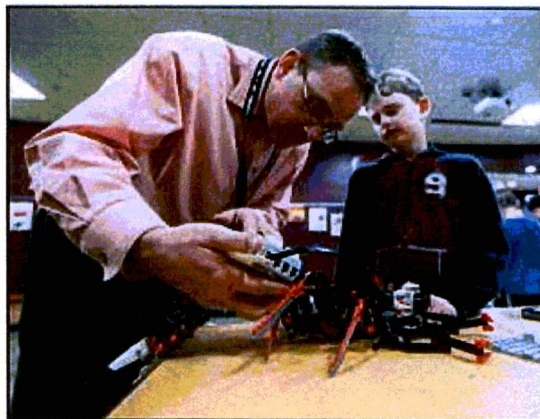


## LEGO the robots!



WAUKESHA — Eleven-year-old Noah Peck makes some tweaks to his robot during the LEGO Windstorms Robotics workshop at the Waukesha Public Library on Tuesday. Kids in grades 3-6 learned the basics of robotics in a non-competitive environment with LEGO Mindstorms kits provided by the library.

Kenny Yoo/Special to The Freeman



Chris Stuedevant helps out 10-year old Adam Match during the LEGO Windstorms Robotics workshop at the Waukesha Public Library on Tuesday.



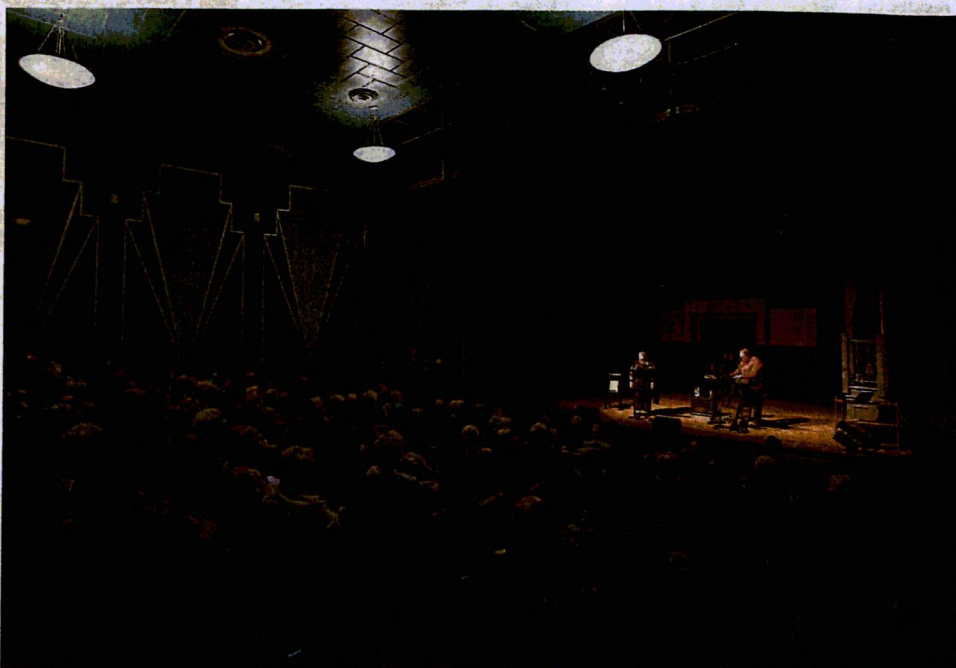
Eight-year-old Max Starr remotely controls his robot around the room.



# Getting a bead on reading in Waukesha



Candace Decker and Phil Smith perform as part of a Waukesha Reads program at the Waukesha Civic Theatre. C.T. KRUGER/NOW NEWS GROUP



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## **Book examines state connections to Cold War**

Waukesha librarian's book takes 'inside out' view

**By Brian Huber**

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WAUKESHA — When one thinks of the Cold War, many images easily come to mind: The Berlin Wall, and its fall after President Reagan's challenge to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to tear it down, Sputnik, missile silos, and, for some, nuclear drills.

But it was also the story of everyday men and women everywhere playing their roles in an international affair.

