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Green & Gold in Case

Vince Lombardi once said "The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence..." and John Beckwith's collection of Green Bay Packer memorabilia shows this commitment to excellence. Even though John is a current day Packer fan, he would like to start collecting the legendary antique Green Bay Packer items. However, they can be very pricy.

On Christmas and birthdays, friends and family give John Packer items which are displayed all over the house. He does have shelves which hold some items, while others hang on the walls or are displayed on tables. There is probably no room that doesn't have some Green & Gold in it.

Reggie White, Brett Favre and Sterling Sharpe are Beckwith's favorite players. And, of course, Bart Starr ranks right up there too. John has been to several Packer games, but not recently. His son, Dylan who volunteered the collection, isn't as much a football as his dad.

The cutest item in the case is a Green Bay Packer Tailgating Pickup Truck complete with flags, helmet, bag of nuts, grill, ice chest, coolers, a quarter barrel of beer, chair, and cheesehead! There are also Brett Favre bobble-heads, statues, plates, beer steins, trucks, and more. One shelf holds a collection of ten Brett Favre football plates commemorating some of his greatest football moments. These came from the Danbury Mint.

In addition to all the Brett Favre items, which must have increased greatly in value now that he has retired, there are lots of Packer items. Some of which include semi-trucks, pickups, a van, snowmobile, plane, sport cars, convertibles,

shot glasses, commemorative beer cans, caps, pins, mugs, and an NFL colorized coin set.

There is a Brett Favre beer stein and a Ray Nitschke one which are nice to look at, but probably too heavy to drink from. There is a special Superbowl I Green Bay plate and a Brett Favre one as well as a Superbowl XXXI Champion pendant. Perhaps the prize is an autographed Green Bay football which John won.

Large framed and matted photos of Brett, Reggie White, Sterling Sharpe and others fill the case as well as a large framed photo and a scale model of Lambeau Field. Naturally there are scattered cheesehead items included as well as green cows and gold cows, Christmas ornaments, a green bear, and Green Bay lights.

Well done, John. The men and boys are loving this collection; especially since we had it before Brett's resignation. Thank you Dylan and John for making March at the library a Green and Gold event!. St. Patrick would be jealous.

Movies for Kids

Carolyn Seaver will be celebrating Spring by showing two movies for children on Thursday evenings, March 13th & 27th at 5:30 p.m.

The first one on the 13th will star Dustin Hoffman who owns a magical store where all the toys are alive.

If you love princesses and evil

queens, come on Thursday, the 27th and you will be "enchanted."

Both movies will run about 90 minutes. All school aged children are invited. These are movies for older children, not preschoolers!

Artist-at-Work Day in the Library

On Saturday morning, March 29th, from 9-12, Sun Prairie water color artist Laurie Mosher will be at the library to speak about art while painting note cards and bookmarks, etc. She'll be happy to do requests

So, if you are yearning for some color in your life after a very long, very white winter, share Mosher's fresh palette of pinks, blues, greens, reds, and yellows via bookmarks, note cards, and paintings. Come listen while she discusses her painting techniques, answers questions and urges patrons to try a brushstroke or two.

Mosher, an extroverted artist, began hosting "Artist-at-Work" events as a way of combining her love of painting with her love of people. She is looking forward to meeting the people of Monticello and sharing ideas about the creative process.

Please join us. Light refreshments will be served. Laurie's art will fill the display case for April with items that can be purchased by the public so come on down and brighten up your life with color. Enough of winter white!

Book Group

If you are interested in South American authors, you are in luck. The Book Group will be discussing Isabel Allende's DAUGHTER OF FORTUNE on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the library.

Allende tells the story of the California Gold Rush & we follow the spirited Eliza on a perilous journey north from Chile to San Francisco to find her lover who has caught the gold fever.

Books are available at the library and Sharon Knight will be leading the discussion. Beat the winter doldrums with this adventurous, independent-minded and appealing heroine.

Donations

Thanks to the Green County Piano Teachers, Students, and Carolyn Hilliard for \$300 to purchase musical items for the library.

