September 14
An Evening with David Maraniss *Path Lit by Lightning: The Life of Jim Thorpe*
with Author David Maraniss

Jim Thorpe rose to world fame as a mythical talent who excelled at every sport. He won gold medals in the decathlon and pentathlon at the 1912 Stockholm Olympics, was a member of the first class of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and played baseball for the New York Giants. A member of the Sac/Fox Nation, he was born in Oklahoma. Jim Thorpe is regarded by many to be the “Greatest Athlete of the 20th Century”.

Reservations required. Visit BrownCountyLibrary.org.

September 22
Changing Borders For Native Americans in Wisconsin
with Dr. Carol Cornelius

This program will feature maps and discussion on treaties which show how the lands of Wisconsin’s Indigenous Nations have changed throughout the past two centuries.

September 29
The Packers, My Dad and Me
with Author Tony Walter

This program is based on Walter’s book, *The Packers, My Dad & Me*, but could just as easily be called, “The Packers, Prohibition, The Depression and Dad.” Diaries from 1925 through 1936 describe what it was like to live through an era in Green Bay when life might have seemed simpler, but certainly not easier.

October 6
Restoring “The Elms”
with Sandy and David Zochert

Since August 1978 when they purchased the historic home “The Elms”, Sandy and David Zochert began their life-time of old house restoration, preservation and living. It was Sandy’s previous career as a newspaper reporter that first acquainted them with old historic homes, led them to “the Elms”, and, some say mockingly, to its servitude.

October 13
Exploring Local History with GIS Mapping
with Jeff Dumez

Discover how to access and interact with Brown County’s online GIS maps. These maps breathe new life into aerial photos, plat maps, and original surveys; some of which date back as far as the 1830s. Learn how to use these maps to find the locations of historical sites such as Fort Howard, early trails and roads, and more – all in the context of modern-day landmarks.

October 20
The Lake Mendota Dugout Canoe
with Dr. James M. Skibo

Wisconsin State Archaeologist, Dr. James Skibo, Curator of Archaeology at the Wisconsin Historical Society, will explore the discovery, recovery, preservation, and research of the Lake Mendota 1,200-year-old dugout canoe. This is the largest nearly intact dugout canoe in Wisconsin. It was selected by the BBC’s Time Team as one of the top archaeological discoveries in the world in 2021.

October 27
with Author Cliff Christl

Many Packer fans don’t realize that the real story of the Green Bay Packers is not that of the football team itself. The real story is about the team of community members who banded together, in good times and bad, to ensure there would be a Professional Football team in Green Bay.

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