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Quarterly Newsletter of the Environmental Defenders
of McHenry County

HELLO FROM YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Hello! I am Carolyn Bendel. I want to thank the Defenders for welcoming me as the new Executive Director. I am so excited to be a part of this inspiring organization!

Throughout my career as a project/program manager, educator and art administrator, I've had the great fortune to work on some truly inspiring projects, while meeting many influential and creative individuals along the way. I am a creative, critical thinker who is dedicated to a life that is socially and environmentally conscious.

I have worked in Chicago and Denver on many amazing projects in diverse communities. One of my favorite projects that I managed was the Chicago Tree Project – turning dead and dying trees into art throughout city parks. Most of the trees that we used in the project were Ash trees plagued with the Emerald Borer, and trees dying from other environmental causes. I was recently active in fighting against a large hog CAFO (concentrated animal feeding operation) that would damage the special Karst geology and watershed in the Driftless area of southwest Wisconsin. I have enjoyed so many community engagement projects and look forward to many more with the Defenders. (Cont.)

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HELLO FROM ED CONT.

I grew up in Barrington, IL and currently live in Crystal Lake with my 8-year-old daughter, near most of my family. I have a Master's Degree in Visual Art/Theory from Washington University in St. Louis and a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Tennessee in Ceramics/Art History

I am so thankful for this opportunity to collaborate and defend our communities with you!

ANNUAL DINNER & MEMBERSHIP MEETING - SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

After a very successful back-in-person 2022 Annual Dinner featuring Tom Skilling, we have decided to change things up a bit this coming year. We are excited to announce this year's event will be at a new (and old) location, Hickory Hall in Crystal Lake! We are hoping to have more space to spread out at this venue, while experiencing something new, as Hickory Hall has been significantly renovated since the Defenders last held our Annual Meeting there several years ago. Here's a bit more about our 2023 meeting:

DATE: Sunday, March 5, 2023

TIME: 4PM to 7PM

COST: \$50 per member; \$60 per non-member; table sponsorship available.

LOCATION: Hickory Hall, 406 W Woodstock St, Crystal Lake, IL

KEYNOTE SPEAKER JOHN H. GIORDANENGO

AUTHOR, *ECOSYSTEMS AS MODELS FOR RESTORING OUR ECONOMIES*



"Giordanengo began building his career in ecological restoration throughout the Western US in 1996, but his dedication to conservation goes back further. While studying business in the eighties, John became intrigued by a universal challenge: preserving earth's ecosystems while meeting humanity's economic needs. Inspired by the growing protests against globalization, and then the 2007 Great Recession, he began the research and writing of *Ecosystems as Models for Restoring our Economies*. This work integrates 30 years of experience in ecology, business, and economics, which indicates that the core drivers of the health and resilience of ecosystems also govern our economies. After sharing his experience in ecological restoration with hundreds of audiences across the Americas, John now turns to a deeper passion—shedding light on our shared knowledge of economic restoration."

You'll also be able to meet our new Executive Director, Carolyn at the event. So, please save the date and we'll all look forward to gathering in person at a new location for this special annual event. Invitations with RSVP will be mailed soon. Until then, Happy New Year!

AWARD NOMINATION INFO

Every year we award individuals and groups to recognize them for their contributions. Please email your nominations for our 2022 awards to: defendersdirector@gmail.com by February 8.

- The Theta Award honors an individual or group who has shown an outstanding commitment to improving the health of McHenry County's land, water and air.
- The Government/Organization Award is given to a McHenry County governmental group or organization that has made a significant contribution to environmental protection in McHenry County during the past year.
- The Volunteer Award is for The Defenders' member who has made a significant contribution to the good of the organization through their volunteer efforts during the past year.
- The Young Environmental Defender Award is for a Defenders' member under age 20 who has contributed most to environmental protection in the county in the past year.



Donations for annual meeting auctions needed!

BY MELANIE KORZUCHOWSKI

This is the third year the Environmental Defenders will be hosting a silent online auction for the Annual Meeting as one of their fundraising events. The proceeds will to be used to help maintain the office and staff. Donations for the auction and an on-site bag raffle are being accepted at the Defenders' Office in Woodstock now through February 10, 2023.

Online auction donation ideas:

Consumables: handmade soap or toiletries, note cards, candy, non-perishable foods, movie tickets, wine or beer, gift certificates to restaurants or for handmade or locally made food items, house or garden plants, etc.