Thanks to Wal-Mart in Monroe for their generous donation of \$500 which will be used to purchase a new DVD tower.

Thanks to Ed and Nancy Aquino for their recent donation. Thanks to Janice Wyttenbach for paying for several copies of CSI which have gotten lots of use. Thanks to other individual donations too: Renee Henning and Lynn Witt. We appreciate your donations and support of the library.

Video Collection

Since our adult video collection circulated only 1,816 times in 2007 and our adult DVD collection circulated 19,970 times, the collection will be weeded so that more floor space can be gained for audio books and DVDs.

Some classic videos will be kept and those that are used by

school teachers. So if you still have a VHS player, come check out the entryway and add to your collection.

Friends' Winner

Lynn Witt was the lucky winner of the \$25 worth of Monticello Money. Her name was drawn from the Valentine shaped box on February 14th. She was very thrilled and said "I've never won anything in my life!"

Pat Sellon added that the Friends added 19 new members to their group and she thanks everyone who joined and who renewed their memberships.

New DVDs

New titles include: ROXY HUNTER & THE MYSTERY AT THE MOODY GHOST MOVIE; MADELINE MEET ME IN PARIS; SNOW BUDDIES; THE ARISTOCATS; ACROSS THE UNIVERSE; YOU'VE GOT MAIL; FIERCE PEOPLE; 2 DAYS IN PARIS; JANE AUSTEN BOOKCLUB; ELIZABETH THE GOLDEN AGE; THE BRAVE ONE; ASSASSINATION OF JESSIE JAMES; THE CROWN PRINCE; PRINCE & THE PAUPER; DIEGO'S MAGICAL MISSION; NO RESERVATIONS; MARTIAN CHILD; WHY DID I GET MARRIED; BLUE STATE; GONE BABY GONE; I COULD NEVER BE YOUR WOMAN; DEDICATION; BECOMING JANE; WE OWN THE NIGHT; THE BIG HIT; MARGOT AT THE WEDDING; IN THE VALLEY OF ELAH; LUST CAUTION; RENDITION; AMERICAN GANGSTER; ROMANCE & CIGARETTES; MICHAEL CLAYTON; CHAOS; FINAL INQUIRY; DUMBO; SINGIN' IN THE RAIN;

TWITCHES ; IT'S THE EASTER BEAGLE, CHARLIE BROWN; THE SMURFS; JUSTICE LEAGUE THE NEW FRONTIER; MAX & RUBY BERRY BUNNY ADVENTURES; BARBIE MAI-POSA; GOYA'S GHOST; SILK; LEGEND OF THE BLACK SCORPION; BEOWULF; DARJEELING LIMITED; 30 DAYS OF NIGHT; IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT; FROM HERE TO ETERNITY; SPARTACUS; JESSE STONE SEA CHANGE; A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS; MY LEFT FOOT; ON THE WATERFRONT; DEATH AT A FUNERAL; FUTURAMA BENDER'S BIG SCORE; TIGGER & POOH FRIENDLY TAILS; HORTON HEARS A WHO; 101 DALMATIANS; STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE BIG COUNTRY FUN; DR. DOOLITTLE TAIL TO THE CHIEF; 3 PIGS & A BABY; MR. MAGORIUMS WONDER EMPORIUM; BRUCE WILLIS TRIPLE FEATURE; INTO THE WILD; AWAKE; COMPLETE BEATRIX POTTER COLLECTION; THE LORAX; THE GRINCH GRINCHES THE CAT IN THE HAT; GREEN EGGS & HAM; THE CAT IN THE HAT; THE EASTER BUNNY IS COMIN' TO TOWN; ELOISE IN THE SPRINGTIME; & CELEBRATE SPRING!