A new book, "Cold War Wisconsin" takes a look at Wisconsin's place in Cold War history, from the state's residents and workplaces, to events that happened here, such as the landing of a Sputnik satellite. But for every Svetlana Stalin Alliluyeva, the daughter of Soviet leader Josef Stalin who defected to the U.S. and settled in Wisconsin, there are thousands of common people, folks like John Van Altena, a teacher from Milton who helped a

family flee East Germany; for every George Kennan or Joe McCarthy there were thousands of workers at Amron and defense plants like it elsewhere.

Author Chris Sturdevant drew upon his many relationships built as chairman of the Midwest Chapter of the Cold War Museum in the stories told by those people, as well as historical information to craft "Cold War Wisconsin" over the course of about a year.

"Nobody has really sought to make a geographical, maybe more local collection, turning the Cold War inside out, basically. Again, it's just an accumulation of knowledge over the years and having a lot of substance to people I've met and I am very fortunate to have met them." The book starts with the beginnings of the Cold War, and looks at various figures in it with connections to Wisconsin, from George Kennan whose containment policy set up decades of international relations, to Eugene Hasenfus, the Marinette Marine shot down over Nicaragua as part of the Iran-Contra

affair. It also includes discussion of the USS Pueblo, built in Wisconsin and seized by the North Koreans, as well as the Nike missile systems that had surface-to-air missiles poised for use in Milwaukee, Waukesha, Cudahy, Hales Corners, Muskego and Lannon.

The book also touches on The Safe House, the Milwaukee spy-themed tavern, as well as Sturdevant's own travels to Cold War locales. As a runner with Team USA in masters level track, he has participated in events that allowed him to visit North Korea, Afghanistan and Chernobyl, to "check it out for myself, talk to people on the ground, get to know the culture," he said.

"I like to be there and see for my own eyes, and listen with my own ears and talk to people that are very intimate," he said. "I think it's very helpful to talk to people, get a face to face. The North Koreans, 'We're not demons,' and I kind of get the feeling they are just average people just trying to get by in the world. Same with Afghanistan, they just want peace, they just want to go about their lives, they want to be in control of their lives. They don't want the

government saying you can't do this and being overbearing on them. So it's nice to see that kind of person-to-person contact and just how beautiful and wonderful people are no matter where you're at in the world."

Still, at the international level, even as the post-Cold War world continues to sort itself out, Sturdevant said a constant then and now is a desire for dominance, whether it be Russia, the U.S., China or some other player.

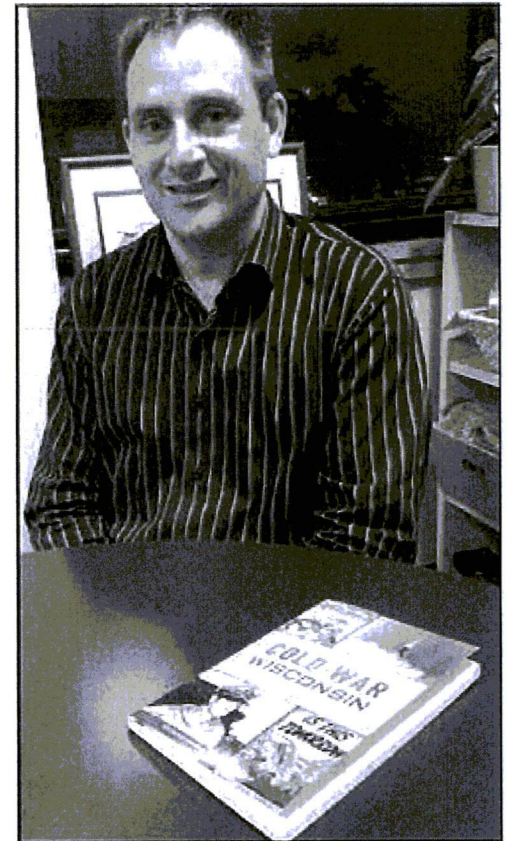
Another is the desire for people to feel secure. So it might be a misconception to think Nike bases were widely opposed, Sturdevant said. "They wanted that Nike site there, they wanted the missile base there. I mean they never acknowledged they were nuclear-tipped but there was some thought and there were rumors going around. ... But today you won't ever find that

attitude again. There's going to be some sort of organized probably protest against any military installation. So I think to let people

know military installations were welcome during the Cold War. And it was real. It was scary."