Art/craft objects: custom-made items i.e. jewelry, hats, mittens, scarves; unique artwork; etc.

Service offers: an hour of general labor, an hour of brush clearing, a couple hours of garlic mustard pulling, guided hikes in private natural areas, plant identification, garden/yard design, a van or truck load of goods hauled to the Defenders Use It Again sale in June, general sewing repair (buttons, zippers, etc.), review of a will, or offer a one-hour consultation in your area of expertise.

Other items that bid well: themed gift baskets, dog and cat items including food and toys, surprise items.

The final deadline for descriptions of the offered services or the items to be dropped off in the office is February 10, 2023. The online auction takes more preparation as the items must be photographed and uploaded into the internet program, so the sooner you get information turned in, the better!

The bag raffle is for those attending the annual meeting in person and may include perishable consumables. These items must go home with the winners on the same day as the event! Pictures and/or descriptions of the perishable items for the bag raffle must also be submitted by the February 10 deadline so raffle bags may be prepared. Surprise items may be pulled from the online auction donations to add to the in-person fun!

On-site bag raffle donation ideas:

Homemade baked goods (cake, pies, bread, etc.) eggs, "Fabulous Hot Fudge", etc.

Photos and/or descriptions of perishable items can be sent by email to Anne Basten at Basten1@sbcglobal.net by February 10, 2023. Perishable items cannot be brought to the office. They must be taken to the March 5, 2023 Annual Meeting.

Must haves for ALL donations:

Your contact information (name, phone, and email), a minimum price to start the auction, the approximate value, and an expiration date for services offered.

All donations are greatly appreciated! It is possible that your donation will be combined with other donations or may not be used at this event. The Defenders' Fundraising Committee may determine another way for your items or skills to benefit the organization.

There will also be TWO (2) 50/50 raffles at the March 5, 2023 Annual Meeting in addition to the auction and bag raffle! One will be online for those who cannot attend the meeting and one will be in person at the annual meeting. Join online and in person to increase your chances of winning!

Questions? Call Anne Basten at 815-382-7741 and leave a message. She will call you back.



THE GREEN BOOKSTORES' WINTER UPDATE

BY PAM JOHNSON

After a challenging summer of water leaks and carpet replacement, there were even more big changes in store for the bookstores this fall. In October, co-manager Sue Jensen began a new job working with the FoodShed co-op. She is still involved with the fundraising committee and as a bookstore volunteer, and will continue to help out at different events. We wish her success and happiness in her new position!

In December, Fundraising Committee member and Green Read volunteer Diane Greenman accepted an offer by the Board to fill the position of Assistant Manager of the bookstores. A retired elementary school teacher, Diane has also been instrumental in helping organize and run the Big Fall Book Sale for the last several years. Welcome aboard, Diane!

The bookstores participated in a number of events this past fall. After the Big Fall Book Sale ended, a "Fallway" sale was set up for the remaining several weeks in October in the hallway outside of The Green Spot. Hundreds of trick-or-treaters came out for the Halloween Handout on October 31st in Downtown Crystal Lake. The "Green" bookstores had a booth for the first time at the Green Living Expo at MCC on November 5th. Over 40 businesses in Woodstock, including The Green Spot, participated in the "Legend of the Pickle" holiday ornament scavenger hunt in November and December.

At the time of this writing, we are looking for volunteers who would be able to fill two open shifts at The Green Spot: Mondays from 11am-4pm and Wednesdays from 1:30pm - 4pm. If you would like to help but can't commit to a set schedule, there are several opportunities as well. We are in need of a volunteer or volunteers who are able to occasionally take boxes of unsellable books to the paper recycling bins at the Woodstock Library. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please email thegreenreadbookstores@gmail.com.

Reflecting on all the events, changes, and improvements of 2022, one thing becomes very apparent: the bookstores would not be the wonderful places they are without the help of all the fantastic volunteers who help run them. From sorting incoming donations to shelving new arrivals, from tidying up shelves to pricing new merchandise, the bookstores are definitely a team effort! And based on the glowing comments we have received from many of our customers, the effort has paid off in spades. So thank you so very very much for all your hard work in 2022, and we look forward to an exciting year of working with you again in 2023!



