SPRING EVENTS
MAR-MAY 2020 Events at your Great River Regional Library

Children
Help children discover the joy of reading through our Baby Bounce, Toddler Time and Storytime series, as well as special programs expanding literacy basics.

Teen
Enrich school learning and social life by taking part in creative, fun, teen programs at the library. Explore new skills and make new friends.

Adult
Dig deeper into books, crafts, continuing education and community through adult programs such as author talks and book clubs at the library.

Family
For all ages. Attend performances by musicians, magicians, authors and more. Learn a new craft. Find your favorites at the Book Sales.

Technology
Keep up with the world and stay current with popular new technologies through the library's technology programming.

These Legacy programs are funded in part or whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Program registration is not required unless indicated. Attendance limits may be in place.

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Albany Public Library

ALPHA BOOK CLUB

Last Tuesday of the month or call before 4:30 p.m.

Join us for book discussion of:

Tuesdays, March 31, April 28
6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Heart of the Farm: Barns of Minnesota with Doug Ohman

Enjoy a rural journey exploring the greatest of all rural icons, the barn! From the early days of statehood through the era of agribusiness, our barns tell a story. This story will bring you back to the farm and explore the importance of our roots. For all ages. A Legacy event.

Tuesday, April 14
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Lorna Landvik

Author Visit

Join Minnesota bestselling author Lorna Landvik for a talk/reading/Q&A about her twelfth novel, “Chronicles of a Radical Hag (with Recipes).” You won’t want to miss this fun, illuminating, and entertaining event! For teens and adults. A Legacy event.

Tuesday, April 28
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

TECHNOLOGY EVENTS

Tech Help Time

This is your opportunity to ask local Albany Public Library staff questions about your electronic device, basic email, internet and on-line forms, Call or stop into the library to schedule your session.

Thursdays, March 12 and May 7
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

CHILDREN’S EVENTS

Storytime with Ms. Jen

Come join us for an hour of Saturday fun! There will be stories, songs, arts and crafts—even a snack! Registration suggested. For ages 0-6. Limit 20.

Saturdays, March 7, April 4 and May 2
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

Join us for preschool story time! We’ll have lots of fun with stories, songs and a special craft. Registration suggested. For ages 2-6. Limit 20.

Wednesdays, March 11, April 18 and May 13
10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

READ with Freddie

Freddie the Golden Retriever loves good books and wants to hear you read to him. Call or stop into the library to schedule your session. For ages 4-12. Limit 5.

Wednesdays, March 10, April 14 and May 12
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

LEGOS® Hour

Do you like building with Legos? Come join us for an hour of building fun! We will give you a theme to get started, and your imagination can do the rest. For ages 4-12. Limit 12. Registration required.

Monday, April 6
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

TEEN EVENTS

Teen Board Game Night

Come to the library for an evening of friendly competition and fun. You can play the games we have or bring your own favorite game to share. Pizza and snacks will be available. For ages 12-17. Limit 30. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Albany Library.

Tuesday, April 7
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

ANNANDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a reading program designed to increase the awareness of early literacy and to encourage parents to embrace their role as their child’s first teacher. Plus there are prizes! This program is ongoing, so you can sign up anytime! No limit, please come to the library to register. Sponsored by the Annandale Friends of the Library and Great River Regional Library.

Ongoing

Fantasy Jars with Rose

Spring is here and what better time to come into the library to create your very own fantasy jar with moss, butterflies and other fun surprises! Rose Borman returns with tales of fireflies, ladybugs, dragonflies and more. For ages 10-12. Ages 7-9 are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Limit 10. Registration required. A Legacy event.

Saturday, May 16
10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

ADULT EVENTS

Portrait Drawing with Maureen Fisher

Portrait Drawing is a two-part class to learn how to draw a realistic portrait. Drawing can be scary for adults but do not worry this will be fun! This will be fun for ages 13 to adult. Limit 12. A Legacy event.

Class 1: You will learn to correct proportion of the face.

Class 2: You will teach how to make your portrait come alive using value/shading.

Wednesdays, April 8 and 15
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Shibori Indigo Dyeing

Learn the ancient Japanese art of shibori indigo dyeing! Dyeing with indigo is an interesting experiment with oxidation! Learn three different methods of folding and tying fabrics to create patterns with indigo dye. Participants will leave with a finished beach bag with their own individual design to take home! (Wear old clothes.) For ages 15 to adult. Limit 12. Registration required. A Legacy event.

Wednesday, March 18
5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

TECHNOLOGY EVENTS

Basic Computer & Internet Help

Do you need help setting up an email account, doing a basic web search, using Word or Excel on your PC? An experienced volunteer is willing to help! Walk in or call ahead 320-274-8448.

Tuesday and Friday mornings
9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Tech Tutors

Trouble understanding your laptop, iPad, Kindle, or other electronic devices? Would you like to download eBooks MN but are not sure how to proceed? A Tech Tutor is here to help! Call ahead or drop in for individual help from a Great River Regional Librarian.

Tuesdays, March 17, April 21 and May 19
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Becker Public Library

CHILDREN’S EVENTS

Storytime with Dr. Seuss

Dr. Seuss Day

Dr. Seuss Day should read: 1 fish 2 fish, red fish, blue fish.

Celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss with Magic Bob and a fun filled morning at the Becker Library. Magic show starts at 10:30 a.m. For all ages. No registration necessary. Sponsored by the Friends of the Becker Library.

Saturday, March 7
10:30 a.m. to Noon

Schooled in Art

Experience an art program where each monthly session will feature a famous artist. Learn about the artist’s life and artistic style. Participants will have an opportunity to create their own piece of art inspired by the featured artist’s work. For ages 6-12. Registration required. Limit 15. Sponsored by the Friends of the Becker Library.

Thursday, March 19, and April 16
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Easter Bunny Make and Take Craft

To coincide with the Community Center’s Easter Bunny Breakfast, the library will have a craft available for little ones to make and take home. All supplies provided. This is a self-directed event. For ages 3-12. While supplies last. Sponsored by Friends of the Becker Library.

Saturday, April 4
9:30 a.m. to Noon

One Dog Canoe and More: a visit with author Mary Casanova

You’re invited to meet celebrated Minnesota author Mary Casanova! With a presentation including images of Northwoods animals, book covers and illustrations, Mary will recount her journey growing up in a family of ten, struggling with reading, and discovering that books are a window into the world and writing is a way to “have a voice.” Audiences of all ages engage with Mary’s warm presentation style, including Q&A, and respond with a greater desire to read—and write stories of their own. For grades K-5, but all ages welcome. A Legacy event.

Held at Becker Primary School, 12050 Hancock St, Becker.

Thursday, April 16
8:15 a.m.
**TEEN EVENTS**

- **Dr. Who “Escape Room”**
  How fast can you complete the mission? Decoder the clues to open the Tardis before there is an explosion! Bring your friends. Call the library for a time slot. For ages 12+. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Becker Library.
  - Monday, April 13: 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

- **TEEN EVENTS**
  - **Tech Time**
    Get one-on-one help with your electronic device or computer questions.
    - Tuesday, March 17: 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

- **TEEN EVENTS**
  - **Bingo Night at the Library**
    Enjoy a fun family game night, but at the library! Different themed Bingo games will be used each month. For all ages. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Becker Library.
    - Mondays, March 23 and April 20: 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

- **TEEN EVENTS**
  - **Glass on Glass mosaic workshop**
    Students will create an 8”x10” mosaic using stained glass glued and assembled onto clear glass in a frame. Students can use an image the artist provides, or they can create their own. You will learn how to use glass cutting tools and techniques, glass safety, and how to grout and finish their pieces. For teens and adults. Limit 15. A Legacy event.
    - Friday, May 8: 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

- **TEEN EVENTS**
  - **LEGO® in the Library**
    We will have Legos to use in the Library. Bring your imagination and building skills. For ages 5-12. No registration required.
    - Tuesday, April 21 and Wed., April 22: During library open hours

- **TEEN EVENTS**
  - **Honey Almond Soap Making**
    Did you know you could make soap with honey? It helps your skin hold moisture and is naturally antibacterial. We will mix up honey, melt and pour soap, mold it and make a wooden soap holder. You will leave class with two decorative bee soaps and a 3x4" soap holder! For ages 13+. Limit 18. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library.
    - Thursday, April 2: 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

- **TEEN EVENTS**
  - **Paper Bead Jewellery**
    Make a necklace or bracelet out of colorful beads you will create from magazine pages. For tweens and teens. Limit 15. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library.
    - Monday, May 4: 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

**ADULT EVENTS**

- **Down the Mississippi in Minnesota Book Club**
  Author Doug Ohman returns to complete his narration of the trip down the Mississippi. This talk will take you on the final leg of the trip; south from St. Paul through historic river towns in Minnesota to the Iowa border. For ages adults and seniors. No registration required. A Legacy event.
  - Field at the Becker Senior Center, 12000 Sherburne Ave. Tuesday, April 14: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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- **TEEN EVENTS**
  - **Speed Dating with Books**
    First Monday of every month
    - Every Friday - no storytime April 24: 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

- **TEEN EVENTS**
  - **Library Bag Decorating**
    Come and decorate a cloth bag you can use for your library books. Use fabric markers create a one of a kind bag. For ages 4-12. Limit 12. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library.
    - Wednesday, May 27: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

**FAMILY EVENTS**

- **1,000 Books before Kindergarten**
  Ongoing
  - Monday, April 13: 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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  - Saturday, May 2: 9:30 a.m. to Noon

- **Make and Take crafts**
  Come in during open hours to make a craft in our new Maker Space. For ages 3-12. While supplies last.
  - Ongoing

- **Bingo Night at the Library**
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CARD MAKING
Create a handmade card. For ages 3-6. Must be accompanied by a guardian.
Limit 10. Registration required. Sponsored by Friends of the Buffalo Library.
Tuesday, March 28
6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

TECHNOLOGY EVENTS
TECHNIQUES AND PROJECTS
10:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION TO WIRE BENDING
Master Gardeners present Attracting Pollinators to Your Yard for Kids Learn how to create cards for friends and family. Perfect for Mother’s Day! All supplies will be provided.
Limit 18. Registration required. Sponsored by Buffalo Public Library.
Saturday, April 5
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

TEEN EVENTS
Introduction to Wire Bending in Ring Making with Jen Anfinson You will be introduced to the supplies and techniques of wire bending and create a custom ring. The possibilities are endless with this technique, get ready to get creative. For adults and teens 16 and up.
Registration required. A Legacy event.
Tuesday, May 5
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

TECHNOLOGY EVENTS
Tech Help with a Librarian Drop in to this session with your Smart phone, e-reader, or any portable device with your technical questions.
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Clearwater Public Library
CHILDREN’S EVENTS
St. Patrick’s Day Storytime
Drop in for the luck of the Irish story and craft time.
Tuesday, March 17
11:00 a.m.