Sturdevant will remain busy. In March he will run in an event in Poland, where he will get to meet relatives of longtime friend and former Stasi prisoner Werner Juretzko as well as visit the shipyards of Gdansk where the Solidarity movement was born. There are also activities in the works to mark the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, itself an iconic moment born of the Cold War.

"You can't run out of things to talk about," he said.



Chris Sturdevant, a children's librarian at the Waukesha Public Library and chairman of the Midwest chapter of the Cold War Museum, details the state's many connections to the Cold War in "Cold War Wisconsin."

Brian Huber/Freeman Staff



## **Buyer beware**

Tips to help older adults avoid online scams this holiday season

**By Ashley Haynes**

11/21/18

WAUKESHA — It's the season of giving. A large portion of Americans are thinking of how they'll give back to their friends and family, which means there are also people looking to take advantage of their good intentions. As more and more holiday shopping is done online, older adults may have a difficult time spotting scams on the Internet.

Waukesha Police Department Detective Eileen Micklitz says there are a few simple tips that can help prevent a scammer from ruining your holiday season.

"The biggest online scams we see lately, which just seem to be rampant, is the pop-up computer virus scam," said Micklitz.

She explained the scam involves a box popping up on your computer that tells you it's been infected with a virus. The box then tells you to call a 1-800 number

to solve the issue and if you do call the number, it allows people access to your computer who can do harm. Micklitz says you should never call a 1-800 number if you get such a message, but take it to a reputable store like Best Buy to diagnose the issue.

"I had a guy who had the pop-up virus show up on his computer six months ago and so he paid \$900 to allow someone to have access to his computer," said Micklitz. "Six months later, he got a call, supposedly from the same company, saying 'we want to return your money, but you have to do this, this and this.' And \$14,500 later, this guy is out that amount of money."

Micklitz encouraged online shoppers to make sure they go to a reputable website and only provide credit card information over a secure connection, often noted by an "https" address in which the "s" means secure. Also look for a lock symbol near a web address.

She also cautioned against the holiday gift exchanges that are common on Facebook around this time of year, but says she hasn't seen any complaints on them so far.

Advertisements on Facebook that offer flash deals on items at a significantly reduced price should serve as a red flag for users.

## **Online safety tips**

The Better Business Bureau warns that since brick and mortar stores have been outfitted with chip card readers, scammers have shifted their efforts online.

Look-alike websites with web addresses that use the names of well-known brands are a common problem. Keep an eye out for web addresses that may include extra, unrelated words.

The BBB says fake shipping notifications can also pop up in your email that have attachments to links or sites that will download malware to your computer, allowing scammers to access personal information.

If you haven't purchased an item online, do not open a shipping notification for it.

Some common schemes this time of year also include social media gift exchanges, commonly circulated on Facebook.

They may sound like a good deal as you only buy and send out one gift and are promised 36 in return, but the BBB says these exchanges are just pyramid schemes — and illegal.

Overall, the BBB warns that shoppers should be wary of deals that sound too good to be true.

### **Brushing up on Internet skills**

If you aren't feeling confident about your Internet literacy skills, your local library may be the place to brush up on your knowledge. Several Waukesha County libraries offer techrelated classes and even allow for one-on-one appointments with a librarian.

"Our librarians are always willing to help, of course. No matter what library you go to, we're all trained

to help people find the information they need," said Jill Fuller, marketing and communications

librarian for the Bridges Library System.

Some of the most common areas librarians help with include setting up email, which is required for a lot of things online, using devices and downloading apps, and how to do basic Internet searches.

"There's just so much out there that it can get really overwhelming, especially for older adults who are not really used to the Internet world," said Fuller.

The Mukwonago Public Library also has "Tech Savvy" teenage tutors that volunteer their time to help older people understand different areas of technology. Fuller says teens are often the ones who understand technology the best and can easily explain it.

To find your local library and see what kind of tech resources are offered, visit <https://bridgeslibrarysystem.org/>.

