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a newsletter for Friends of the Hartford Library

Fall 2011



President's Journal

My heart swells with civic pride and gratitude each time I stand on the bridge over the Mill Pond and look at the Library. Knowing that the citizens of Hartford stepped up to demand a good building for themselves and the future — and paid for it! — is a great source of satisfaction. Thanks to the foresight of Dorothy Algiers and the Library Board, the generosity of Gerry Russell, tireless work by Mike Gelhausen and the library staff, and countless hours donated to the cause — we have a building we can use to bring our community together as never before. We now have the means to create even more opportunities for everyone — for entertainment, for education, for culture, for history.

It has been a grand and high-minded project — **and now the real work begins!** The Jack Russell Memorial Library will serve this community as much and as well as we do. Please continue to participate in the programs and activities — volunteer your time and talents to the Friends of the Library so that our Library will be filled with a spirit as beautiful as its building!

Micki Hoffmann

Basket Silent Auction

Bid on beautiful baskets filled with wonderful books, gift cards, and an assortment of themed items. These will be great for gifts — for someone else or to treat yourself!



Basket Silent Auction

October 27 — November 19

**Bid high!
Bid often!**



**Library Opens!
Monday
October 24, 2011
10 am**

New Library Hours

**Monday—Thursday 10 am—8 pm
Friday 10 am—5:30 pm
Saturday 9 am—2 pm**

Celebrate!

**Jack Russell Memorial Library
Dedication**

November 13, 2011

Open House	1—2 pm
Ceremony	2—3 pm
Open House	3—4 pm

**Refreshments, Entertainment,
Inspiration!**

All are welcome!

Friends of the Hartford Library
Fall Programs

Chad Lewis Unexplained phenomena researcher and author of **Wisconsin's Most Haunted Places**

Join the author on a ghostly journey to some of the most haunted places in our state. Hear reports of phantom creatures prowling the woods and graveyard apparitions located in your own backyard. Complete with photos, case histories, eyewitness accounts, ghost lore, and directions for your own explorations.



Wednesday, October 26, 7 P.M.
Jack Russell Memorial Library

David Zajicek
Hartford Responds to the Call: Origins of Hartford's National Guard 1917

Dave Zajicek is a social studies educator and military historian, who has studied and participated in WWI re-enactments for 21 years. He belongs to Company E 2nd Wisconsin and is also a member of the Civil War Preservation Trust. He has done extensive research on Hartford's military involvement in WWI.



Wednesday, November 9, 7 P.M.
Jack Russell Memorial Library

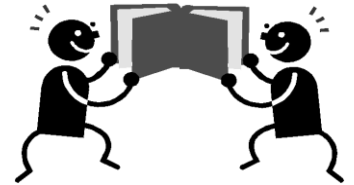
Rob Grede,
Author of **The Spur and the Sash**

This is the sesquicentennial year for the American Civil War. Author Grede's novel is based upon the real adventures of his great-grandfather during the War Between the States.



Wednesday, December 7, 7 P.M.
Jack Russell Memorial Library

**FHL
Literacy
Project**



Reading Partners

Planning Meeting
October 27 — 11 am
Jack Russell Memorial Library

Literacy Project members continue to work on details of literacy opportunities for the public at the new library. The Reading Partners program will begin in February 2012. Training for tutoring will take place in January.

Anyone interested in promoting literacy in Hartford and the surrounding area is welcome to share ideas at this meeting. Please call Micki Hoffmann [673-2903] with questions or for more information.



Stash!

Stash, a six year old Polish Lowland Sheepdog, is registered with Therapy Dogs International,

earning his Canine Good Citizenship designation, and he has a championship title from the American Kennel Club. He has worked with children at St. Gabriel's [Hubertus], Neosho School [Neosho], and at Rossman School [Hartford]. In addition to schools, Stash began reading with children at the Hartford Library last spring. The 25 minute sessions were well attended. Kids have a more relaxed attitude when reading to Stash. It is much easier to read to a non-judgmental dog than a person and it often increases fluency and comprehension. Stash has more than 100 reading buddies.

Stash will again serve the children of the Hartford area at the Library: Saturdays, 10 am to 2 pm in the children's story room starting November 19. A sign up sheet will be available at the main desk. Reserve time with Stash soon
– the slots will fill up fast!

Call Diane or Tom Pirc [670-6289] for more information.