Clearwater presents Doug Ohman Travel with Doug as he chronicles lost relics and history. With the use of simple tools, a metal detector and camera, Doug has respectfully recovered and photographed artifacts that help us reconnect to our past.
Thursday, March 26
10:00 a.m.

FAMILY EVENTS
Photography Workshop Beginners are encouraged to attend this group of amateur photographers. This class will help you take better pictures.
For teens and adults.
Wednesday, March 4
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Clearwater Area Friends of the Library Join the group that cares about their local library. Help us raise awareness of library programs. A good opportunity to volunteer and support your library. For teens and adults.
Wednesday, March 11
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New to Cokato? The goal is to read 1,000 books with your child before they begin Kindergarten. Track your progress and win prizes for reading. Visit the library for more details and to pick up materials. For ages birth to Kindergarten. Sponsored by Friends of the Cokato Area Library.

Ongoing

Storytime
Join Kinnie for great books and fun activities. Have fun and develop early literacy skills at the same time. For ages 3-6. Sponsored by Friends of the Cokato Area Library.

Wednesdays, March 4 & 18, April 1, 15 & 29 and May 6 & 20
10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Game Time
Join us to play board games, card games, and more! For ages 7-15. Sponsored by Friends of the Cokato Area Library.

Tuesdays, March 10, April 7 and May 26
3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Time to Create!
Join us to build and create with a variety of materials. You might make a LEGO® creation, design an elaborate marble run, or build with materials that can be found in any home! Building challenges will change each time. For ages 5-12. Sponsored by Friends of the Cokato Area Library.

Tuesdays, March 31, April 28 and May 26
3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Friendship Bracelets
Learn a new technique to make your own friendship bracelet! For ages 10+. Limit 10. Sponsored by Friends of the Cokato Area Library.

Thursday, April 2
3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

TEEN EVENTS
Origami Suncatchers
Catch some sun with bright window art. Tissue paper, glue and a sunny window is all that is needed to brighten up any room. Instruction and supplies provided to make your own origami suncatcher. For ages 9+. Limit 12. Sponsored by Friends of the Cokato Area Library.

Saturday, March 7
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Upcycled Crafts
Celebrate Earth Day by making an upcycled craft with recycled newspapers. A quilting type of technique will be used. For ages 9+. Limit 12. Sponsored by Friends of the Cokato Area Library.

Thursday, April 16
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Intro to Punch Needle with Jen Anfinson
Create a little Minnesota Punch Needle project while learning all about the vintage fiber craft of Punch Needle. All supplies included. For adults and teens 16 and up. Limit 15. A Legacy event.

Thursday, May 7
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

FAMILY EVENTS
Building Challenge
Come to the library to build and create with a variety of materials. A new building challenge will be posted each month in the library. For all ages. Sponsored by Friends of the Cokato Area Library.

Ongoing

Semi-Inspired Bracelets
Make a bracelet inspired by the indigenous people from Norway, Sweden, Finland, and the Kola Peninsula of Russia. Learn four strand braiding with pewter thread. The bracelet will be put on a reindeer leather strap. Prior knowledge of three strand braiding and hand sewing is helpful for this class, but not required. For ages 10+. Limit 7. A Legacy event.

Tuesday, March 17
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

FOCAL Book Club
This is an open book club, come if you can; the book discussions are always interesting. Check in with the Cokato Public Library for book selection and other details. For adults. Sponsored by Friends of the Cokato Area Library.

Held at Grounds Coffee Shop, 15256 US-12, Cokato.
Tuesdays, March 31, April 28 and May 26
12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

Lorna Landvik Author Visit
Join bestselling author Lorna Landvik for a talk/readings/Q&A about her twelfth novel, “Chromatics of a Radical Hag [with Recipes]”! Don’t miss this fun, illuminating, and entertaining event! For teens and adults. A Legacy event.

Thursday, April 30
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Cold Spring Public Library
CHILDREN'S EVENTS
1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
This program is designed to increase awareness of the importance of early literacy. Sign your child up at the library to receive a reading record. For ages 0-5. No Limit. Registration required. Co-sponsored by the Cold Spring Friends of the Library and Great River Regional Library

Ongoing

Kids Bingo
Come to the library and try your chance at Bingo! Prizes also! Ages 7-15. Limit 12. A Legacy event.

Friday, April 3
1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Friday, May 1
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Kids Book Swap
Tired of reading all your old books? Do you want to get some different ones for free? Bring all of your old books to the library May 11 through May 15 and receive a coupon for the number of books you brought in. Come to the library on Saturday, May 16 to redeem your coupon and pick up your new books. All children’s books accepted. No limit. No registration.

Saturday, May 16
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ADULT EVENTS
They Chose Minnesota with Doug Ohman
What drew them to the North Star state? Doug will highlight the stories and history from many of the immigrant groups that chose to make Minnesota their home. This event will be held at District Education Facility in Cold Spring. For adults. No limit. No registration required. Co-sponsored by the Cold Spring Area Historical Society and the Cold Spring Friends of the Library. A Legacy event.

Friday, March 6
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS
3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 2

Limit 10. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cokato Area Library.

THURSDAYS, MARCH 2, APRIL 6 AND MAY 14
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Spring Cardmaking
Bring your wonderful creativity and come make some cards for Easter and Mother’s Day. Birthday cards are always an option as well. You will be able to make up to 10 cards. All materials will be provided. For ages 13+. Limit 12. Registration required.

Saturday, March 28
10:30 a.m. to Noon

Child Care Training
Join us as presenters from Child Care and Nutrition Inc. discuss children’s nutrition. Learn how to accurately read food labels as they pertain to determining a food’s creditability on the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Examples of CACFP rules and regulations to gain knowledge and ensure your continuing compliance as a provider participating on the CACFP. This program will be especially beneficial for daycare providers for adults. Limit 40. Registration required.

Tuesday, April 7
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Bee Houses
Shoreland Specialist Galen Gruber from Morrison Health Care will join us for a session to craft bee houses using natural and recycled materials. Learn how bees benefit the environment and what you can do to help bees thrive. We will be using drifts. For teens and adults. Limit 12. Registration required.

Saturday, April 18
10:30 a.m. to Noon

Adult Bingo
Come to the library, relax, have fun and win prizes at Bingo, the game of chance for seniors. Limit 20. Registration required.

Wednesday, April 22
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Fabric Painting with Tamra
No paints involved! Try a new technique using different fabric colors and textures to create a unique piece of artwork. For ages 10 to adult. Limit 10. Registration required. Sponsored by the Gwen Kittock Memorial Fund & the Delano Friends of the Library.

Wednesday, March 18
5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Pebbles and Scribbles Art with Tamra
Create adorable artworks using only flat pebbles and pens to add features to your pieces. For ages 10 to adult. Limit 12. Registration required. Sponsored by the Gwen Kittock Memorial Fund & the Friends of the Delano Library.

Wednesday, April 15
5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

ADULT EVENTS

NEW Paint Club
Stilt! The number one rule of paint club is there is no paint club. On-site supplies provided. For ages 10 to adult. Registration required. Limit 12. Sponsored by the Gwen Kittock Memorial Fund & the Delano Friends of the Library. First Wednesday of the month.

Wednesdays, April 4, April 11, and April 18
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Knit Wits
Our knitting and needlework group meets twice a month on the first and third Wednesdays to work on projects in a group setting. Questions are welcome and help is available.

Wednesdays, April 4 & 18, April 11 & 15 and May 6 & 20
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Calico Quilters
Join fellow quilters to work on your projects in a group setting on the first and third Thursdays of the month. The group welcomes both experienced and novice quilters.

Thursdays, March 5 & 19, April 2 & 16 and May 7 & 21
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Meet Minnesota Author & Photographer Doug Ohman
Photographer and historian Doug Ohman will take you on a visual tour of Minnesota through the eyes of the immigrants. What drew them to the North Star state and where did they settle? Doug will highlight stories and history from many of the immigrant groups that made Minnesota their home. For teens and adults. A Legacy event.

Saturday, March 7
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Westenders Rug Hooking Group
Join fellow rug hookers to work on your projects in a group setting on the third Tuesday of the month. The group welcomes both experienced and novice crafters.

Tuesdays, March 17, April 21 and May 19
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Evening Quilters
Join fellow quilters to work on your projects in a group setting on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The group welcomes both experienced and novice quilters. Celebrating one year together.

Wednesdays, March 25, April 22 and May 27
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Better Angels: Depolarizing from Within: Becoming a Better Angel in Your Own World
This workshop teaches participants: How to be more aware of their own “inner polarizer” how to be critical without demonizing, dismissing, or stereotyping large swathes of the population, and strategies for intervening constructively in social conversations with like-minded peers when these conversations veer into contempt and ridicule for people who hold other political views. For ages 10 to adult. Registration required. Sponsored by Better Angels of America & Delano United Diversity Task Force.

Saturday, March 28
10:30 a.m. to Noon

Eagle Bend Public Library

CHILDREN’S EVENTS

1,000 Books before Kindergarten
Enjoy a fun program encouraging reading and early literacy skills. For ages 0-6. Treasure box prize at each 100 books and stuffed animal with matching hard book at 1,000 books read. Check out the new app available to record books read. Sponsored by the Eagle Bend Friends of the Library.

Ongoing
Spring Into Storytime!
Stories and activities for preschool to grade 2. Registration required. Limit 10. Sponsored by the Eagle Bend Friends of the Library.

Saturday, March 14 and April 11
10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

LEGO® Builders
Join us for a monthly, fun hour of block building. An assortment of Legos and large blocks will be provided. Bring your imagination and we will provide the Legos and challenges. For ages 5-13. Registration is required. Limit 20.

Thursday, March 26
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Fun Night
Join us for a fun night with coding kits and giant games to play. Stations will be set up with a various games; play with friends or your family. For ages 5-13. Registration is required. Limit 12.

Thursday, April 23
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

ADULT EVENTS

Micro Macramé: A Jewelry Workshop with Jen Anfinson
Create a one-of-a-kind piece of jewelry in this hands-on workshop, where you will learn the basic knots of macramé and incorporate that into a necklace! For adults and teens 15+. Limit 15. A Legacy event.

