What if you could check out an heirloom vegetable cookbook while you shop at the Eau Claire Downtown Farmers Market? Or learn to use your tablet or smartphone to access free e-books, audiobooks, and music while enjoying a breeze at the Chippewa River? The library has made that a reality with our new BookBike service.

The BookBike is a custom-built trailer pulled by a bicycle and holds about 100 items. Customers can check out materials, sign up for a library card, ask reference questions, learn to download digital content and so much more. The BookBike is only the second book bike service in Wisconsin.

Unfortunately, there are a variety of reasons that make getting to the library difficult for many. “Whether it is parking or just a busy schedule that makes library visits difficult, getting the BookBike service into the city where people are already gathering will make it easier for folks to use the library and also for library staff to assess what the community wants from its library,” says Programming and Communications Services Manager, Isa Small.

Funding for the BookBike was provided by the library’s endowment fund. Established in 2002, the library fund is on target to reach its next goal of $500,000 by 2017; current assets in the fund are over $420,000. For more information, or to donate, visit www.ecpubliclibrary.info/donation-to-the-library/.
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**New Library Staff**

**Jamie Claudio**

A new library van driver can be seen around town in our snazzy library van! Over the years we have had many different drivers going out to nursing homes and other facilities about 9 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. Now it is Jamie. She also gets up in the wee hours of the morning to empty all the book drops you see around town.

**Maria Baroni**

I am privileged to be working as the new administrative coordinator for the Friends of the Library. My husband, three small boys, and I moved here from California three years ago and we absolutely love it. It has been a good experience to take my background in alumni relations and continue working with volunteers in a library environment. I have always loved reading and going to the library, but it was mostly just to check out books. I had no idea so much existed beyond the shelves! One of the programs that I have discovered since working as the administrative coordinator was Home Delivery. What a wonderful service! I am so grateful that we have volunteers that take the time to bring the library to those who are not able to come and visit. I look forward to being a part of the library’s continued growth and success and helping out with all the programs, including Home Delivery, when I can.

**Susan DeBolt**

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**WANDA H.** grew up near Stanley, Wisconsin and attended a country school which didn’t have very many books. She says she probably read most of them multiple times. Wanda doesn’t remember much about her high school library, but she recalls reading anything she could get her hands on at the public library. She loves historical fiction best now, especially the WWII era which is closer to her time. Wanda heard about Home Delivery in the “Senior Review,” and has been on the program since October 2015. We are glad you are with us!

**ROSE F.** hails from the Elk Mound area. She attended Fall City State Grade School and the Dunn County School of Agriculture and Domestic Economy during her high school years. Reading became an important part of Rose’s life after she was married and became a mother. Books saw her through her pregnancies. Rose moved back to this area in 2003 and joined the Library Books By Mail (LBBM) program. When LBBM was discontinued, she joined Home Delivery and has been with us ever since. Rose says she likes the personal contact we provide and enjoys visiting with Leah who is her delivery volunteer. This Home Delivery Coordinator was happy to hear “I rarely get a book I don’t enjoy.” Thank you, Rose!

**CYNDE E.** grew up in Michigan. She has always liked to read. Even when she was a young child, she read “everything I could get my hands on!” She likes libraries, but prefers reading in the privacy of home. She enjoys books about people the most, especially biographies about political figures. We are happy to oblige, and hope you enjoy them!

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**CLASSIC QUOTES CRYPTOGRAM**

From Harper Lee’s *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The theme is “Summertime.”

*Solution is on the back page.* →

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Summer Fun

The library is having a busy summer so far, and Home Delivery is no exception! A few of you are participating in the summer reading contest “Camp Read-Away.” To date there are over 300 people who have entered. If you want to join in, please call 715-839-4857 or e-mail kathyh@eauclaire.lib.wi.us. You have through August 15 to read books for the contest. For every 3 books you read or listen to, someone will toss a bean bag for you. No book reports are required. If the bag goes into a hole you win a book. If the bag misses the hole, but stays on the board, you win a piece of chocolate. If the bag slides off the board onto the floor or misses it completely you will still receive a bookmark.

Facts & Figures

Is there an “average” Home Delivery participant? I was curious, and since we haven’t done a survey in a long time, I asked Rachelle at the Reference desk to help me find out. She tallied all of you up and discovered our average Home Delivery customer is a woman age 79. Customers range from 8 years old to 99 years young!

Since June 1, four new customers have been added to Home Delivery. Sadly, we also lost some of our Home Delivery friends who passed away, moved, or simply chose to leave the program. You are all important to us and we want the library and reading to remain a special part of your lives!

—Kathy Herfel, Home Delivery Coordinator

Cryptogram Solution

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