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I hate to state the obvious, but it has been one long, frigid, drawn-out, ugly winter here in Wisconsin. Below zero temperatures, wind chills that rival Antarctica, snowdrifts taller than some SUVs and those darn groundhogs predicted six more weeks of the same! We have a short Basset Hound (well, all Bassets are short...) and there is so much snow in our backyard that it's difficult for her to trudge through it. My husband, kind soul that he is, has shoveled paths in the yard just so the dogs can move around a bit and get rid of some of their pent-up energy. I think we are all feeling stuck in the house with nothing to do...

...so, if you're feeling stuck with nothing to do, get out of the house and stop in at the library any time in March. We have programs galore that will melt the icicles and get your bones moving again. On Saturday March 1st at 2:00 p.m., the Youth Services Department will have a Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration with stories, crafts and snacks for kids 12 and younger and their families. On Tuesday March 11th at 6:30 p.m., Nancy Carlson, author of the children's books *I Like Me* and *First Grade Here I Come!* will visit the library. This program is co-sponsored by the Beloit School District and we hope to have Nancy's books available for purchasing and autographs.

We will continue our Book to Film Series for both teens and Adults. The film for adults is *The Blind Side* on March 5th and on March 19th the teen film is *Its Kind of a Funny Story*. And don't forget the 4th Wednesday Book Discussion group. The group will talk about *Last Train West* by Jean Prestbrotten on March 26th.

To find out more information about these great programs and many more, visit us online at www.beloitlibrary.info, or like us on Facebook. Hope to see you in March, but in the meantime, be sure to check out these new books coming soon to the Beloit Public Library.

Feel Good: How to Change Your Mood and Cope with Whatever Comes Your Way by Shane Pascoe. A practical, inspirational guide to managing your moods, improving your outlook, and beating stress and anxiety. Feeling overwhelmed, overstressed, or just plain down about life? This book is the cure for what ails you. Mood can affect every aspect of your life, from your performance at work to your personal relationships, and being able to take control of your moods, rather than have them control you, is something all the most successful people have in common. (Book Description)

Ice Dogs by Terry Lynn Johnson. Victoria Secord, a fourteen-year-old Alaskan dogsled racer, loses her way on a routine outing with her dogs. With food gone and temperatures dropping, her survival and that of her dogs and the mysterious boy she meets in the woods is entirely up to her. The author Terry Lynn Johnson is a musher herself, and her crackling writing puts readers at the reins as Victoria and Chris experience setbacks, mistakes, and small triumphs in their wilderness adventure. (Book Description)