Thursday, April 23
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Book Club
If you enjoy reading and discussing books, then this is the group for you. A fun opportunity for you to learn interesting facts about the authors and share your opinions. Contact the library for the monthly book selection and to sign up. For teens and adults.

Thursdays, March 26, April 23 and May 28
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Todd County Senior Volunteer Recognition Event
Join us for a fun, social performance ofSiegenthal Street. Everyone is welcome. Register in advance for the meal. A Legacy event.

Saturday, April 15
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Library staff will get you started navigating ancestrylibrary.com through census data, vital records, military records and more. This database is not available for free anywhere but in the library. For ages teen to adult. Registration is required to reserve a computer. Limit 5.

Saturday, March 7
11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Family Tech Help
Join Joe for “Appy Hour!”. Have questions about using your tablet, laptop or eReader? Want to use Email, do a basic internet search or use the library’s online resources? Bring your device and your questions. Registration is preferred but walk-ins are welcome.

Fridays, March 13 and 27, April 10 & 24 and May 22
3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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Saturday, April 8
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Blues Vision: MN African American Author Panel
Meet some of the authors/editors from a surprising and compelling anthology that reveals complex realities—beautiful, infuriating, painful, and uplifting—as described by African American writers in Minnesota over the past century. Book signing to follow. For teens and adults. Sponsored by the Friends of the Delano Library in partnership with the Delano United Diversity Task Force.

Saturday, April 25
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Do It Yourself Genealogy with Ancestry Library Edition
Do you want to research your family name? Or see your great grandmother’s high school year book online? Or find out what occupation your great uncle had in 1914? Library staff will get you started navigating ancestrylibrary.com through census data, vital records, military records and more. This database is not available for free anywhere but in the library. For ages teen to adult. Registration is required to reserve a computer. Limit 5.

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National Celebrate Your Name Week March 2 to March 7
National Bubbles Week March 9 to March 14
National Let’s Lough Week March 16 to March 21
National Make Your Own Holiday Week March 23 to March 28

Food in the Library: Flood of 1965
Did you know you can watch DVDs about the Delano Flood? The Delano Flood of 1965 and Delano History are both filmed in our QRRL catalog available for check out. Join us to watch Delano Flood of 1965 together at the library with coffee and conversation.

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Friends of the Delano Library Booksale
This is the big one. Tables overflowing with all genres. Proceeds help support library art programs, children’s early literacy, and so much more. Two days only!

Thursday, April 2 and Friday, April 3
During library open hours

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FAMILY EVENTS

Celebrate a National Holiday Every Week in March
Passive activities set up each week for all ages to enjoy. Stop by during open hours to participate. Sponsored by the Gwen Kittock Memorial Fund & the Friends of the Delano Library.

National Celebrate Your Name Week March 2 to March 7
National Bubbles Week March 9 to March 14
National Let’s Lough Week March 16 to March 21
National Make Your Own Holiday Week March 23 to March 28

Saturday Story-time with Delano Ambassadors
Help your child get ready to read with this interactive story-time featuring special guests the Delano Ambassadors. Be ready to clap, sing, and enjoy some stories. Stick around for cookies and crafts after the story-time. For ages 3 to 8 with caregivers.

Saturday, March 21
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

ADULT EVENTS

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Thursday, April 23
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Eagle Bend Public Library

TECHNOLOGY EVENTS

Tech Time
Trouble understanding your laptop, iPad, Kindle or other electronic device? Would you like to download books from the library website or use eBooks but aren’t sure how to? Registration is required. For teens and adults.

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Thursday, April 23
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Read-a-Chapter Book Club for Homeschooolers
Join us for a book club for home-schooled students! We will read a chapter from a popular juvenile book, and do crafts, games, or activities that coordinate with the book. Check with the library for the book title each month. For children ages 6-11. Registration required. Limit 12.

Mondays, March 2, April 6, and May 4
3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Preschool Storytime
Storytime involves stories, songs, and crafts to build Kindergarten readiness. For ages 3-6. Registration required. Limit 20 children. Sponsored by the City of Elk River.

Wednesdays, April 8, 15, 22, and May 6, 13, and 20
10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Baby Bounce Storytime
Storytime involves stories, fannel board stories, songs and crafts to build Kindergarten readiness. For ages 0-18 months. Limit 10 pairs. Registration requested. Sponsored by the City of Elk River.

Fridays, March 6, April 3, and May 1
10:30 to 10:50 a.m.

Elk River Public Library

CHILDREN’S EVENTS

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
Give your child the gift of reading. Enjoy a fun program encouraging early literacy by tracking your reading progress to win prizes. For ages 0-6. Sponsored by Friends of the Elk River Library.

Ongoing
Toddler Time Storytime
Storytime involves stories, fannel board stories, songs and crafts to build Kindergarten readiness. For ages 18-36 months. Registration required. Limit 20 children. Sponsored by the City of Elk River.

Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, April 6, 13, 20, & 27, and May 4, 11, & 18
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LEGOS®/S.T.E.M. Power Hour
4:15 to 5:30 p.m.
Sherburne County 4-H/University of MN

T.N.T. Teen Night Together
Teens/tweens will be able to spend time together at the library playing games, doing activities including trivia contests, watching movies and/or discussing favorite books. No need to read ahead of time! Enjoy pizza! Help determine activities for future sessions. For teens/tweens ages 12-16. Registration requested. Limit 12. Sponsored by Elk River Friends of the Library.

Adult Book Club
Library staff will guide discussion of a book from our collection that we hope will stimulate interesting conversation. Call the library to find out which title has been selected for the upcoming month, and bring suggestions of your own for future book club discussions. Limit 15.

Tuesdays, March 3, April 7 and May 5
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

ACoustic Music Night
Bring your ukulele, acoustic guitar and voice for a gentle jam with other local musicians. Beginners welcomed to sing, play and learn from more seasoned performers! For adults and teens.

Wednesdays, March 4 & 8, April 1 & 22, and May 6 & 20
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Crafternoon: Painting
We will provide the supplies for a simple project, and a staff member will be here to assist you in your creative efforts. This month, we will be creating a painting inspired by George Rodrigue’s “Blue Dog.” No painting experience necessary! For adults and teens. Registration required. Limit 15.

Monday, March 23
4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
Presentation: Careful Where You Click: How to be Safe Online
Learn how to share online while protecting yourself from hackers looking to steal your information. Join a GRL Librarian to discuss which ads, posts and links may be safe or unsafe. For adults. Registration required. Limit 25.

Monday, March 24
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Crafternoon: Clay Gardening Pots
We will provide the supplies for a simple project, and a staff member will be here to assist you in your creative efforts. This month, we will be using clay to make gardening pots. For adults and teens. Registration required. Limit 15.

Monday, May 11
4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Crafternoon: Fabric “Painting” & Collage Art
We will provide the supplies for a simple project, and a staff member will be here to assist you in your creative efforts. This month, we will be using fabric swatches as our colors and creating a beautiful masterpiece without any paint at all! For adults and teens. Registration required. Limit 15.

Thursday, April 9
4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

One-DoG Canoe and More: a visit with author Mary Casanova
You’re invited to meet celebrated Minnesota author Mary Casanova! With a presentation including images of Northwoods animals, book covers and illustrations, Mary will recount her journey growing up in a family of truckers, struggling with reading, and discovering that books are a window into the world and writing is a way to “have a voice.” Audiences of all ages engage with Mary’s warm presentation style, including Q&A, and respond with a greater desire to read and write stories of their own. For grades K-5, but all ages welcome. Limit 40. Registration requested. A Legacy event.

Tuesday May 19
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Doug Ohman: State Parks of Minnesota Photography Class
Learn the basics of photography from Doug Ohman, while he takes you on a visual vacation of all 67 MN state parks as he shares his photos, stories, history and personal adventures. This program has two main themes: the history of the oldest state parks and the incredible recreational opportunities, and developing your eye for noticing good things to photograph. His photography is featured in the book “Prairie, Lake, Forest State Parks of Minnesota,” and signed copies will be available for purchase by presentation attendees. For adults. Registration requested. Limit 40.

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Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale
Donated used books, movies, and music for sale at great prices at the Friends’ bi-annual book sale. Proceeds benefit the Elk River Public Library. For all ages. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Thursday, April 16
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Friday, April 17
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 18
10:00 a.m. to Noon

Family Game Night
Come to the library with your family for a board game night! We will have some classic games like Yahtzee, Life, Sorry, and Jenga, as well as some new games to try from our brain fitness kits. For families with children ages 6+. Registration requested. Limit 25.

Thursday, May 7
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Family Storytime Special Event: Yoga Storytime
Movement enhances early learning, so get so stretchy with us! Sing and read, move and be still for families with children ages 0-5. Registration required. Limit 20.

Tuesday, May 26
5:30 to 6:15 p.m.

Tech Time
Interested in learning more about our digital library for e-books and downloadable e-audiobooks? Need help setting up an email account, doing a basic web search, using Word or Excel on your PC? Call 763-441-1641 for an appointment with library staff to help with your technology needs. For adults.

Wednesdays, March 18, April 15, and May 13
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
CHILDREN’S EVENTS
3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and May 4
Registration not required. For ages 9+

Hands-on science is the best science.

TEEN EVENTS
Saturday, April 18
10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Adult Book Club
Reading good books and chatting with friends. What could be better? Contact the library for the title and availability. Led by members of the Friends of the Foley Library.

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TECHNOLOGY EVENTS
Saturday, March 21
During library open hours

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
March 6: Minnesota, March 20: Games, April 3: Bunnies, April 17: Trolls, May 1: Rhythms, May 15: Gardening. Join us as children have fun and gain early literacy skills by listening to stories, singing songs and making a craft in a variety of themes. Registration not required. For ages 3-6.

Friday, March 6, 20, April 3, 17 and May 1 & 15
10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Spring Storytime
Join the Foley ambassadors as they celebrate spring by sharing stories and making a craft. There will also be a snack provided. Registration not required. For ages up to 12.

Saturday, April 18
10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

FAMILY EVENTS
Blackout Poetry
Celebrate April as National Poetry Month with blackout poetry. We provide the book pages and marker, you solve the creative puzzle of turning discarded words into poetry. Completed poems can be displayed or taken home. For tweens and teens.

April
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Thursday, April 16
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Hidden in Plain View: Cemeteries of Minnesota
Walk along with Doug Ohman as he photographs cemeteries and uncovers stories of the long forgotten. Learn where the only Revolutionary War soldier to die in Minnesota is buried. Learn the difference between a cemetery and a graveyard and much more. A Legacy event.