Scholarship Application Period OPEN

The Environmental Defenders is proud to offer up to three scholarships to deserving McHenry County high school seniors who plan to move forward in college with educational pursuits in the areas of environment, sustainability or conservation. We are excited to share that in 2023 and beyond our scholarships will be doubled to \$2,000 per scholarship thanks to a generous donation from a Defenders' member. Applications from interested seniors who qualify are available at the office for pick-up or on our website: <https://mcdef.org/scholarship-and-internships/>. Scholarship applications are reviewed by a committee of our Outreach Action Team and announced prior to senior award ceremonies, whenever possible. Please share this scholarship opportunity with high school seniors in your life! Application due date: April 1, 2023.

PADDLE THE KISH END-OF-YEAR WRAP UP

BY PAT LAWLOR

Paddle the Kish in Marengo is a special project of the Environmental Defenders as of 2021. Many volunteers have helped clear the Kishwaukee of treefalls and debris to make paddling safer and more enjoyable. The group also establishes and builds new launches for paddlers to use. Fourteen volunteers have worked tirelessly, sometimes on a day off or a vacation day, to help in this mission.

Here are some of the activities involved in clearing the Kish:



BRAD WYCH OF UNION IS PREPARING TO STEP INTO THE KISH TO CUT UP A TREE. ALL VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE THEIR OWN EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY WEAR, AS WELL AS GAS AND OIL FOR THEIR SAWS. THE CHAINSAWS HAVE DEVISED A WAY OF USING VEGETABLE OIL AS A CHAIN LUBRICANT INSTEAD OF PETROLEUM. PETROLEUM IS ACTUALLY OUTLAWED IN THE EU FOR USE IN RIVERS AND STREAMS TO REDUCE POLLUTION.



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THIS IS GARY THRALL OF MARENGO WORKING ON A TREEFALL WITH HIS CHAINSAW READY TO GO. BESIDES THE DANGER OF THE CHAINSAW, VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO USUALLY STANDING IN A FLOWING RIVER OF VARIOUS HEIGHTS. STEPPING ACROSS A RIVER IS HAZARDOUS BECAUSE OF THE UNEXPECTED UNEVEN BOTTOM



SOMETIMES THE TEAM APPROACH IS THE BEST. THIS IS MIKE CHURCH, FORMERLY OF CRYSTAL LAKE, GARY AND RAY MZOCKOWSKI OF HARVARD CONSULTING AND WORKING TOGETHER TO CLEAR OUT THIS TREEFALL.



RAY IS FAMOUS FOR THE PLUME HE PROJECTS BEHIND HIS LONG-BLADED CHAINSAW. WHO SAYS SAWS CAN'T GET WET?



GEORGE SZYMANSKI OF MARENGO WORKING WITH RAY TO TAKE DOWN 2 GIANT DEAD TREES THAT WERE SLAMMED AGAINST THE N UNION RD BRIDGE BY THE JULY 4 STORM. THE STORM SURGE ON OUR SECTION OF THE KISH WAS ABOUT 5 FEET AT THE HEIGHT FOR ABOUT A WEEK.

SENSIBLE SALTING AT HOME

BY SCOTT KUYKENDALL, MCHENRY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES SPECIALIST

Winter weather in McHenry County can produce significant amounts of snow and ice that lead to dangerous conditions on our roads, parking lots, driveways and sidewalks. To maintain safety, the snow and ice needs to be managed. Among the most frequently used tools are roadsalt and other deicing chemicals. Although these can be effective tools, people rarely stop to think how these toxic chemicals impact the environment and their overapplication has become commonplace. Excess deicer, beyond what is actually needed to provide safety, is waste that provides absolutely no benefit but comes at great environmental and economic cost.

Most deicing materials contain chloride which is highly soluble in water. As snow melts or rain dissolves all the residual material, these chlorides pollute our waterways or infiltrate through the soil and contaminate our groundwater. To put it into perspective, one teaspoon of salt will permanently contaminate 5-gallons of water. Once dissolved into water, there is no practical way to remove it. It is important to understand that there is no such thing as an “environmentally friendly” deicer. All deicers have an environmental impact. Despite the marketing claims on deicing products, the only “environmentally friendly” deicer is a deicer that is not applied.

It is also important to understand what deicing chemicals are commonly available and when they should be used. Sodium chloride for instance, commonly referred to as roadsalt, is the least expensive and most used deicer but it only works down to 15° F. Therefore, when temperatures drop below 15° F another type of deicer such as calcium chloride (effective down to -25° F) or magnesium chloride (effective down to 0° F) should be used. Calcium magnesium acetate (CMA) is a non-chloride based deicer that is considered to be the least damaging for the environment and pets, but is only effective down to 20° F and is too expensive for use on a large scale like roadways and parking lots.

