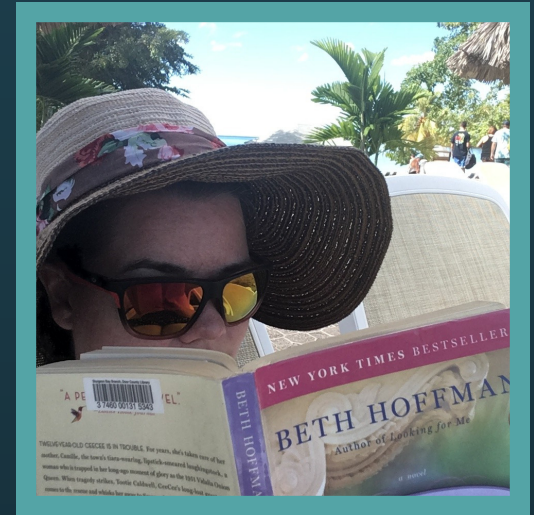


February 2019

WISL Librarian of the Month

TRACY OPPER

BAILEYS HARBOR BRANCH
DOOR COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BAILEYS HARBOR, WI



In how many libraries (large or small) have you worked?

Two, both in Door County: Sister Bay and Baileys Harbor.

What led you to small librarianship?

I love to help people! And it certainly doesn't hurt that I love books, movies and music!

What is your library pet peeve?

Patrons bringing books back wet.

What is the craziest job you've ever had?

I once counted blades of grass for the University of Minnesota.

What are you currently reading?

The Death and Life of the Great Lakes by Dan Egan; *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker; and *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio with my son.

What's your favorite food?

Popcorn! Plain or buttered, savory or sweet, I make all kinds!

Do you allow dogs in your library?

Service dogs.

What is your favorite book to recommend that no one else is recommending?

I would have said *Ready Player One*, but I think others are recommending that now. I like to get people out of their comfortable genres, recommending juvenile and young adult to the retired adults and introducing graphic novels to people who have never tried them.

Where did you go to college?

UW-Milwaukee and UW-Green Bay.

Do you live in the village that you serve?

No, but close. My first childhood home was a block from the library where I now work.

Book or eReader?

Book, but also eAudiobook.

What is the ickiest thing you've ever found in a library book or bathroom?

Pet nail trimmers used as a bookmark.

What kind of car do you drive to work?

Pontiac Aztec, often on the "Most Ugly Car" lists, but I love it!



February 2019

WISL Librarian of the Month

TRACY OPPER

CONTINUED

How many books came for you in your library's last delivery?

Me personally? 4.

Do you manage a book discussion group?

What are they currently reading?

Yes. We are doing two books for the Door County Read, *The Death and Life of the Great Lakes* by Dan Egan and *Wintering* by Peter Geye. Following it up in March with the somewhat lighter *Where'd You Go, Bernadette?* by Maria Semple

What was your favorite book as a child?

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White.

Do you live by a motto (or words of wisdom)?

"Be a Friend. Be a Bob!" a motto created by a family friend after the passing of my father who was known for his kindness, generosity and wit.

What's your favorite band of the 80's?

The Cure.

Favorite Names?

Willem and Cassandra

Do you have any pets?

Currently two wonderful cats: Bruce and Leroy.

What is the last movie you watched in a theater?

Bohemian Rhapsody.

What is the oldest condiment in your refrigerator?

Mustard.

Favorite pizza topping?

Cheese, cheese and more cheese.

Cocktail of choice?

Bacardi Limon and Coke.

Where is the furthest you've been from home?

Barcelona, Spain.

Who's your favorite hero of fiction?

Marvin the Paranoid Android.

What is your lowest depth of misery?

Unlimited free time but no books or friends around..

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Beach, palm trees and a great book.