New Audios

Some new titles are: CHANGE OF HEART by Jodi Picoult; THE HUNDRED SECRET SENSES & THE BONESETTER'S DAUGHTER by Amy Tan; THE APPEAL by John Grisham; FIREFLY LANE by Kristin Hannah; HONOR THYSELF by Danielle Steel; THE GIRL WHO STOPPED SWIMMING by Joshilyn Jackson; THE SECRET by

Rhonda Byrne; LUSH LIFE by Richard Price; WIZARD'S DAUGHTER by Catherine Coulter; and AN IRISH COUNTRY VILLAGE by Patrick Taylor;

New Adult Books

There are many really excellent titles recently purchased and some are: CHANGE OF HEART by Jodi Picoult; CRUELEST MONTH by Louise Penny; THE GIRL WHO STOPPED SWIMMING by Joshilyn Jackson; KILLER HEAT by Linda Fairchild; NOBODY DOES IT BETTER by Trish Deseine; LIVING THE COUNTRY DREAM by Tom Cruickshank; STORI TELLING by Tori Spelling; BRETT FAVRE: AMERICA'S QUARTERBACK by Chuck Carlson; LOSING IT by Valerie Bertinelli; WOMEN & MONEY by Suze Orman; WISCONSIN CHEESE by Martin Hintz; WISCONSIN by Thomas Hunt; IN DEFENSE OF FOOD by Michael Pollan; HONOR THYSELF by Danielle Steel; AND SOMETIMES WHY by Rebecca Johnson; BOUND BY BLOOD by Rick Nelson; THE CARROT CAKE MURDER by Joanne Fluke; CITY OF THE SUN by David Levien; OF ALL SAD WORDS by Bill Crider; REMEMBER ME by Sophie Kinsella; STRANGERS IN DEATH by J. D. Robb; SOME THINGS THAT STAY by Sara Willis; NEWSPAPERS, PENNIES, CARDBOARD & EGGS FOR GROWING A BETTER GARDEN by Roger Yepsen; GARDENS FOR ALL SEASONS by Anne Halpin; DAKOTA by Martha Grimes; DEATH OF A GENTLE LADY by M. C. Beaton; FIREFLY LANE by Kristin Hannah; LADY KILLER by Lisa Scottoline; LADY OF THE SNAKES by Rachel Pas-

tran; NAMELESS NIGHT by C. M. Ford; PREPARED FOR RAGE by Dana Stabenow; and Oprah's new Book Club selectin: A NEW EARTH by Eckhart Tolle.

New Juvenile Books

New titles are: THE RED TRUCK by Kersten Hamilton; SPIDERMAN; X-MEN; FANTASTIC FOUR; THE WALL by Peter Sis; HOW I SAVED MY FATHER'S LIFE by Ann Hood; THE MISSING GIRL by Norma Fox Mazer; THE GROUNDBREAKING, CHANCE-TAKING LIFE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER by Cheryl Harness; and MONARCH AND MILKWEED by Helen Frost.

The Scholastic/Grolier salesman stopped by recently so the library now owns a new set of THE BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE ENCYCLOPEDIAS; a set of AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL state books for older kids; a set of 8 ACTIONSPORTS books about rock climbing, BMX racing, etc.; a set of 6 MOTORCYCLE books; a set of 6 MILITARY MACHINES books; and just in time for summer reading a set of 12 Easy Readers called THE WORLD OF INSECTS which should fit right into this summer's theme, "Catch The Reading Bug."

National Library Week

Once again the Library will be celebrating National Library Week during the week of April 13-19 by inviting school teachers to bring their classes to the library for a short program by Carolyn Seaver. So, teachers, sign up now for a spot. Pansy Balleine has graciously offered to take the sign-up

sheet to school for your convenience. Last year's attendance was terrific. Thank you.

The Culver's Coloring Contest will also be going on for the month and there may be another Children's Movie Night.

New Large Print Books

Thanks to Marlea Duerst, one can read the following books in large print: THE DARKEST EVENING OF THE YEAR by Dean Koontz; PAYBACK by Jasmine Cresswell; PANDORA'S DAUGHTER by Iris Johansen; and DUMA KEY by Stephen King.

Story Time

March is here! Story Time meets on Wednesday mornings from 10-10:30 p.m. Since Dr. Seuss celebrates his birthday in March, so does Story Time. Other themes will be St. Patrick's Day, Easter, and Spring. Hopefully, no more snow and cold.

Bring your pre-schooler to Story Time in March to end winter cabin fever for yourselves.

