

Play, display and book signing approaching for Reed City library

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REED CITY — The Reed City Area District Library has several upcoming events of note.

First, the Meceola Human Trafficking Task Force has provided the library with an informative display regarding human trafficking. It can be viewed during normal business hours.

The Library will have this display available through January 2016.

Also on tap will be the Mystery at the Reed City Library fundraising event.

Library personnel have billed Mystery at the Reed City Library as “a humor infused theatrical mystery written by a talented local resident on behalf of the Library.” Members of the Crossroads Theatre Guild will be performing the play Jan. 22 and 23 at 7 p.m. On Jan. 24, a matinee performance will begin at 2. On Jan. 29 and 30, play performances will again begin at 7 p.m. On Jan. 31, another matinee performance will begin at 2.

Tickets for the play will cost \$10. Tickets are available at the library and at the Chamber of Commerce. Call 231-679-4281 for more information. Proceeds from the fundraiser will support the library renovation project.

In another upcoming event, local writer Juli-Anne (Jessup) Sisung will be making an appearance at the library. Sisung is the author of the Family Saga Series, a set of books that currently consists of three historical novels:

Elephant in the Room, Angels in the Corner, and Light in the Forest. The fourth will be finished soon. Sisung will appear at the library Tuesday, Jan. 19, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

The series begins in 1890 during the lumber boom that transformed Hersey and follows a single family through time. With Harley the philosophical hobo, Verna, the cussing, moonshine drinking woman and animals that communicate, Kate battles 19th and early 20th century conventions. They are about changing relationships, family and love.

Born in Big Rapids, Sisung moved to Hersey, a place that inspired her novels, while a child.

Hersey “was a wonderful place to be young,” Sisung said.

Writing has been an important part of her life. She began the first book when she was sixteen and living in Reed City.

She has a Master of Arts in English and a Doctorate of Education in curriculum design. She loves her family, cats, scuba, skydiving, and making music.

Sisung will talk about her personal writing process and discuss her first book, Elephant in the Room. The book follows young girl named Kate during the Hersey lumber boom.

Books will be available for purchase during her appearance.