Saturday, May 9
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

TECHNOLOGY EVENTS
Genealogy Online
Join us for a hands-on exploration of library resources like Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, and more. For all ages, although basic computer experience is helpful. Pre-registration required. Limit 10.

Tuesday, May 12
3:30 to 3:30 p.m.

FAMILY EVENTS
Grey Eagle Public Library
Bookmark Craft making
Practice your creativity by making a bookmark or two. All ages. No limit. Sponsored by the Grey Eagle Library Association.

Monday, March 16 to Saturday, March 21
During library open hours

TEEN EVENTS
Spring Wreath Making

Saturday, March 28
11:00 to Noon

ADULT EVENTS
Living the Dream – Historic Homes of Minnesota with Doug Ohman
Take a tour of some of Minnesota’s most elegant homes. Hear the stories and personalities that surround many of these historic treasures. “If these walls could talk” will become a reality in this most interesting photo presentation. For all ages. No limit. A Legacy event. Saturday, April 25
11:00 a.m. to Noon

FAMILY EVENTS
Grey Eagle Public Library
Grey Eagle resident and published author of the novels will be here to talk about her books and writing. For all ages. No limit.

Saturday, May 16
10:00 a.m.

Lorna Landvik Author Visit
Join Minnesota bestselling author Lorna Landvik for a talk reading Q&A about her twelfth novel, “Chronicles of a Radical Hag (With Recipes).” You will not want to miss this fun, illuminating, and entertaining event! For teens and adults. A Legacy event.

Saturday, May 2
11:00 a.m. to Noon

FAMILY EVENTS
May Basket Craft
Stop by and decorate a May basket. Available until gone. For all ages. Sponsored by the Grey Eagle Library Association.

Monday, April 27 to Friday, May 1
During library open hours

ADULT EVENTS
Mother’s Day Gift Making
Practice your cutting, gluing and creativity by making a gift for that special someone in your life. For all ages. No limit. Sponsored by the Grey Eagle Library.

Saturday, May 2
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Librarians are a source of information and can answer questions at: https://griver.org/services/ask-a-librarian-reference-and-research-assistance

Register online for events @griver.org/events

Howard Lake Public Library
CHILDREN’S EVENTS
1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
The goal is simple: read 1,000 books with your child before they begin Kindergarten. You will help your child gain a love for reading and increase their knowledge of words, books, and language. Track your child’s progress and they can win prizes for reading books. Visit the library for more details and to pick up materials. For ages 0-6. Sponsored by the Howard Lake Friends of the Library.

Ongoing

STAR STORYTIME
Join Ms. Sherri’s Storytime
Join Ms. Sherrin for stories, crafts, and songs. Social time starts at 10:30 with crafts and games. Storytime is at 10:50 with dancing, singing and storytelling. All kids are welcome and Ms. Sherrin is aware of sensory and special learning issues, and incorporates this into her storytimes. For ages 8 and under. Sponsored by the Howard Lake Friends of the Library.

Fridays
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

STEM Storytime:
Jack and the Beanstalk
Join Ms. Kayla for a new kind of storytime featuring Jack and the Beanstalk! Together we’ll read stories, then explore, discover, create and learn through fun, hands-on STEM activities. This is a great opportunity to interact with your little one while they develop critical thinking skills without even realizing it! Registration requested but not required. This program is geared towards children ages 3-6 and their families, but all ages are welcome. No limit.

Saturday, March 21
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
**ADULT EVENTS**

**Mystery Lovers Book Club**
A monthly gathering to share your thoughts, appreciations and/or criticisms for a variety of mystery titles. Titles selected by members voting or consensus, with room for both long-time favorites and new voices. For teens and adults.

*Wednesdays, March 11, April 8 and May 13*
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Intro to Punch Needle with Jen Anfinson**
Create a little Minnesota Punch Needle project while learning all about the vintage fiber craft of Punch Needle. All supplies included. For adults and teens 16+. Limit 15. A Legacy event.

*Monday, April 27*
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

**Building Challenge**
Come to the library to build and create with a variety of materials. A new building challenge will be posted every month in the library. For all ages. Sponsored by Howard Lake Friends of the Library.

**Ongoing**

**Make & Take Crafts**
Visit the library to make seasonal crafts, which change regularly. What will you create during your library visit? For all ages. Sponsored by the Howard Lake Friends of the Library.

**Ongoing**

**Shredded Book Challenge**
Guess the title of the book by examining the shreds in a container. For all ages. Sponsored by the Howard Lake Friends of the Library.

**Ongoing**

**Alternative Events**

**Origami Suncatchers**
Catch some sun with bright window art. Tissue paper, glue and a sunny window is all that is needed to brighten up any room. Instruction and supplies provided to make your origami suncatcher. For ages 9+. Limit 12. Sponsored by the Howard Lake Friends of the Library.

*Monday, April 23*
10:30 a.m. to Noon

**Upcycled Crafts**
Celebrate Earth Day by making an upcycled craft with recycled newspapers. A quilling type of technique will be used. For ages 9+. Limit 12. Sponsored by the Howard Lake Friends of the Library.

*Monday, April 20*
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

**ADULT EVENTS**

**Kimball Public Library**

**CHILDREN’S EVENTS**
1,000 Books before Kindergarten
1,000 Books before Kindergarten is a reading program designed to increase the awareness of early literacy and to encourage parents to embrace their role as their child’s first teacher. Plus there are prizes! No limit, come to the library to register. Sponsored by the Kimball Lions Club, the Kimball Friends of the Library.

**Ongoing**

**Teddy Bear Band at the Expo**
Bring your favorite Teddy or other furry friend to enjoy the fun and music of the Teddy Bear Band! This morning performance will be held during the Kimball Expo in the Kimball Area High School. For families with young children. Additional sponsors include Kimball P.L.E. and ECFE. A Legacy event.

*Held at Kimball Area High School*
*Saturday, March 28*
10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

**Fantasy Jars with Rose**
Spring is here and what better time to come into the library to create your very own fantasy jar with moss, butterflies and other fun surprises! Rose Borman returns with tales of fireflies, ladybugs, dragonflies and more. For ages 10-12. Ages 7-9 welcome if accompanied by an adult. Limit 10. Registration required. A Legacy event.

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10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

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**TEEN EVENTS**

Saturday Movie Matinees in the Loft
Drop by the Loft on these Saturdays for some movie showings. Titles will be chosen at random and announced the morning of the movie. Snacks are welcome, but should stay in the Loft during the showing. For teens and adults. Sponsored by the Friends of the Little Falls Carnegie Library.

- **Saturday, March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18 and May 2, 16 & 30**
  - **12:45 to 3:00 p.m.**

Fan Fridays
Get geeky with us! We meet each month to enjoy snacks and complete crafts based on our favorite TV shows, movies, and book series. Members choose monthly themes. For teens and adults. Sponsored by the Friends of the Little Falls Carnegie Library.

- **Fridays, March 13, April 10, and May 8**
  - **6:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

**ADULT EVENTS**

Cozy Corner Book Discussion
Meet us in the relaxed setting of the Loft of the Little Falls Carnegie Library to discover new authors and discuss books. Selections may include fiction, literary fiction and some non-fiction. Titles will be announced and available for checkout at each month's meeting. Look for flyers in the library or ask for a copy of the current title at the circulation desk. For adults. Limit 15. Registration not required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Little Falls Carnegie Library.

- **Tuesday, March 3, April 7, May 5 & 24**
  - **2:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

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  - **12:45 to 3:00 p.m.**

Anime Afternoon
Because Anime isn’t just for kids! Hang out with other fans while we watch anime, have snacks and discuss our favorite series. For adults. Sponsored by the Friends of the Little Falls Carnegie Library.

- **Wednesdays, March 18, April 15 and May 20**
  - **3:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

Lunch Isn’t Just for the Irish!
To celebrate St. Patrick’s Day, we are highlighting our Lucky Day book section. Check out or return a Lucky Day book this week and enter your name into our drawing. One LUCKY patron will win a prize bundle – Irish or not! For teens and adults. Sponsored by the Friends of the Little Falls Carnegie Library.

- **Tuesday, March 31**
  - **4:30 to 5:30 p.m.**

Papercrafting with Jan Gerth
Make your own special scrapbook! See samples at the library. All material are supplied, but bring your own photos. For teens and adults. Limit 15. Sponsored by the City of Little Falls.

- **Tuesday, April 21**
  - **6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

**FAMILY EVENTS**

National Haiku Poetry Day
Listen, Learn, Write
This year we are celebrating National Poetry Month by focusing on Haiku. Join us for a presentation about Haiku, how it is written, what makes it so distinctive and recognizable, and hear some examples read aloud. Then try your hand at writing your own traditional or modern Haiku poem. Facilitated by Little Falls Carnegie Library staff poet, Laura Hansen. Teens and Adults.

- **Friday, April 17**
  - **4:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

Searching for Minnesota’s Native Wildflowers
Book talk with Phyllis Root and Kelly Pova. This author/photographer duo will talk about the years they spent exploring Minnesota’s woods, prairies, hillside, lakes, and bogs for wildflowers, taking pictures and making the way for fellow flower hunters. The result was their book “Searching for Minnesota’s Native Wildflowers,” a beautifully illustrated family-friendly guide to Minnesota’s native wildflowers. For teens and adults. A Legacy event.

- **Saturday, April 25**
  - **1:30 to 2:30 p.m.**

Book Talk with Novelist Alison McGhee
Alison introduces her newest book, “The Opposite of Fate.” Alison will discuss what inspired her story, why it will be of particular interest to book groups. One of the most anticipated books of 2020 according to Working Mother.com. The Cozy Corner Adult Book Club will be reading and discussing the book prior to Alison’s presentation. Sponsored by the Friends of the Little Falls Carnegie Library.

- **Tuesday, May 5**
  - **3:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

Lorna Landvik Author Visit
Join Minnesota bestselling author Lorna Landvik for a talk/reading/Q&A about her twelfth novel, “Chronicles of a Radical Hog” (with Recipes)! You will not want to miss this fun, illuminating, and entertaining event! For teens and adults. A Legacy event.

- **Saturday, May 9**
  - **1:00 to 2:00 p.m.**

Movie Night
Kid-friendly movies being shown the 2nd Thursday of the month. The 4th Thursday movies may not be suitable for children. Check with the library for movie titles. Refreshments provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Little Falls Carnegie Library.

- **Thursdays, March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23 and May 14 & 28**
  - **4:00 p.m.**

Outlander Series & Traditional Scottish Music
Laura Mackenzie presents a program of Outlander’s traditional Scottish music, from both the Highlands and the Lowlands, on an array of instruments including wooden flutes, whistles, concertina, Scottish smallpipes, border bagpipes and voice. For all ages. Sponsored by the City of Little Falls.

