for the competition will be members of the Plattsmouth community. Judges will taste the different chocolate entries and a "Chocolate Champion" will be crowned. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening. This event is being held for adults 18 years of age or older. We hope to see you there!

Everything Chocolate

Plattsmouth Public Library

401 Ave A, Plattsmouth, NE

Chocolate
Champion
will be
Crowned

Saturday
February 25th
7:00pm

Join us for Treats, Fun, and Friends

Enter our chocolate competition (optional)

Door Prizes

Free Registration
Call
296-4154



Adults
Only
Please



WHAT'S NEW @ YOUR LIBRARY

by Barbara Miller

Adult Fiction

Breakdown by Sara Paretsky
 Copper Beach by Jayne Ann Krentz
 D.C. Dead by Stuart Woods
 Dead Last by James W. Hall
 Deadline by Fern Michaels
 Death Benefit by Robin Cook
 A Devil is Waiting by Jack Higgins
 Double Dexter by Jeff Lindsay
 Down the Darkest Road by Tami Hoag
 Gun Games by Faye Kellerman
 The House at Sea's End by Elly Griffiths
 The Hunter by John Lescroart
 Love in a Nutshell by Janet Evanovich
 Need You Now by James Grippando
 Private #1 Suspect by James Patterson
 Retribution by Val McDermid
 Robocalypse by Daniel Wilson
 Scarecrow Returns by Matthew Reilly
 Sleepwalker by Karen Robards

Adult Non-Fiction

The Bartender's Best Friend by Mardee Haidin Regan
 The Complete Guide to Bathrooms
 The Complete Guide to Ceramic Tile
 The Complete Guide to Layout, Installation & Finishing of
 Wood Flooring by Charles Peterson
 The Complete Guide to Wiring
 Working With Tile by Tom Meehan

Audio

Catching Fire by Suzanne Collins
 D.C. Dead by Stuart Woods
 Gun Games by Faye Kellerman
 Love in a Nutshell by Janet Evanovich
 Mockingjay by Suzanne Collins
 Private #1 Suspect by James Patterson
 Quian by Iris Johansen
 Red Flags by Juris Jurjevics
 Sleepwalker by Karen Robards

Young Adult

Anna Dressed in Blood by Kendare Blake
 Dark Souls by Paula Morris

Daughter of Smoke & Bone by Laini Taylor
 Empty by Suzanne Weyn
 The Iron Daughter by Julie Kagawa
 The Iron Queen by Julie Kagawa
 Stay With Me by Paul Griffin

Movies

All Creatures Great and Small
 Dolphin Tale
 Fright Night
 Kung Fu Panda 2
 Midnight in Paris
 Mr. Popper's Penguins
 Prime Suspect
 Rosemary & Thyme
 Sarah's Key
 Zookeeper

Juvenile

Anton Can Do Magic by Ole Kennecke
 Brother Sun, Sister Moon by Katherine Paterson
 The Body at the Tower by Y.S. Lee
 I'm Fast by Kate & Jim McMullan
 Prudence Wants a Pet by Cathleen Daly
 Ninth Ward by Jewell Parker Rhodes
 No Two Alike by Keith Baker
 A Spy in the House by Y.S. Lee
 Suppose You Meet a Dinosaur by Judy Sierra
 Where's My Truck? By Karen Beaumont

Adopt-a-Book Donations

Breakdown by Sara Paretsky
 D.C. Dead by Stuart Woods
 Death Benefit by Robin Cook
 A Devil is Waiting by Jack Higgins
 Down the Darkest Road by Tami Hoag
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CHOCOLATE AND STUFFED ANIMALS

by Patty Moreno, Friends of the Plattsmouth Public Library (FPPL)

As the cold winds of winter finally arrive in Nebraska, what better way to stay warm than with chocolate and stuffed animals? With that thought in mind, the Friends of the Library agreed at their last meeting to support the Library's second annual "Everything Chocolate" event on 25 February. Funds raised by the Friends will be used to purchase tablecloths, centerpieces, food, and paper products, along with truly amazing chocolate wine and other special prizes. Friends will also attend the event and assist, where needed. Last year's celebration of chocolate was a tremendous success. If you have a sweet tooth or know someone who does, don't miss sampling all the goodies at this year's chocolate extravaganza.



If you have small children, you may have noticed that some of the stuffed animals in the children's section of the Library are getting "a bit worse for wear." From all the hugs and snuggling they receive, a few poor creatures are now in danger of losing limbs. It is time to thank them for their faithful service and enlist new recruits. As a consequence, the Friends have provided funds to purchase three new creatures to refill the ranks of the stuffed animal assemblage at the Library. Soon the kiddies will have new friends to hold and cherish, as they explore the fascinating world of books.

Remember the Friends of the Plattsmouth Public Library always welcome new members. The Friends meet in the Plattsmouth Library Auditorium on the fourth Monday of each month at 5:00 PM. Come join the fun!

"The way to have a friend
is to be a friend."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson



The Friends of the
Plattsmouth Public
Library



History Corner

The Dovey Building Story – Part Two

Harlan Seyfer, Historian, Plattsmouth Main Street.

We pick up our story, begun last month, with the death of Edward Dovey in London in 1881.

Back in Plattsmouth, life continued. The 1881-82 Plattsmouth City Directory listed E.G. Dovey & Son as on the south side of Main between 5th & 6th Streets and as selling queensware china, dry goods, groceries, boots & shoes. The 1885 Cass County deed records show the eldest son George purchasing lot 4 of block 35 (on Main between 5th & 6th) from the Leopold Brothers for \$3500. That same year his mother Jane purchased the adjacent lot 5. On these two lots, during the winter of 1885-86 and six years after “the Great Reaper called [Edward Dovey] home”, the Dovey Building was erected.

