**LibraryWise: News and Notes from the Greenwood Reading Center**

The big day is almost here! Just two days until Greenwood Community Day; two days to prepare our booth and be ready . . . so much to do! Hopefully, we’ll see you on Saturday between 8 and 4. Don’t have a library card? It’s the perfect time to sign up for one.

Have you ever wondered how a book is discarded from our collection? First, we ‘check it out’ on the computer to ‘Discard,’ who will never return anything checked out. After that comes the degradation of the physical. Every stamp that says ‘Greenwood Reading Center, Greenwood, NY’ and the identification number are crossed out with permanent, black ink, replaced with one that says ‘DISCARD’. The discarded book loses everything that identifies it with our library; Date-Due slip, pocket and card, stamps, number, everything! It’s a terrible time for any book. Thankfully, you can rescue some of these displaced refugees at our booth on Saturday! There are many books available for adoption, and all donations will be used to better our collection.

Did you know that the word ‘August’ means ‘respected and impressive?’ The month of August has a lot of respected author birthdays! Here are but a few of the rather impressive list: Herman Melville (August 1, 1819) wrote *Moby Dick*, which explores the devastation that obsession and hatred can take not only on a person, but everyone around him; H.P. Lovecraft (August 20, 1890) is widely known for his special brand of Gothic Horror. Lovecraftian horror inspired many of the monsters in the popular tabletop gaming system Dungeons & Dragons. Alfred, Lord Tennyson (August 6, 1809) penned the famous poem, *Charge of the Light Brigade*, which highlights the breakdown between British nobility and the commoners who followed their orders on the battlefield. Garrison Keillor (August 7, 1942) was a humorist who wrote the wildly funny *Lake Wobegon* series. Last, but certainly not least is Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley (August 30, 1797). She is famous for her book *Frankenstein; or The Modern Prometheus* and is widely considered to have written the very first sci-fi horror novel.

Upcoming events: Check out our booth at Greenwood Community Day on August 16th from 8:00 until 4:00pm! The next board- meeting is scheduled for August 18 at 7:00 in the library. Don’t forget the Mystery Meal on the 28th at noon in the Community of Christ church!

FAQs: Our hours are Monday 2:00-7:00pm, Tuesday and Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm, Wednesday 11:00am to 4:00pm. Homework Helpdesk is on Mondays. We have free internet use via Wi-Fi or public-use computers, fax capabilities and can make copies for a small charge. Yes, you can find us on Facebook! Contact us at (607) 225-4553 or [greenwoodreadingcenter@gmail.com](mailto:greenwoodreadingcenter@gmail.com). Visit us on the web at: greenwood.stls.org