

Curiosity ties everything together

Learn and explore ideas via Waukesha Reads

By Joe Hardenbrook

Why do trees drop their leaves? Why do bears hibernate? How can whales survive off eating tiny microorganisms? These are some of the questions you might have had in elementary

school. If your hand was raised asking the teacher, "How come?" you were the curious one! Hopefully with the right teacher, this curiosity was stoked.

At Carroll University, we get to see this curiosity put into action as students and

faculty research questions they are passionate about. It

might be pioneering research on local water quality, an exploratory treatment for sports injuries, or discovering a new interpretation of Shakespeare's sonnets.

As a librarian it's my job to assist these curious researchers. At a smaller comprehensive liberal arts university such as Carroll, librarians aim to know a little bit about a lot. We joke it's just enough to be dangerous.

Did you know that if you ever need a partner for a trivia team, your friendly local librarian is usually a good person to ask?

Being curious is key. This curiosity forms the heart of "Lab Girl" by Hope Jahren, this year's book selection for Waukesha Reads. Jahren, a geobiologist with a flare for poetry, has answered curious questions with her own research: Do trees have memories? Amazingly, yes! Will an increase in greenhouse gases cause some vegetables to become less nutritious for us? Unfortunately, that's a yes as well.

Research can empower change, direct policy, and solve global problems. Regardless, it's curiosity that ties everything together. For Waukesha Reads, we are delving into this curiosity angle that Jahren highlights in her book. Emily Graslie, chief curiosity correspondent for the Field Museum and host of The Brain Scoop on YouTube, will be speaking at Carroll University. Her job is to be professionally curious. In just a few years, Graslie has transformed from a landscape studio artist to an internationally renowned science communicator.

Join us for Emily Graslie's lecture, "Curiosity as Catalyst," on Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Carroll University Campus Center in the Stackner Ballroom. The event is free and open to the public.

(Joe Hardenbrook is the director of Library Services at Carroll University.)



Hardenbrook

CROSSWORD

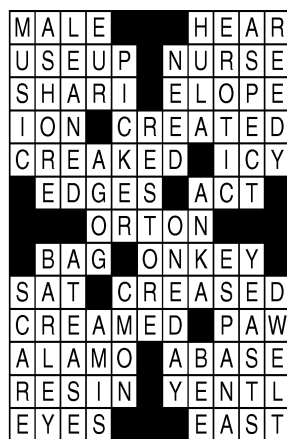
By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Quiche start
5 Center
10 Lively folk dance
11 Nursery rhyme start
12 Concerning
13 Freeway entrance
14 African nation

DOWN

- 1 Rocker Clapton
2 Rowlands of film
3 Disease cause
4 Surprise hit
5 Vietnam's capital
6 Brings in
7 Lawyers' org.
8 Zodiac animal



Yesterday's answer

- 20 Guinness of film
21 Rural sight
22 Go to sea
25 Batisserie wall
33 "The Naked Maja" painter
34 Served