- **Thursday, May 3**
  - **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

Pi Day
Celebrate pi (π) day at the library with a PII recipe exchange. Bring a loved pie recipe to share or come and pick one up to try!

- **Saturday, May 14**
  - **10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Live Storyteller: Sue Searing
In honor of World Storytelling Day and the simple love of hearing a great story, we welcome Sue Searing, a professional storyteller, to delight our guests in the art and performance that is live storytelling. For all ages. Sponsored by the City of Little Falls.

- **Friday, March 20**
  - **5:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

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- **Saturday, May 9**
  - **1:00 to 2:00 p.m.**

Mother’s Day Card Making Station
Card making supplies will be out with a few sample ideas for you to get creative and make your mom or other important person in your life a card to let them know what they mean to you.

- **Monday, May 4 to Saturday, May 9**

**TECHNOLOGY EVENTS**

Tech Time
Need help with your laptop, iPad or smartphone? Don’t know where to start? Drop by the library for help from a GRRL Librarian. Please call ahead to schedule a 30-minute time slot.

- **Thursdays, March 5 & 19, April 2 & 16 and May 7 & 21**
  - **5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

**CHILDREN’S EVENTS**

**CRAYON DAY**
Melted crayon canvas art. We will be melting, dripping, and snooping wax crayons on canvas to make one of a kind artwork. For teens. Limit 8. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Little Falls Carnegie Library.

- **Tuesday, May 31**
  - **4:30 to 5:30 p.m.**

One Dog Canoe and More – A Visit with Mary Casanova
A lively, interactive program with author Mary Casanova for grades K-5. With a Pointspoint program including images of Northwoods animals and book covers and illustrations, Mary recounts her journey growing up in a family of ten, struggling with reading, and discovering that books are a window into the world and writing is “to have a voice.” A Legacy event.

- **Friday, April 29.**
  - **11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.**

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**EARTH DAY TRIVIA**
Test your knowledge about Earth Day during the month of April. There will be a new question each week and chances to win a prize! For teens.

- **April**

**LONG PRAIRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

1,000 Books before Kindergarten
Enjoy a fun program encouraging reading and early literacy skills. Stop by the library to sign up! For ages 0 to 5. Ongoing.

Preschool Storytime
Join us as we use our imagination and learn about all sorts of things with stories, flannel board stories, songs and crafts to build kindergarten readiness. We ask that an adult be present to assist their children with craft projects. For ages 3-5. Siblings welcome! Limit 10.

- **Tuesdays, March 10, April 14 and May 12**
  - **11:00 to 11:45 a.m.**

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ADULT EVENTS
School House Memories with Doug Ohman
Travel back through time as Doug Ohman brings you to a time when all eight grades were in one classroom. Reminisce about school lunch, recess, and of course “the three Rs”. The stories and photographs will make you smile and laugh. For all ages. A Legacy event.

Lorna Landvik Author Visit
Join Minnesota bestselling author Lorna Landvik for a talk/reading/Q&A about her forthcoming novel, “Chorines of a Radical Hag (with Recipes).” You won’t want to miss this fun, illuminating, and entertaining event! For teens and adults. A Legacy event.

Monday, May 4 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Maple Syrup: A Sweet Minnesota Tradition
Making syrup from the sap of maple trees has long been a springtime tradition in Minnesota. CSB/SJU Professor Stephen Saupé will provide an overview of the history of maple syrup, why maple trees produce sap in the spring, how to make maple syrup at home, and how to judge the syrup you make. Participants will have an opportunity to taste and evaluate some samples of syrup. For all ages.

Saturday, March 21 11:00 a.m. to Noon

Intro to Weaving!
Artist Jen Olson-McCoy will teach different weaving techniques while using miscellaneous fibers and materials. Participants will go home with a piece of art they have created and their own tiny loom! Class members are encouraged to bring scrap yarns (cotton, wool & blends—no 100% acrylic), lace, and ribbons. Jen will also provide materials for weaving. For teens and adults. Registration required. Limit 12. A Legacy event.

Saturday, April 4 9:00 a.m. to Noon

ADULT EVENTS
Looking for your next great read?
NoveList Select
We’ve enhanced our catalog with smart reading suggestions to help you find your next book! NoveList Select delivers reading suggestions from over 5 million titles, integrating them with catalog entries, leading you from one good book to another.

Melrose Public Library

CHILDREN’S EVENTS
1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
A program to prepare children for school by exposing them to books and reading. For ages 0-5. Sponsored by Melrose Women of Today.

Ongoing

Make & Take March-May
Children use the supplies provided to make the craft. For school-aged children. While supplies last.

Ongoing

LEGO® Time
Join us for hours of Lego building fun! We give you a theme each week to get started, then let your imagination do the rest. For ages 5-10. Limit of 8. Registration required.

Mondays, March 2, April 6 and May 4 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Preschool Storytime
Join us for stories, arts, and crafts along with a snack. For ages 3-8. Limit 20.

Saturday, March 7 and April 4 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Kids Yoga
Movement enhances early learning, so get stretchy with us! Limit 20.

Saturday, April 25 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

ART NIGHT
Come make art. Feel free to work on an art project – watercolor painting, scrapbooking, card making, sewing, quilting, needlework, yarn work, adult coloring pages or even digital scrapbooking or photo editing... almost anything creative you might like to do. We want this to be a “creative space” for people to work and enjoy time together. Supplies are provided, but feel free to bring your own. Come and go as you like during the art time night (5:30-8:00). Everyone welcome. Children are welcome to come with parents who will be there to work with or alongside them. Come enjoy, relax, create and get inspired. For families. No registration required.

Mondays, March 9, April 13 and May 11 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Technology Events
Tech Time
Bring the device that is challenging you. This is the opportunity to ask questions about your specific electronic device.

Wednesdays, March 18, April 15 and April 22 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Toddler Time
Talk, sing, read, write, and play! We’ll have plenty of stories, songs, and crafts for young children and their caregivers. For ages 18 months - 3 years. Sponsored by Monticello Public Library.

Friday, March 13 & 27, April 19 & 24 and May 8 & 22 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

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Melrose Public Library

Minnie’s Guitar Quartet
The Minneapolis Guitar Quartet will perform an exciting and varied program with music by J.S. Bach, Joaquín Rodrigo, Alberto Ginastera, Prince and MQQ member Maja Radovanjić. The group will guide listeners through a musical tour of six different countries. Q&A will follow the performance. For all ages. No Limit. A Legacy event.

Friday, April 17 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Author Doug Ohman
Doug Ohman takes you on a journey with his stories and photos from his travels around Minnesota. A Legacy event.

Monday, April 20 6:00 p.m.

Teen and Adult Yoga
Please wear comfortable clothing. Limit 20.

Saturday, April 28 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

TECHNOLOGY EVENTS
Tech Time
Bring the device that is challenging you. This is the opportunity to ask questions about your specific electronic device.

Wednesday, March 18, April 15 and April 22 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Family Events
Art Night
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Mondays, March 9, April 13 and May 11 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Family Movie Night
All movies are family friendly and a popcorn snack will be provided, bring your own beverage. No registration required. For families.

Mondays, March 29 and April 27 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Rainbow Corner
There’s tons of fun with books, crafts, and games at Sandy’s weekly storytime. For ages 3-6. Sponsored by City of Monticello.

Wednesdays, March 4 & 18, April 1, 15 & 29, and May 6 & 20 10:15 to 11:00 a.m.

LEGO® Club!
Design, configure, and build! Master LEGO challenges or build your own. For ages 5-12. Co-Sponsored by Friends and Fellowship Homeschool Co-op.

Fridays, March 13 & 27, April 19 & 24 and May 8 & 22 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Monticello Public Library

CHILDREN’S EVENTS
1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
Enjoy a fun program encouraging reading and early literacy skills. Stop by the library to sign up. For ages 0-6. Sponsored by the Monticello Friends of the Library.

Ongoing

LEGO® Challenges!
Design, configure, and build Master LEGO challenges or build your own. For ages 5-12. Co-Sponsored by Friends and Fellowship Homeschool Co-op.

Mondays, March 2, April 13, and May 11 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for ages 5-8 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for ages 9-12

LEGO® Afternoons!
Design, configure, and build Master LEGO challenges or build your own. For ages 5-12. Co-Sponsored by Friends and Fellowship Homeschool Co-op.

Fridays, March 13 & 27, April 19 & 24 and May 8 & 22 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

FAMILY EVENTS
Fellowship Homeschool Co-op.
Enjoy a program to prepare children for school by exposing them to books and reading. For ages 0-5. Sponsored by Fellowship Homeschool Co-op.

Mondays, March 2, April 15 & 29, and May 6 & 20 10:15 to 11:00 a.m.

Monticello Friends of the Library.
Enjoy a program to prepare children for school by exposing them to books and reading. For ages 0-5. Sponsored by Monticello Friends of the Library.

Mondays, March 9, April 13 and May 11 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

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Storytime Rocks!
Join us for stories, songs, and crafts for preschoolers. They’ll have a rocking’ good time Miss Sandy. For ages 3-6 and their caregivers. Sponsored by City of Monticello.

Fridays, March 6, 13, 20 & 27, April 17 & 24, and May 1, 8 & 15 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

Family Programs
Enjoy a program to prepare children for school by exposing them to books and reading. For ages 0-5. Sponsored by City of Monticello.

Fridays, March 6, 13, 20 & 27, April 17 & 24, and May 1, 8 & 15 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Little Owls Evening Storytime
This program is designed to stimulate literacy with books, songs, flannel boards, a craft, and games! For ages 3-10 and their families. Sponsored by City of Monticello.
Tuesday, March 24, April 21, and May 19
6:00 to 6:45 p.m.

Happy Baby Storytime
Join us for an interactive early-literacy storytime with books and songs and more! For ages infant to age 28 months and their caregivers. Sponsored by the City of Monticello.
Wednesday, May 20
4:15 to 4:55 p.m.

PAYNESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

ADULT EVENTS
Book Club for Adults
Books. Lively discussion. Coffee. Stop by the desk to check out the current title.
Thursdays, March 11, April 8, and May 13
6:45 to 8:00 p.m.