The amount of chemical deicer being applied to our paved surfaces is staggering. Every paved surface, whether it is a roadway, parking lot, driveway or sidewalk, is likely to be treated with salt. Since there is no viable alternative to chloride-based deicers, our best option is to make sure they are being used wisely. Fortunately, there are a lot of exciting actions being taken to reduce the volume of chemical deicers applied on roadways and parking lots. There are also many things we can be doing at home as well. These are often called Sensible Salting or Salt Smart practices that maintain safety while reducing pollution:

1. Physically remove as much snow and ice as possible before applying any chemicals. Only apply chemical deicers on ice...do not use chemical deicers to “melt off” snow.
2. Only apply what is needed...Twelve ounces of salt – about as much as would fill a coffee mug – is typically enough to treat a 20-foot driveway or about 10 squares of sidewalk.
3. Make sure to spread the material so it is broadly dispersed, avoiding clumps or piles. Each kernel of deicer will melt up to a 12-inch diameter of ice so there should be space between them. Consider using a mechanical hand spreader or push spreader that can help spread material broadly.

4. Use the right deicer for the temperature and conditions. Different deicing chemicals are only effective down to specific temperatures. At home it is also possible to use sand or some types of clean kitty litter instead of chemical deicers. Although these will not melt ice, they can improve safety by providing traction.

(Cont.)

4 Steps to Be Salt Smart

<p>1</p> <p>Shovel first. Clear all snow from driveways and sidewalks before it turns to ice.</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Size up. More salt does not mean more melting. A 12-ounce coffee mug of salt should be enough for 500 sq ft of driveway or about 10 sidewalk squares.</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Spread. Distribute salt evenly, not in clumps.</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>Switch. Rock salt stops working if the temperature is below 15 degrees. When temperatures drop that low, switch to a deicer formulated for colder temperatures.</p> 
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SENSIBLE SALTING CONT.

Remember, Sensible Salting or Salt Smart practices are not about reducing safety...they are about using deicers responsibly. There are times that the application of deicers will be necessary to maintain safety in winter. The important thing is to understand what you are putting into the environment and applying the material wisely.

For more information please visit [saltsmart.org](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=brdbFDISVzo) which provides excellent information for families, businesses and others interested in reducing pollution from deicers. You can also watch presentations from the Environmental Defenders November Talk and Tour workshop that focused on Sensible Salting. The program featured excellent presentations by Scott Kuykendall, the County's Water Resources Specialist; Jennifer Hammer who manages the Saltsmart.org program; and John Langton, co-owner of the Langton Group, that has successfully adopted Sensible Salting into their business.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=brdbFDISVzo>

UPDATE ON MCHENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (MCSEEP)

BY PAM KING

The next three months will be a very busy time for our MCSEEP educators. In January through March, we will be bringing our environmental programs to at least thirteen different schools throughout McHenry County reaching at least 3,000 students and their families. This spring we are eagerly anticipating the return of the Groundwater Festival.

Our Environmental Educators are the foundation of our program. Their enthusiasm, knowledge, love for students and the environment gives the impact to our mission of Inspiring Awareness to Empower Action. This month we will be spotlighting Gigi Carlson.

Gigi Carlson has been an educator in McHenry County for over 30 years. After retiring in June of 2020 from the Woodstock school district, she served as the Director of MCSEEP for the next two years. In this role, she guided the organization through two years of pandemic education. MCSEEP is still an active and thriving organization because of her tireless work and creative problem solving. Gigi stepped back from her role as director in September of this year to focus on her family. However, she agreed to stay on as Environmental Educator.

Gigi continues to help develop minds to see the importance of their interconnectedness to everything on the planet. "It's not hard to care when you are aware" is her mantra. When asked why she continues with this work Gigi answered: "As a wife, mother and grandmother...it important to me that we have a safe, recovering, biodiverse, environmentally stable planet for all." She urges all of us to stay in the struggle because it is worth the effort.

Gigi lives in Woodstock with husband and a cat with a big personality. She enjoys being outside with her friends, especially kayaking, visiting her granddaughter, and using her creative expertise to create works of art.



GIGI HELPS STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT MONARCH CATERPILLARS AND THEIR MIGRATION 2021



ABOVE: GIGI IN HER KAYAK 2022
LEFT: GIGI HELPS STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT ROCKS AND MINERALS.

