

A shush of librarians ready to answer your questions

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You know that a group of lions is called a pride, and many crows are called a murder. But did you know that many squid are called a squad? Or lots of jellyfish are called a smack? And that a gathering of horses and of seahorses are both called herds? There are collective nouns for people, too. We're well aware of our circle of friends, a class of pupils, and a team of athletes, but what of a sprig of vegetarians or a squeal of nieces. And what collective noun shall we choose for librarians? A stack? A folio? An answer? A shush!

We really don't care. Just call us!

We're here to help. We offer an array of resources, available in a variety of formats, even while we're all living through a pandemic. One of the new services we've launched is the FLW Book Match. It's an online Readers' Advisory resource you will find under Your Library at www.flwlib.org. Just fill out a brief form telling us what you like to read (or what you don't like to read), and the formats you like best (physical books, large type, ebooks, audiobooks). We will select titles and authors just for you based on your reading preferences. Of course, you can always call us, and we will do the same.

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These are just two of the many services your Shush of Librarians at Frank L. Weyenberg of Mequon-Thiensville has developed to serve the community amid a pandemic, services we'll continue long after the virus is but a memory.

We also recognize that reading isn't the only thing we're doing these days. Have a video game platform and no new games to play? Don't worry. Now you do. You can check out the latest games for PlayStation 4, Xbox One, and Nintendo Switch. Each game circulates for two weeks. That should be plenty of time to beat a game, right?

Looking for other entertainment? Check out the library's YouTube channel and Facebook page. Our Shush of Librarians won't ever shush you as we sing songs, tell stories, explore the garden, climb your family tree, or rock out at a virtual dance party. What's more, now that so many libraries offer online story times and activity demonstrations (even cooking!) you can see entertaining videos from near and far.

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