E.G. Dovey and Son continued in business. Over time George’s two brothers Oliver Cromwell and Horatio Nelson were brought into the firm. (The Doveys had a proclivity for naming sons after noted Englishmen.) George remained as the day-to-day manager.

On November 20, 1913, the Dovey matriarch Jane died. What followed was a classic squabble among heirs and would-be heirs. Her will left essentially everything to her two grandsons, the sons of Horatio Dovey, ignoring George and Oliver. The latter two sued. The County Court ruled in favor of the grandsons. In 1916 Horatio brought suit to dissolve the partnership of E.G. Dovey & Son. That suit was still pending when the firm, paralyzed by its management schism, went into receivership four years later. In March 1922, the *Plattsmouth Journal* reported the receiver, John F. Gorder, was ordered by the County Court to dispose of all merchandise “as rapidly as possible in order to liquidate the business and permit a final settlement of the affairs.” Thereafter, ads ran in the *Journal*: “Closing Out Prices! ... E.G. Dovey & Son, John F. Gorder, Receiver.”



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George and Oliver – determined to reverse the lower court decision – appealed to District Court, which upheld the County Court decision. Undeterred, the brothers took their case to the next higher level, the Nebraska State Supreme Court. It didn't take that august body long to also rule against the brothers in June 1922. George and Oliver were definitely and finally out of their mother's will. The *Journal* noted "After the long period of litigation the final decision of the state court seems to settle the matter and removes from that tribunal one of the most noted legal battles that has been staged in this portion of the state."

The 29 June 1922 issue of the *Journal* contained the headline "Buildings and Stock of Dovey & Son are Sold." Frank Fanger, proprietor of Fanger's Department Store, bought everything that remained of the firm – literally lock, stock, and barrel – for \$23,000. Later that year, ads began running in the *Journal* proclaiming "Fanger's Department Store, Formerly E.G. Dovey & Son." At the time of its 1922 demise, E.G. Dovey & Son was the oldest business in Plattsmouth, tracing its roots to 1864.

In November, Fanger rented a space on the second floor to the employees of the Burlington railroad shops for a "social hall." (That was around the time of a strike against the Burlington, which story is beyond the scope of this article.)

But the Dovey Building was soon to change names again. The *History of Cass County, Nebraska* in an article by Mary (Soennichsen) Bell, notes that Henry Soennichsen moved his business to the Dovey Building in 1922. (Fanger and Soennichsen appear to have traded several properties 1922-23.) Soennichsen's Department Store thrived. In late 1945, perhaps as a result of the optimism immediately after the end of World War II, Soennichsen redid the building's façade in black glass. As long lasting as Soennichsen's was, it could not last forever. Accurately, at the end of her article, Bell commented "it seemed to be the end of an era when Soennichsen's Department Store was liquidated and closed in 1971." Indeed it was.

Other businesses have come and gone. In the 1920s and 1930s, The Black & White Grocery was in the building. In the early 1970s, O'Donnell's IGA tried to make a go, but closed after a little over two years. Aaron James Booksellers, Wild Horse Antiques, and Cameo Antiques & Art Gallery each briefly found their homes in the Dovey Building. Sadly, between 2008 and Christmas Eve 2011, the building was vacant.

Is this the start of a new era for the Dovey Building? Certainly it is another chapter in the story of this venerable structure.

Game Night

Plattsmouth Public Library

Friday, February 17
Friday, March 16
Friday, April 20
 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Free Event

Bring a snack to share

Board Games
 Food & Fun





Legos Rock @ Your Library

Plattsmouth Public Library

Saturday, February 18
 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
 Library Auditorium

This new club is free and open to Lego geniuses of all ages (including parents or chaperones) with no registration necessary. This program will be held the third Saturday of every month at the library. For more information, please call Kirsten at 296-4154.



Free Computer Classes!

February -
March

- ◆ Basic Computer & Internet Skills
- ◆ Using the Internet Wisely
- ◆ Word Processing
- ◆ Intermediate Email
- ◆ Excel Spreadsheets



Basic Computer Skills – Learn how to unfreeze your computer, the differences between CDs, DVDs, and flash drives, and other basic computer skills. (1 ½ hours)

Tuesday, February 21, 6:00-7:30 pm

Basic Internet Skills - Learn how to navigate the internet and use the icons at the top of the screen. Did you know there are six ways to print a part or all of a web page? (2 hours)

Tuesday, February 28, 6:00-8:00 pm

Using the Internet Wisely – Learn how to improve your search results, evaluate web sites, and keep your computer and personal information safe. (2 hours)

Tuesday, March 6, 6:00-8:00 pm

Word Processing – Learn how to edit a word document, from basics to using spelling helps, bullet points, and inserting and editing pictures and clip art. We will be editing a sample personal letter. (2 hours)

Tuesday, March 13, 6:00-8:00 pm

Intermediate Email – Practice sending attachments, adding people to your contact list, and creating new folders; discover settings that help your email work better for you. (2 hours)

Tuesday, March 20, 6:00-8:00 pm

Excel Spreadsheets – Learn how to create spreadsheets for your address book, inventories, or simple bookkeeping or banking. (2 hours)

Tuesday, March 27, 6:00-8:00 pm

To register or for additional dates and times, contact the library at 402-296-4154.

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