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The Wizard of Oz. An iconic movie full of beloved characters – Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, the Cowardly Lion and Toto, just to name a few. Loved by all who remember it fondly for the yellow brick road, the Munchkins, the ruby slippers, the Lollipop Guild and the horse of a different color. A childhood classic that reminds us that we're sure to get a brain, a heart, a home and the nerve. What isn't there to love about this cherished film brought to us in vivid Technicolor?

Well, for starters, there's the tornado that devastates Dorothy's farmhouse. Then there's Ms. Gulch flying by on her bicycle, the house falling on the Wicked Witch of the East, the Talking Trees, the Castle Guards, "Surrender Dorothy" written in the sky, the red sand in the hourglass, and do not get me started on those flying monkeys! I was so absolutely terrified of them as a child that I still can't watch the movie without making sure I have the doors locked and a dog or two (and a husband) by my side for protection.

Melting witches aside, the Beloit Library Foundation *Wizard of Oz Bash* is sure to be an exciting event for all! This fundraising event will be held at the library on Saturday May 2nd from 7 to 9 p.m. An evening of fun, food and beverages, a *Wizard of Oz* Scavenger Hunt and a chance to win a ride on a hot air balloon (Wizard not included!). Tickets are $40 per person or $75 per couple. Visit www.beloitlibrarybash.com for more information and to register by Monday April 27th. Costumes are encouraged. Heck, you might even see a flying monkey or two…

Like us on Facebook, visit us at www.beloitlibrary.org and in the meantime, be sure to check out these books coming soon to your Beloit Public Library:

Dorothy Must Die: Stories by Danielle Paige. Long before Amy Gumm got swept away from a Kansas trailer park . . . Dorothy Gale received a package on the night of her 16th birthday: a pair of red high-heeled shoes. *Dear Dorothy*, the note read. *I thought about silver to match the ones you lost, but in the end I decided that red was more your color. I think you know what to do with them.* And with a knock of her heels, Dorothy returned to the magical land that made her a star—and Oz would never be the same again. (Book Description)

Living the Farm Sanctuary Life: The Ultimate Guide to Eating Mindfully, Living Longer and Feeling Better Every Day by Gene Baur. The cofounder and president of Farm Sanctuary, the nation's leading farm animal protection organization, knows that the key to happiness lies in aligning your beliefs with your actions. In this definitive vegan and animal-friendly lifestyle guide, Baur and Gene Stone, author of *Forks Over Knives*, explore the deeply transformative experience of visiting the sanctuary and its profound effects on people's lives. (Book Description)

Stuffocation: Why We've Had Enough of Stuff and Need Experience More than Ever by James Wallman. Stuffocation is one of the most pressing problems of the twenty-first century. We have more stuff than we could ever need, and it isn't making us happier. It's bad for the planet. It's cluttering up our homes. It's making us stressed—and it might even be killing us. (Book Description)