Conversation Circles
Come and practice your English speaking skills while making new friends in a relaxed, fun setting. For adults.
Thursdays, March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23, and May 7 & 21
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

ProCRAFTinators
Why wait? Join our NEW crafting club! It’s like a book club, but we will pick a different craft to do each month. We will meet the last Tuesday of each month. Limit 12. Registration required. For ages 16 to adult. Sponsored by the City of Monticello.
Tuesday, March 31, April 28, and May 26
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Doug Ohman: Down the Mississippi
Enjoy America’s best-loved river with Doug, noted historian and photographer as he paddles from Lake Itasca, and passes Monticello on his way to the Iowa boarder. A Legacy event.
Thursday, April 16
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Lorna Landvik Author Visit
Join Minnesota bestselling author Lorna Landvik for a talk/reading/Q&A about her twelfth novel, “Chronicles of a Radical Life We Bury, The Shadows We Hide, and Nothing More Dangerous.” Her novel, The Life We Bury, is in development for a feature film. Registration required. A Legacy event.
Thursday, May 14
6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

PAYNESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

CHILDREN’S EVENTS
1,000 Books before Kindergarten
Read 1000 books with your child before they enter Kindergarten. You will help your child gain a love for reading while increasing their knowledge of words and language. Visit the library to pick up the materials needed to track your reading efforts. Small prize incentives are given to encourage progress. Sponsored by the Friends of the Paynesville Public Library and the Paynesville Lutheran Church Endowment Fund.
Ongoing

Preschool Storytime
Preschool class in reading readiness skills, featuring stories, songs, activities and crafts. For ages 3-6. Limit 20. Sponsored by the Friends of the Paynesville Public Library.
Wednesday, March 11, April 8, and May 13
10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Tabletop Gaming
There’s usually a D&D 5e game going, as well as a wide selection of board games and other tabletop adventures. Feel free to bring your favorite game and teach us how to play! Friendly fun for all ages – individuals and families. In partnership with Wright County Geeks.
Saturdays, March 14, April 11, and May 9
10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Sunday Cinema
Movies at the library! Bring a pillow and blanket, we’ll provide the popcorn. Contact the library for movie titles. For all ages.
Saturdays, March 21, April 18, and May 16
Starts at 10:15 a.m.

Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale
Books! Books! Books for sale! Come and check out our amazing deals on used books, CDs, DVDs, and more. All proceeds benefit the Monticello Friends of the Library. For all ages.
Thursday, April 2
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday, April 3, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 4, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Monday, April 6, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

TECHNOLOGY EVENTS
TechTime
Get your eReader or tablet questions. Call the library to set up your appointment.
Tuesdays
1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Richmond Public Library

CHILDREN’S EVENTS

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
This program is designed to increase awareness of the importance of early literacy. Sign your child up at the library to receive a reading record. For ages 0-5. No limit. Registration required. Cosponsored by the Cold Spring Area Historical Society and the Cold Spring Friends of the Library.

Legacy Event.

Event will be held at District Education Facility in Cold Spring. For adults. No limit. No registration required. Cosponsored by the Cold Spring Area Historical Society and the Cold Spring Friends of the Library. A Legacy Event.

Friday, March 13 and May 15
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

TEEN EVENTS

Reverse Escape Room
Try your skill at breaking INTO our super secure lock box. Bring friends, search the library for clues, and win a prize if you succeed! For ages 10+. Limit 20. Registration required.

Saturday, May 6
5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

ADULT EVENTS

Adult Book Club
Enjoy reading and discussing old and new favorites while meeting new people. For adults and seniors. No limit. No registration required.

Wednesdays, March 4, April 1 and May 6
11:00 a.m. to Noon

Rockford Public Library

CHILDREN’S EVENTS

Monthly LEGO Challenge
Use your imagination and join us for a fun hour with some LEGO building challenges, followed by free play. Ages 5-13. Limit 12. Registration required.

Tuesdays, March 17, April 21 and May 19
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Scavenger Hunt: Flowers
Spring has arrived early at the library! Come find all the different flower varieties that have popped up in the library. For families. No limit. No registration required.

Monday, March 30 through Saturday, April 4
During library open hours

Yoga and Stories for Kids
Yoga can help kids develop body awareness, build concentration, and produce a positive self-image. Join us for a morning of yoga and stories. For families. Limit 20. Registration required.

Tuesdays, March 31, April 21, and May 26
10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Spring Equinox Animal BINGO
Want a chance to win a small prize? Why not come to the Rockford library and play some Animal BINGO to celebrate the new season! For ages 6-13. Limit 12. Registration required. Sponsored by Rockford Friends of the Library.

Thursday, March 26
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Teen Events

TEENS, Are You Ready to Save the Day?
Calling all superheroes (teens) and sidekicks (pre-teens) at the Rockford Branch! Join our league to learn the process of making your very own comic book! We will cover all the steps from drafting to publishing. If you want to attend and have not been to any session prior to this one, please bring the updated copy of our rough draft. If everything looks like its right on track, we will talk about how to publish this comic. Snacks provided. Registration requested. Sponsored by Rockford Friends of the Library.

Thursday, April 23
6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Pebbles and Scrubables
Come and get your creativity flowing with this simple class. We will be using pebbles to form basic shapes on canvas, then using pens to add the details and transform our rocks into art! For ages 10 to adult. Limit 12. Registration required.

Thursday, March 12
5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Family Storytime
Grow your children’s literacy skills with stories and crafts for families. No limit. Registration not required.

Wednesdays, March 6, April 3 and May 18
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Ferdig Fridays
Listen to a musical program that highlights the talents of local school-age musicians from Mr. Jerald Ferdig’s Rockford School District music classes.

Fridays, March 6, April 3 and May 13
3:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Technology Events

Computer Tech Help
Get help with basic computer skills. By appointment or just walk in. For adults.

Wednesdays, March 11, April 8 and May 13
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

BINGO

B I N G O

Friday, March 6
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Artist Laura Ruprecht will show how to glued and assembled onto clear glass in a frame. Use an image Laura provides or create your own. Learn how to use glass cutting tools, glass safety, and how to grout and finish their pieces. For ages 10+. Limit 15. Registration required. A Legacy event.

Saturday, March 21
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Call for abstracts and proposals that are relevant to the history of the history, technology, and design of henna. For ages 10 to adult. Registration required.

Thursday, May 14
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Henna Tattoo Workshop
An introduction to the history, techniques, and designs of henna will be taught in this hands-on class with artist Jen Anfinson. Practice the designs of henna and create a henna tattoo on yourself. Henna tattoos are 100% natural and last a few days to a few weeks. For ages 15 to adult (teens must have permission from a parent). Limit 15. Registration required. A Legacy event.

Tuesday, April 14
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Dr. Seuss Storytime
Join us for a Dr. Seuss birthday party! Hear fun stories by Dr. Seuss, sing songs, and enjoy a birthday treat. For ages 0-6.
Thursday, March 12
10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Art!
Bring your budding artists to a storytime all about art. Listen to creative stories while building early literacy skills, and create your own work of art to take home with you. For ages 2-10. Co-sponsored by Royalton ECFE.
Thursday, March 26
4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Barnyard Banter Storytime
Cow goes “moo,” duck says “quack”—bring your little ones to the library for fun stories about everyone who lives in the barnyard! Storytime fosters a love of reading and prepares children for kindergarten readiness. For ages 0-6.
Thursday, April 9
10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Dogs, Dogs, Dogs!
Enjoy stories about everyone’s best friend. Bring a picture of your dog, cat, or other pet to share! Enjoy a Scooby Snack and create a cute puppet of your special pet. For ages 2-10. Co-sponsored by Royalton ECFE.
Thursday, April 23
4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Author Mary Casanova
Mary will recount her journey growing up in a family of ten, struggling with reading, and discovering that books are a window into the world and writing is a way to “have a voice.” Audiences of all ages engage with Mary’s warm presentation style, including Q & A, and respond with a greater desire to read—and write stories of their own. For grades K-5, but all ages welcome. A Legacy event. Held at Royalton Elementary School, 119 N Driftwood Street
Friday, April 24
1:45 to 2:45 p.m.

Tweet! Storytime for the Birds
Hear stories about all kinds of birds, learn a birdcall, and make a cute little birdfeeder to feed our winged friends! For ages 2-10. Co-sponsored by Royalton ECFE.
Thursday, May 21
4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Springtime Acrylic Canvas Painting Class
Talented artist and skilled teacher Rose Borman is back with her very popular acrylic canvas painting class. Create a beautiful 16 x 20 canvas of a cheerful springtime painting—just in time to decorate your home for spring. For ages 15-adult. Limit 12. Registration required. A Legacy event.
Wednesday, April 29
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Minnesota State Parks
Go on a Minnesota vacation with photographer Doug Ohman. Doug has visited all 67 parks and has photos, stories, history, and personal adventures to share. This program has two main themes: the history of the oldest state parks, and the incredible recreational opportunities just waiting to be explored. For teens and adults. A Legacy event.
Wednesday, May 13
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Earth Day 50th Anniversary Event with Climate Scientist Sam Potter
Sam will talk about evidence for human-caused global warming, projected climate impacts for Minnesota, and the scale of global climate action necessary to prevent catastrophic climate change. Sam grew up in Todd County and has a doctorate in atmospheric and oceanic sciences from Princeton University. Commemorate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day with this inspirational and educational event.
Wednesday, April 22
5:00-6:30 p.m.

Cute-N-Country Mother’s Day Vase
Create a beautiful gift for the mom or grandma in your life. Using Mod Podge, Mason jars, pretty fabrics, and silk flowers, you will create a sweet keepsake that you make yourself. For ages 5+, but ages 5-10 must have an adult assistant. Limit 12. Registration required.
Thursday, May 7
4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
Little Learners
Increase your child’s early literacy skills in a less structured format with a story and playtime. For ones and twos with adult caregiver. Register upon arrival. Limit 15.

Tuesdays, March 17 to April 28
11:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime
Increase your child’s early literacy skills in this storytime with books, songs, and more for preschoolers. Registration begins March 3. For ages 3-6. Limit 35.

Tuesdays, March 17 to April 28
10:15 to 10:45 a.m.
Wednesdays, March 18 to April 29
10:15 to 10:45 a.m. and 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Tiny Tots Play Workshop
Join us for an early literacy play session full of games, activities and art for babies and toddlers. For ages 0-3 with adult.

Thursdays, March 19 and May 7
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Paws to Read
Read with a Friendly Certified therapy animals (most usually a dog or two) will be on hand to listen as you read a story. It’s lots of fun to read when a friendly animal is your audience! For ages 4-12.

Saturdays, March 28, April 25 and May 30
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Spring Storytime
Come in your PJs and bring the whole family for stories, songs, crafts and fun. No registration necessary. Families welcome; stories focus on ages 2 and up.