ONION PUB MEET UP & FUNDRAISER

In October, we were honored to be selected as the recipients of \$1 for every pint sold on Wednesdays at the Wild Onion Brewery and Banquets. They raised over \$500 for us and we are so appreciative! We also held a get-together at the pub, and had over fifteen people join us for fun, food and drinks. Thank you Wild Onion and everyone who joined us.



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL GREEN LIVING EXPO

McHenry County College held another very successful Green Living Expo in November of 2022. The Defenders had multiple tables at the event to represent the organization as a whole, the bookstores and our various action teams and coalitions. We also had a recycling relay game and Styrofoam recycling quiz. We gained twelve new member households at the event, a new record! Thank you to the volunteers who represented the Defenders at this important event!



DID YOU KNOW THAT MCHENRY COUNTY IS ONE OF THE DIRTY DOZEN?

BY JESSICA BEVERLY

According to a May 2022 report released by the Respiratory Health Association, McHenry County is one of the “dirty dozen” communities surrounding Cook County that experiences very poor air quality due to diesel emissions.

During a Listen, Lead, Share session hosted by the Green Drinks Committee on November 2, 2022, participants learned about the disparate impacts that diesel pollution has on our community and shared their experiences living close to diesel pollution. Many recent studies have proven that chronic exposure to diesel pollution leads to increased asthma attacks, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), strokes, and even heart attacks. There are several policy levers the state can employ to reduce our risks of serious diseases including the passage of the Advanced Clean Truck Rule and Heavy Duty Truck Omnibus rules employed by many other states.

Through a generous grant we received from the Respiratory Health Association, the Defenders were able to purchase four Purple Air Monitors. These monitors will help interested businesses, homeowners, and schools measure the air quality in their immediate area using the data collected. If you are interested in learning more, or hosting an air quality monitor on your property, please contact Jessica Beverly at JessDBeverly@gmail.com.

Stay tuned for two more Listen, Lead, Share sessions in 2023 to be announced in our weekly E-News and keep an eye out in your inbox for steps you can take to tell the governor to clean up our air.



Another Successful Open House

We had another successful Members' Open House in 2022! Members enjoyed a fun-filled night together full of food, wine and good company. MCSEEP played games and showed off their space, we had a raffle with three prizes to choose from, gift bags for our volunteers, and were honored to have the Atrocious Poets on site to write our members poems on the spot for \$5. Additionally, everyone was so excited to be able to meet our new Executive Director Carolyn Bendel at the event.



COLLABORATION AT TRIANGLE PRAIRIE

By Nancy Schietzelt

Triangle Prairie, located at the corner of Hwy 14 and Lake Avenue in Woodstock, benefited from a great partnership in 2022 between the Environmental Defenders, the Woodstock Rotary, and the City of Woodstock. In the spring, the Rotary presented a grant to the Defenders which allowed us to purchase approximately 400 plugs of native prairie plants as well as native grass seeds. A large group of volunteers planted these in the area where we have been removing boxelder trees at the southeast end of the prairie. This is a wet area, so lots of blue iris were planted there as well as some other moisture tolerant species. Then during the summer, the Rotary presented a bench to the City of Woodstock as a gift. The city's Public Works Department then joined in and installed the bench along with a sign donated by the Defenders explaining the need for restoring prairies to increase habitat for pollinators such as butterflies, bees, and birds. The bench and sign are located between the bike path and the prairie where walkers and bikers can rest a bit and learn about these pollinators and the restoration work at the prairie. Our Water and Natural Resources Protection Action Team will begin holding monthly restoration workdays at the prairie in January, so please watch for the email notices you receive on Wednesdays and join us as we work to remove invasive species and make this prairie even more beautiful than it was in 2022!



DEFENDERS THANK MCHENRY COUNTY ENTITIES FOR SIGNING THE MAYORS MONARCH PLEDGE

BY CINDY SKRUKRUD

Water & Natural Resources Protection Action Team volunteers, along with our partnering organizations, were busy this fall thanking the McHenry County entities that signed the Mayors' Monarch Pledge (MMP). In 2022, a whopping 25% of the Illinois signers of the pledge were from McHenry County! Defenders Communications and Membership Specialist Destiny Seaton designed a beautiful certificate that volunteers presented to mayors, village boards and environmental commissions. The volunteers thanked them for their pledges, reminded them to get their 2022 reports in and requested that they pledge again for 2023. The MMP pledge period for 2023 is open until March 31, 2023.



