

# UW-Marathon County Library Restroom Reader

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## What makes you happy?

This year's campus read is The Geography of Bliss by Eric Weiner. Weiner travels to ten countries to determine which ones have the happiest people. Below are some examples of the places he visited.

### Switzerland

The Swiss enjoy things in moderation. They neither get euphoric with joy or debilitating depressed over things. They are also very efficient. Everything in Switzerland runs on time and to perfection. They are also very democratic as they vote several times throughout the year. And of course, they have Swiss chocolate.



### Iceland

For a country that is mainly dark for six months of the year, people have found ways to be happy. Icelanders tend to be creative and fiercely patriotic. They also do not look down upon failure

so people tend to be less afraid to try something. They also share a great sense of community and have no envy.

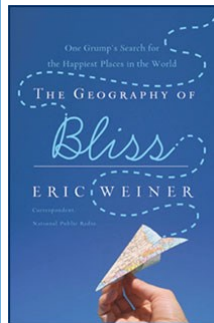


Read the book to find out what the author thought about the happiness of other nations like the **U.S., Netherlands, Thailand, Great Britain, India, and Moldova**

### UWMC Art & Essay Contest

Weiner's journey explores the relationship between where we are, who we are, and how we feel. To delve deeper into these topics and reflect on your own values, answer the question,

**"Where would you fly, and why?"**



Respond to this question by composing a short essay, poem, story, or visual artwork in which you explain why visiting a particular place would make you happy.

Submit your entries or any questions to [jason.siegel@uwc.edu](mailto:jason.siegel@uwc.edu) by **October 24**. Winners will be notified in early November.

View more details here: <http://libguides.uwc.edu/GoB>

### Qatar

For those that think money buys happiness, think again. This oil-rich nation has everything that money can buy. College students are even paid a stipend while they study! However, people in Qatar are isolated from anyone outside of their tribe. They also have a loss of their past as this fast growing country continues to bulldoze its past leaving people feeling rootless.



### Bhutan

Bhutan's government measures its country's progress by its *Gross National Happiness* rather than its GDP. There is a strong belief in reincarnation and they display a strong devotion to their king. They even have more monks in the country than military personnel.



### Learning to Fly Festival

The UWMC campus will host a free, family-friendly festival based on the theme of flying on **Saturday, Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Events include:

*Dream Flight USA*

*Experiments in Space* with Profs. Sargent, Prah, and Workman

*Poetry of Flight*—Profs. Travis Brown & Jill Stukenberg  
*Model Rockets* with Prof. Steffen

*Bird Puppet Parade*

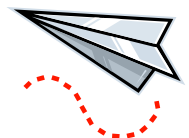
*Richard I. Bong*—listen to the Veteran's Historical Center's presentation on how this Wisconsinite destroyed more enemy planes during WWII than any other person before or since his time.

*Sled Kites and Air Surfing*

*Fly Folded Airplanes* with Prof. Saleh

REGI—Raptor Education Group

*Model Airplanes and Flight Simulator*



**Watch for other events throughout the month!**

Restroom Readers can be accessed electronically online through the UWMC Library's homepage.