### **Upcoming internet classes**

#### **Brookfield Public Library,**

1900 N. Calhoun Road — Advanced email class, 2 p.m. Nov. 27. Create and view attachments, use an address book, create groups 262-782-4140

#### **Mukwonago Public Library,**

511 Division St. — Computer classes, every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Learn computer basics including Microsoft Word, navigating Windows

and Cloud computing 262-363-6411 All librarians in the Bridges Library System are also trained to help people navigate the internet. To set up find your local library and set up an appointment, visit <https://bridgeslibrarysystem.org/>.



### **The library is a place of helpers**

#### **Facilities collect donations for communities**

Mr. Fred Rogers told a story several times throughout his life that many people have been repeating lately: "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'" It certainly looks scary out there right now, and the bonds of community and neighborliness can seem more unstable than ever. But at the public library, the helpers can be found everywhere you turn, and I'm not just talking about the librarians. I'm talking about the people who volunteer their time, support their library with their voice and vote, and help the library respond to community needs. The people who donate time, money, and materials to help others. People of all ages and backgrounds. People just like you.

Don't believe me? Let me show you some of the ways Waukesha County libraries and their patrons have used library space and services to aid their communities this year.

Many libraries collect food for local food pantries through a popular program called Food for Fines. The Alice Baker Library in Eagle, New Berlin Public Library, and Waukesha Public Library have all

offered this program in recent months. At the Waukesha Public Library, people donated over 1,168 pounds of food for the Food Pantry of Waukesha County in October; in response, the library waived \$4,002 in fines. With cold weather coming, the Muskego Public Library participated in PBS's Mittens and More drive, and library patrons donated 50 mittens, hats, and scarves for residents of southeastern Wisconsin. They didn't forget furry friends as well; this spring, the library's crochet group created fleece blankets for pets at a Milwaukee animal shelter.

From April through September, the Menomonee Falls Public Library served as a collection point for a local Click for Babies campaign, which spreads awareness of infant abuse and shaken baby syndrome by providing parents with handmade hats and information on infant crying. Library patrons, as well as area knitting and crochet groups, created and donated hats and yarn for the program. This year, the library collected 558 hats from the community; a Click for Babies campaign coordinator for Wisconsin commented that it was the largest collection of hats ever gathered from one site. Finally, library volunteers such as Friends of the Library groups, technology tutors, reading buddies, and others provide valuable services

to Waukesha County residents every day.

All public libraries are invested in the growth and success of their communities, and committed to addressing residents' needs, but the people who come in our doors are the ones who help us make that difference as they demonstrate the power of community to heal and strengthen others. It is truly a community effort, one that reaches far beyond the walls of the library.

As the holidays approach, I encourage you to look for the helpers around you and consider finding ways you can serve your community at your local library. It is imperative that we not only find the helpers, but strive to be the helpers as well. When we do, we make the encouraging discovery that small actions can lead to positive change. After all, at the library, we are all one another's neighbor.

*(Jill Fuller is the coordinator of Marketing & Communications for Bridges Library System.)*



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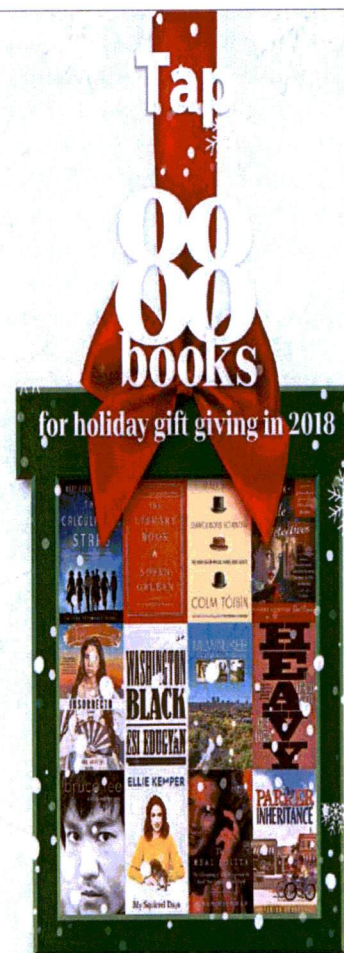
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## Books

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gle. A two-volume, eight-novel collection that begins with the classic "A Wrinkle in Time" and includes L'Engle's other works about Meg Murry O'Keefe, her siblings and her daughter Polly. A stunning gift set for readers of children's literature.