Mondays, March 16 & 23 and April 6, 13, 20 & 27
6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Toddlers’ Storytime
Increase your child’s early literacy skills in this storytime with books, songs and more for toddlers. Registration begins March 3. For ages 18-36 months with adult caregiver. Limit 15.

Tuesdays, March 17 to April 28
10:15 to 10:45 a.m.
Wednesdays, March 18 to April 29
10:15 to 10:45 a.m. and 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Spring Break Make-n-Take
Celebrate spring break by getting crafty with little ones. Come anytime during the hour to complete as many projects as you wish. Projects for preschoolers and toddlers.

Tuesday, March 3 and Wednesday, March 4
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Free-for-all Friday
Cap off spring break week by checking out all the surprises in the Children’s Room! Games and activities all day long. For kids.

Friday, March 6
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Pajama Family Storytime
Come in your PJs and bring the whole family for stories, songs, crafts and fun. No registration necessary. Families welcome; stories focus on ages 2 and up.

Mondays, March 16 & 23
6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Let’s Build
Come and explore different materials to build “fun” play with LEGO® bricks, foam, wood and more. Registration begins April 7. For ages 6-12. Limit 20.

Tuesday, April 21
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Llama Llama Pajama Party
Join us for the kickoff event to Llama Llama Read-A-Rama, the United Way’s annual family literacy initiative! Children will enjoy many free activities such as crafts and storytime. For families with young children.

Thursday, April 30
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Thank You, Teachers!
Teacher Appreciation Week begins on May 4. Visit the Children’s Room this month to post your thoughts about a favorite teacher on our wall of thanks. For kids of all ages.

Friday, May 2
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Up North Animal Adventures
Come and learn about animals – some familiar and some exotic – with opportunities for interaction. Registration begins April 21. For ages 6-12. Limit 20.

Tuesday, May 5
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

One Dog Canoe and More:
A visit with author Mary Casanova
Meet Minnesota author Mary Casanova! With a presentation including images of Northwoods animals, book covers and illustrations, Mary will recount her journey growing up in a family of ten, struggling with reading, and discovering that books are a window into the world and writing is a way to have a voice. Audiences of all ages engage with Mary’s warm presentation style, including Q&A, and respond with a greater desire to read-and-write stories of their own. For grades K-5, but all ages welcome. A Legacy event.

Saturday, April 18
11:00 a.m. to Noon

LAUGH-OUT LOUDLY...

YA Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursdays, March 12, April 9, and May 14
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

St. Cloud Teen Anime Club
Meet others who enjoy anime and manga. Snacks provided! Mississippi Room. For teens.

Thursdays, March 12, April 9, and May 14
6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 2
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Passive Program: Create Your Own Origami Art
All through the month of May, stop in and create your own origami art with our beautiful paper. For teens and adults.

Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17 & 24
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Social Media, Branding, and Marketing for Artists
Learn the basics of social media, how to create and build your artistic brand, and how to effectively market your work. Learn how different social platforms can work for you and build an online strategy. This course will help you to define your brand, and how you market and tell your work. You will define your target audience and a marketing strategy.

Tuesdays, March 31 and April 7, 21 & 28
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Business Plan, Pricing, and Funding for Artists
Learn to write a simple business plan to organize your artistic practice and guide your decision making. You will be given an analytical approach to pricing your work, meant to illustrate the many factors of product production. You will then be able to customize the formula specifically to your work to create pricing that fits your business model and sets you up for success. We will cover available funding options, and discuss creative funding options and other resources for growing your artistic career.

Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19 & 26
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Event Registration
Register online for events at griver.org/events
**Dine & Dialogue: Creating a Better Minnesota**
Join local community leaders in a discussion about how our American values transcend religion and race. Enjoy tea and snacks while participating in a lively discussion about how our diversity makes us a stronger community. Come with an open mind and maybe leave with a new friend. For adults and teens, though the event is open to all ages.

**Saturday, April 18**
2:30 to 4:45 p.m.

Create a Bouquet of Felt Roses
Why buy fresh flowers that will last only a short time when you can come to the library and create a rose made of felt that will last for a long, long time? These no-sew felt roses are perfect for adorning anything from wearable items to home decor projects. You can even create a bouquet! For adults and teens ages 16 and up. Registration required. Limit 10.

**Wednesday, April 29**
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Garden Chat: Q and A with the Master Gardeners
Ask gardening questions of the Master Gardeners of Stearns and Benton Counties who will be available to provide research based information from the University of Minnesota Extension. Additional gardening information can be found at: https://www3.extension.umn.edu/county/stearns

**Tuesday, May 5, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**
**Thursday, May 21, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Lorna Landvik Author Visit
Join Minnesota bestselling author Lorna Landvik for a talk/reading/Q&A about her twelfth novel, "Chronicles of a Radical Hag (with Recipes)." You won’t want to miss this fun, illuminating, and entertaining event! For teens and adults. A Legacy event.

**Friday, May 8**
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Yard Decor
One person’s trash is another person’s “DIY” treasure! Join Carole in creating some beautiful garden flowers and décor for your home – using recycled cans! Most supplies will be provided, but please bring a pair of work gloves to protect your hands and an old pair of scissors. Cans, paint and some other accessories will be provided. (Your first night will include cutting and painting; the second night will be assembling your flowers.) Registration required and begins April 29th, 2020. Limit 12. For adults and teens.

**Wednesday, May 13 and May 20**
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Mill City String Quartet
Come enjoy chamber music styling of the Mill City String Quartet. You may have heard them on MPR or seen them at the MN State Fair and now they are coming to you. Join us for an afternoon of delightful sounds that will sooth your mind. Sponsored by the St. Cloud Friends of the Library.

**Saturday, May 23**
1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Escape to the Lake: Cabins of Minnesota: a Presentation by Doug Ohman
Enjoy a relaxing and scenic journey to the heart of Minnesota lake country. See some of Minnesota’s most interesting and unique cabins. The pictures will bring back wonderful memories of spending time at your favorite getaway with special people. Doug will share stories, history and memories of this long-standing Minnesota tradition. For adults and seniors, but all ages welcome. Registration not required. A Legacy event. In the Minnesota Room.

**Saturday, May 23**
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

FAMILY EVENTS
**Movie Night: Interactive Style**
Come to enjoy an interactive movie that features a lost cowphabet and all of his friends. The first 30 people will receive supply bags with props that make YOU part of the movie fun! Mississippi Room. For all ages. Note earlier start time.

**Tuesday, March 10**
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Movie Night
Come to enjoy a recently released movie and snack! Check at the Children’s Help Desk or the Information Desk for this month’s movie pick. Popcorn and beverage provided. For all ages.

**Tuesday, April 14 and May 12**
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

**TECHNOLOGY EVENTS**
**Tech Tutors**
Trouble understanding your laptop, tablet, e-reader or other electronic device? Would you like to download books from the library website but not sure how to get started? Sign up with library staff for a one-one session for up to 30 minutes. Registration with staff required.

**Saturday, May 23**
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

**St. Michael Public Library**
**CHILDREN’S EVENTS**
**1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**
A program to prepare children for school by exposing them to books and reading. For all children who have not yet started kindergarten. Register at the St. Michael circulation desk.

**Ongoing**
**R.E.A.D. to a Dog**
READ dogs are trained, registered, and certified therapy animals who serve as reading tutors, assisting children with their quiet presence and helping them develop a love of reading. Dogs. For ages 5+. Call the library to schedule your individual 15-minute appointment.

**Saturday in March and April**
11:00 to 12:45 p.m.

**LEGO® Day at the Library!**
Join us for a fun filled LEGO® Day! Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the building challenges. All LEGO lovers are encouraged to attend! No limit. Sponsored by the St. Michael Friends of the Library.

**Friday, March 13**
12:00 p.m. – LEGO Craft
1:00 p.m. – LEGO Building Challenge
2:00 p.m. – Movie
3:00 to 5:00 p.m. – Free play with LEGOs

**Toddler Storytime**
Storytime includes stories, flannel board stories, songs and crafts to build Kindergarten readiness. Crafts as supplies last. For ages 18 mos.-3. Registration not required. Sponsored by St. Michael Friends of the Library.

**Mondays, March 16, 23 & 30, April 6, 20, & 27 and May 4**
10:05 to 11:35 a.m.

**Preschool Storytime**
Stories, flannel board stories, songs and crafts to build Kindergarten readiness. Registration not required. Crafts as supplies last. For ages 3 to 6. Registration not required. Sponsored by St. Michael Friends of the Library.

**Mondays, March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 20, 27, and May 4**
11:00 to 11:45 a.m.

**ECFE Morning Story Time**
Each visit will tell a different story! An ECFE staff member from St. Michael Public Schools leading story time with crafts, games, songs, and of course plenty of children’s books! For ages 0-6 with their parent or caregiver. No limit.

**Thursdays, March 19, April 9, and May 14**
10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

**Stuffed Animal Sleepover**
Bring your favorite stuffed animal to the library for a storytime sleepover! We’ll listen to stories, sing songs, show and tell your stuffed animal and share some milk and cookies. Then kiss your stuffed animal goodbye and leave them at the library for a sleepover! The next morning, pick up your stuffed animal, enjoy a breakfast treat and hear about their adventures at the library.

**Friday, April 3**
drop off by 4:00 p.m.
**Saturday, April 4**
pick up 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

**Make and Take**
Come learn how the STMA High School Robotics Team prepares for competition! Before the Team’s presentation, we will learn about robots all around us and build our own “robot” from found household items. For ages 7-14. Limit 30. Please register. Sponsored by the St. Michael Friends of the Library.

**Thursday, March 19**
4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

**Seed Art with COMPAS artist**
Anne McFaul Reid
Think of a moment that you want to remember in a special way forever. Now, try and visualize that in seeds! Seed art is a creative and original way to capture a moment. Participants learn to transfer and/or draw an image and then, using seeds of various sizes and colors, arrange and glue them on a flat surface to make that image come alive. Using a memory shown in a photo works well also. For school age children to adults. Registration required. Presented in partnership with COMPAS. A Legacy event.

**Tuesday, March 24**
4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

**ECFE Evening Story Time**
Each visit will tell a different story! An ECFE staff member from St. Michael Public Schools leading story time with crafts, games, songs, and of course plenty of children’s books! For ages 0 to 6 with their parent or caregiver. No limit.

**Mondays, March 30 and April 27**
6:00 to 6:30 p.m.

**April Make & Take**

**Saturday, April 25**
During library’s open hours

**May Make & Take**
May 10 is Mother’s Day. Come into the library and make a Mother’s day craft. For ages 5-12. While supplies last. Sponsored by St. Michael Friends of the Library.