New CDs

New CDs purchased in February are: DETOURS by Sheryl Crow; KIDSZ BOP 13; GRIEG'S PEER GYNT; JAZZ IMPRESSIONS OF EURASIA by The Dave Brubeck Quartet; GOOD TIME by Alan Jackson; and ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS Sdtk.

Chick Flicks a Hit

The February Chick Flicks had an audience of 46 people again this year. Everyone seemed to have a good time and once again, Wal-Mart and Maryellen Broge donated door prizes. Thanks to Carolyn for showing the movies.

Village Board Meets at the Library

On April 2, 2008, the Village Board will hold its meeting at the Monticello Public Library at 7:00 p.m. The library will close early that evening to accommodate the Village Board.

The Library Board is happy to act as host to this event. If you are planning to attend the Village Board meeting, come to the library instead of the Village Hall.

Holiday Closing

The Library will be closed for the Easter Holiday from Friday, March 21-23. The library will reopen on Monday morning, March 24th at 9:30.

Please DO NOT return items in the book drop while we are closed. It tends to overflow when the library is closed for more than one day. No items will be due on Friday, March 21st or Saturday, March 22. Thank you and Happy Holidays.

New Magazine Subscriptions

The library subscribes to about 93 magazines and four newspapers. Adult magazines were checked out a total of 3,621 times and juvenile ones 414 times.

Are there some magazines that you would like to see in the library? We would like to try out some new titles. We added Vanity Fair and a couple of others last year. Since January, we added Hobby Farms and Oprah's new Home magazine.

If there are any people who would like to donate a subscription to the library, please let us know. We'd be happy to accept your suggestions and donations if they are

appropriate to the library setting. Don't forget to come in the library to read The Monroe Times, The Post Messenger, The Brodhead Independent Register, and the Albany Hometown Herald. Save even more money and time by checking out your favorite magazines.

Library Statistics

In 2007, there were 41,616 adult items circulated and 23,476 juvenile items. The total of 65,092 is a little lower than 2006 so people come into the library and check items out!!

Monticello residents accounted for 35,239 circs and non-residents, 29,853. For the first time, Washington township residents checked out more items than Mt. Pleasant!

2,701 people have a Monticello Public Library card.

The library owns 28,741 books and added 1,965. Audio materials account for 2,415 items in our collection. This includes audio books, CDs, and Play-a-ways.

The Video and DVD collection numbers 6,442. with 760 new DVDs added in 2007. Adult DVDs circulated 19,970 times and juvenile ones circulated 7,250 while adult videos accounted for 1,816 circs and juvenile ones, 3,698. We ordered 350 DVDs interlibrary loan and 166 videos.

1,461 Interlibrary loan items were borrowed and 7 were lent.

19,329 visits were made to the library during the year and the computers were used 8,788 times.

173 people attended adult programming while 1,113 kids attended 43 juvenile programs.

The Monticello Public Library Staff includes: Sharon Briggs, director, Carolyn Seaver, Library Aide, Zoe Buehl, Library Page, Elizabeth Freeman, Library Aide,

Pam Schilder, Library Aide, and Shirley Kummer cleaning person.

Some of the director's goals for 2008 are to get the new circulation/catalog program, Destiny, up and running, to get a Sculpture/Sculptor Sign for the Sculpture Garden, to increase the Summer Reading attendance numbers, eliminate the video collection, purchase a new DVD tower, relocate the audio book collection, weed the collection on all levels, do more movie programming, have shorter library board meetings, plan a ten-year-in-this-building celebration for 2009, and review the library policy manual.

Friends' Meeting

The Friends of the Monticello Public Library will meet on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 in the library at 7:30 p.m.

All members are invited to attend this meeting and any other interested parties are welcome too. Anyone can join the Friends at any time. Dues are \$5 for individuals, \$10 for households, \$50 for individual lifetime, and \$100 for household lifetime.

Library Hours

Monday 9:30-12, 1-5:30 p.m.

Tuesday 1-7:30 p.m.

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Thursday 1-7:30 p.m.

Friday 9-12, 1-5:30 p.m.

Saturday 9-12

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