**"The Library Book"** (Simon & Schuster), by Susan Orlean. The New Yorker writer revisits the 1986 fire that gutted the Los Angeles Public Library, consuming or damaging more than a million volumes. Orlean explores how librarians and the community responded to the disaster, including novel techniques devised to save some wounded books. She also probes the mystery of who started the fire.

**"Mad, Bad, Dangerous to Know: The Fathers of Wilde, Yeats, and Joyce"** (Scribner), by Colm Toibin. Irish novelist and essayist Toibin ("Brooklyn") explores how the troublesome fathers of three great Irish writers affected their sons — and how they turn up in their sons' writings.

**"My Sister, the Serial Killer"** (Doubleday), by Oyinkan Braithwaite. In this bitterly comic novel, an uptight nurse in Lagos keeps bailing out her gorgeous younger sister, whose strategy for breaking up with boyfriends seems to involve a large knife.

**"1,000 Books to Read Before You Die: A Life-Changing List"** (Workman), by James Mustich. A friendly tip sheet: Mustich imagines the books he would stock in a shop that had room for exactly 1,000 different titles.

**"There There"** (Knopf), by Tommy Orange. In Orange's unflinching novel, a dozen urban Native Americans converge on the Big Oakland Powwow on a day when violence will occur.

**"Thomas Cromwell: A Revolutionary Life"** (Viking), by Diarmaid MacCulloch. A detailed biography of Henry VIII's chief minister, a major figure in England's version of the Reformation.

Fine fiction

**"Ball Lightning"** (Tor), by Cixin Liu. In Liu's novel, a young Chinese scientist whose parents were killed by ball lightning devotes his life to

**"Unlearning God: How Unbelieving Helped Me Believe"** (Convergent), by Philip Gulley. A veteran Quaker pastor shares his spiritual journey, particularly what he has learned through questioning his own assumptions and received ideas.

**"The Warner Boys: Our Family's Story of Autism and Hope"** (Little A), by Ana and Curt Warner. A former Seattle Seahawks running back and his spouse share the family journey of raising twin sons on the autism spectrum. Publishes Dec. 1.

**"Well-Read Black Girl: Finding Our Stories, Discovering Ourselves"** (Ballantine), edited by Glory Edim. Jesmyn Ward, Tayari Jones, Gabourey Sidibe, Lynn Nottage share early reading experiences and authors who mattered to them. A handy appendix lists all the books mentioned in this book.

Milwaukee and Wisconsin connections

**"Cold War Wisconsin"** (The History Press), by Christopher Sturdevant. Wisconsin had a large role in the era of nuclear terror and Red scares. Sturdevant's topics include Sen. Joseph McCarthy, Stalin's daughter (who settled here), the seizure of the USS Pueblo (a ship built in Kewaunee), and Milwaukee's legendary Safe House.

**"Face Your Fears"** (CreateSpace), by Bill Mathis. A coming-of-age novel that intertwines the stories of two gay men, one of whom has cerebral palsy. Mathis is a Beloit writer.

**"From the Emerald Isle to the Cream City: A History of the Irish in Milwaukee"** (Everything Goes Media), by Carl Baehr. Dozens of bite-size articles on both expected subjects (the Lady Elgin disaster, Tory Hill and Merrill Park) and topics that might surprise you (the rescue of Joshua Glover, the founding of the American League).

**"Gus Dorais: Gridiron Innovator, All-American and Hall of Fame Coach"** (McFarland), by Joe Niese with Bob Dorais. Niese, a prolific sports biographer, teams up with Dorais' grandson to give proper attention to Gus Dorais, the Chippewa Falls native who revolutionized the forward pass and established Notre Dame as a football powerhouse.

**"Interior States"** (Anchor Books), by Meghan O'Gieblyn. Personal essays from a thoughtful



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