*Thank You
to these local
signers of the
Mayors
Monarch Pledge!*



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Union
Wonder Lake
Woodstock

FRIDAY BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TALKS AND TOURS* UPDATE

BY CINDY SKRUKRUD

The Water & Natural Resources Protection Action Team and the McHenry County Department of Planning and Development have completed their first year of Friday BMP Talks and Tours.* These events showcased some of the exciting Best Management Practices (BMPs)* being implemented in McHenry County. Videos of most of the six 2022 Talks and Tours can be found at tinyurl.com/FridayBMPTours. The Team is looking forward to hosting this program again in 2023 during the months of April to November.

*The term 'Best Management Practices', or BMPs, was coined as a way to describe state-of-the-art practices implemented to protect and maintain the integrity of nature resources and promote conservation of land, water and energy.

-A BMP can be a structural "thing" that you actually install on-the-ground. Examples include stormwater treatment trains, rain gardens, energy-saving buildings, etc.

-A BMP can also be part of the "process" that you use to plan, design, construct and conduct your operations. Examples include energy conservation measures, conservation design for developments and practices such as sensible road salting programs.

The events are held Friday afternoons, to make attending them convenient for staff of municipalities, townships, school districts, park districts, libraries, schools and churches, as well as the general public.

To improve the resiliency of our communities and sustainably manage resources, it is becoming increasingly important to implement the BMPs* showcased in these workshops. Seeing these inspiring projects in action and learning from the experts how they can be successfully implemented is a way for communities or facilities save money and resources.

To be added to the email list for this series, fill out the form at <https://tinyurl.com/BMPTourSignup>.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS: READ MORE & JOIN A BOOK CLUB!

The two book clubs that meet at The Green Read are going strong! Our newest book club, Nature Nerds, focuses on fiction and nonfiction with environmental themes. Their meetings are on the 4th Thursday at 7pm but may not meet every month depending on the length of the book chosen. At the January 26 meeting the club will be discussing *One Square Inch of Silence* by Gordon Hempton. Upcoming selections are TBD; please check for updates in the Defenders' eNews and in the bookstores' monthly email newsletter.

The Green Readers are moving their meetings back to the first Thursday of every month at 7pm starting on January 5. Their book selections for 2023 were chosen by the members at the December meeting.

January 5: *Dark Horse* by J.R. Rain

February 2: *The Uncommon Reader* by Alan Bennett

March 2: *Other Birds* by Sarah Addison Allen

April 6: *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

May 4: *Miracle Creek* by Angie Kim

June 1: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Annie Garmus

July 6: *A Map for the Missing* by Belinda Huijuan Tang

August 3: *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck

September 7: *The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat* by Edward Kelsy Moore

October 5 - *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan

November 2: *Mexican WhiteBoy* by Matt de la Peña

December 7: *The Gathering* by Anne Enright



For more information about either club or to receive meeting reminders, please email thegreenreadbookstore@gmail.com and indicate which book club(s) you are interested in. Happy reading in 2023!

"Books are the bees which carry the quickening pollen from one to another mind."
~ James Russell Lowell

Welcome New Defenders' Members!



Bruce & Donna Adams- Richmond

Mary Stevens- Island Lake

Michele Disselhorst- Crystal Lake

David & Jean Radford- Marengo

Bill Borden- McHenry

Kristin Chapman- Crystal Lake

James Christ- Crystal Lake

Julie Schultz- Richmond

Elly Flemming- Crystal Lake

Karen Hirschey- McHenry

Kaina Gonzalez- Woodstock

Gilberto Hernandez- Woodstock

Ruben Nazario- Woodstock

Jovan & Safiya Barnett- Richmond

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Linda Haman- Cary

Lori Dick-Reinker- Village of Lakewood

Kim Whitman- McHenry

Rick Latella- Woodstock

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

March

SUN 5 | Defenders' Annual Meeting

4pm - 7pm

Hickory Hall Crystal Lake

April

SAT 22 | Earth Day

Prairie View Education Center

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Recurring Events

FIRST WED OF EVERY MONTH | Green Drinks

Co-sponsored by The Environmental
Defenders & Duke's Alehouse & Kitchen
5pm - 7pm

In-person and virtually on Zoom
(Registration required)
Presentation begins at 6pm

FOURTH SUN OF EVERY MONTH | Sterne's Fen Restoration Work Day

9am - 11am

5617 Hillside Dr, Crystal Lake

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One of the easiest ways to donate to The Environmental Defenders is by contributing to EarthShare in your workplace charity campaign. Talk with your employer or contact the Environmental Defenders at 815-338-0393.

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