**Thursday, May 7**
During library’s open hours
WANT TO LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE?
Learning a Language can be a Challenge!
The library has a resource available to help. pronunciation: /prəˌnaʊsɪˈɒkəntɪˈɛr/ [ɪnˈtuːˈneɪʃən]
This is an online Language Learning service offering more than 80 languages with interactive quizzes and personalized lesson planning.

To use Pronunciator, access it from the Database tab in the catalog.

1. The link takes you to an introductory page with a short video describing the service. This page also has a link to login.
2. The first time you use the service, you will need to register using your full GRRL Library Card barcode number and an email address.
3. You will receive an email with a Student Name and password to access the service in the future.

Free with your library card!
CHILDREN’S EVENTS
1,000 Books before Kindergarten
This reading program will increase awareness of the importance of early literacy and encourage parents to embrace their roles as their child’s first teacher. Plus, there will be prizes. Sign up any time at the library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Sinclair Lewis Library.
Ongoing
Make and Take Crafts
Explore arts & crafts from around the world, outer space, books, movies, and your own imagination! Crafts will change weekly. Available each week while supplies last.
Ongoing
LEGO® Hour Challenge
Explore arts & crafts from around the world, outer space, books, movies, and your own imagination! Crafts will change weekly. Available each week while supplies last.

Thursday, March 26, April 23, May 7
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Crafts’n Creations
Create your own personalized coffee mug. We will supply different ideas to design and decorate a coffee mug. Come for an evening of laughs, snacks and creations. Need not be a coffee drinker to attend. For teens and adults. Limit 12. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

Saturday, May 23
10:00 a.m. to Noon
Vanishing Landmarks with Doug Ohman
Explore the back roads and small towns and hear the stories and history of Minnesota through historic buildings that are quickly disappearing. Doug Ohman will share his experiences visiting many of these sites from Akeley’s African elephant to the last Civil War recruiting station. A Legacy Event.

Thursday, May 7
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
TECHNOLOGY EVENTS
Tech Time
Trouble understanding your laptop, iPad, Kindle or other electronic device? Would you like to download books from the library website or use eBooks but aren’t sure how to? Tech help will be available the First Wednesday of each month at 10:00 to Noon. Registration is required. For teens or adults.

Wednesdays, March 4, April 1 and May 6
10:00 a.m. to Noon
Sauk Centre Public Library

PICTURE BOOK PUZZLE PUZZLE
Play mini-golf in the library! Putt your way through the Captain Underpantz’s undies, past the frost eaten by the very hungry Caterpillar to Dr. Seuss’s Cat in the Hat hole in one! For all ages. Sponsored by the Friends of the Sinclar Lewis Library.

Monday, May 11 through Saturday, May 23
During library open hours

Mystery Craft Week
Help us celebrate craft month by making a mystery craft. Craft will be announced at the library in March. While supplies last. For teens and adults.

Monday, March 9 through Saturday, March 14
During library open hours

TEEN EVENTS
Puzzle It Out!
Figure out the answer to these fun puzzles each week and win a sweet prize! Different set of puzzle questions each week. Sponsored by the Friends of the Sinclar Lewis Library.

March and April
During open library hours

Shakespearean Insult Generator
Celebrate Shakespeare’s birthday by creating your very own Shakespearean insults from our interactive display board. For all ages.

April
During open library hours

ADULT EVENTS
They Chose Minnesota with Doug Ohman
Learn what drew people to the North Star state. Doug will highlight the stories and history from many of the immigrant groups that chose to make Minnesota their home. For all ages. A Legacy event.

Tuesday, March 10
6:00 p.m.

Upon Waking: A poetry reading and discussion of abuse
Meet Annette Garlapon, editor of “Upon Waking: 58 voices speaking from the shadow of abuse” and listen to poetry read by contributors to the collection. Readings will be followed by time for discussion. Books will be for sale at the event. For teens and adults.

Tuesday, April 14
6:00 p.m.

Sauk Centre Reads Together
The Friends of the Sinclar Lewis Library would like to announce their first community read of the book “Evidence of V: a novel in fragments, fact and fiction” by Sheila O’Connor. When Sheila O’Connor attempted to uncover secrets about her family, she discovered the little-known history of incarcerated adolescent girls for “immorality” throughout MN. Events are being planned in conjunction with the Sauk Centre Area Historical Society, Community Education and River of Life Church. Events will include tours of the former “home school” (Eagle’s Nest), Historical Presentations, Author talks, and panel discussion. Watch for more information on other events.

Author Sheila O’Connor held at River of Life Church, 705 12th St. S., Sauk Centre.
Saturday, March 21
2:00 p.m.

Spring Landscape Canvas Painting
Paint a spring landscape canvas with step-by-step instructions. For adults and teens. Limit 10. Sponsored by the Friends of the Sinclar Lewis Library.

Tuesday, March 24
5:30 p.m.

Leatherwork in Jewelry Making with Jen Anfinson
Learn leather jewelry is all the rage! An introduction to the techniques, tools, and tricks-of-the-trade when designing trendy leather jewelry will be taught. Create a leather bracelet in class! For adults and teens 15 and up. Limit 20. A Legacy event.

Tuesday, April 7
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Creative Cards with Jan Gerth
Create fun and distinctive cards with artist Jan Gerth. New card creators are asked to come 15 minutes early (5:30) to learn some of the basic techniques. For adults. Limit 15. Sponsored by the Friends of the Sinclar Lewis Library.

Tuesday, May 5
5:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Staples Public Library

CHILDREN’S EVENTS
1,000 Books before Kindergarten
Enjoy a fun program encouraging reading and early literacy skills. For ages birth to kindergarten. Check out the new app available to record books read. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

Ongoing
“In Library” Fun Activity
Play our monthly guessing game and stop at the desk for a treat. A prize winner will be chosen from the correct answers each week. For all ages. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

Ongoing
Spring into Storytime!
Stories and activities for preschool to 2nd grade. Registration required. Limit 10. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

Saturday, March 14, April 11 and May 9
10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

ADULT EVENTS
Create a Hand-Stamped Cuff Bracelet with Jen Anfinson
Learn TWO jewelry techniques—jewelry stamping and metal bending, and create a hand-stamped cuff bracelet! For adults and teens. Limit 20. A Legacy event.

Thursday, March 19
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Agate Man
Are you fascinated with agates? Do you enjoy collecting them? Don’t miss Agate Man, Lyndon Johnson. He will share his expertise about agates and how to find them. Lyndon will have examples of agates, fossils, artifacts and minerals that he has found. For all ages. A Legacy event.

Saturday, March 21
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Tech Time
Trouble understanding your laptop, iPad, Kindle or other electronic device? Would you like to download books from the library website or use eBooks but aren’t sure how to? Tech help will be available the First Wednesday of each month at 10:00 to Noon. Registration is required. For teens or adults.

Wednesdays, March 4, April 1 and May 6
10:00 a.m. to Noon

Book Club for Adults
If you enjoy reading and discussing books, then this is the group for you. A fun opportunity for you to learn interesting facts about the authors and share your opinions. Contact the library for the book selection and to sign up. Book Club meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 4:30 to 5:30. For teens and adults.

Thursday, March 26, April 23 and May 7
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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Friday Game Night
Beat winter boredom at the library. Play some well-known games or learn to play some new ones. Games provided. For families with school aged children.
Friday, March 13
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

AfterSchool Book Club
Join an invigorating discussion and book club for kids in Grades 4, 5 and 6. For ages 10 to 13.
Wednesdays, March 18, April 15, and May 20
3:15 to 4:00 p.m.

Crazy8 Math!
Join student coaches and your friends to build glow-in-the-dark structures, crack secret spy codes, and play get-up-and-move games like Toilet Paper Olympics in Crazy8s Math Club! Crazy8s is a math club unlike any other! It offers unique, high-energy math activities that appeal to kids of all math abilities. Using math was never more fun! The group meets for 8 weeks. For ages 8-10. Limit 16.
Tuesdays, March 24 & 31
April 7, 14, 21 & 28, and May 5 & 12
3:15 to 4:15 p.m.

Spring Walkabout
Take a walk outside and look for signs of spring. Back at the library listen to some stories about spring and create your own spring themed art project. For ages 6-9.
Wednesday, April 15
3:15 to 4:30 p.m.

Meet Libby
Libby can guide you to thousands of public libraries. Your loans and holds are collected on one bookshelf. All you need is a library card!

Traditional Scottish Music
Laura MacKenzie presents a program of traditional Scottish music, from both the Highlands and the Lowlands, on an array of instruments including wooden flutes, whiskets, concertina, Scottish smallpipes, border bagpipes and voice. For all ages. A Legacy event.
Location: Swanville Senior Center
Thursday, March 5
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Did you know your local library has thousands of ebooks and audiobooks?
You can borrow them, instantly, for free, using just the device in your hand.

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CHILDREN’S EVENTS

Mother’s Day Card Making Station
Card making supplies will be out with a few sample ideas for you to get creative and make your mom or other important person in your life a card to let them know what they mean to you.
Monday, May 4 to Saturday, May 9
During library open hours

Intro to Macrame
Macrame is back! Learn the basic knots of macrame and create a trendy wall hanging in class. For adults and teens.
Limit 15. A Legacy event.
Wednesday, March 18
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Minneapolis Guitar Quartet Program
The Minneapolis Guitar Quartet will perform an exciting and varied program with music by J.S. Bach, Joaquin Rodrigo, Alberto Ginastera, Maria Kalaniemi, Prince and MGQ member Maja Radovanlija. The group will guide listeners through a musical tour of six different countries, ranging from ancient Macedonian folk to Spanish romantic to “Purple Rain.” Question and answer time follows the performance. For all ages. No limit. A Legacy event.
 Held at Swanville Senior Center
Friday, April 17
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Papercrafting with Jan Gerth
Make your own special scrapbook, see samples at the library. All material supplied, bring your own photos. For teens and adults. Limit 15. Sponsored by the Swanville Women’s Club.
Monday, April 20
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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Do-it-Yourself Auto Repair with Online Manuals from Chilton!
• Step by step service and repair procedures
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Makes and models for every year, from a 1957 Chevy Bel Air to a 2000 Toyota Corolla and last year’s Ford F-150!
Available free of charge at www.chiltonlibrary.com using your library card barcode from Great River Regional Library (from griver.org, click on Research>Automotive)
They Chose Minnesota
Photographer and historian Doug Ohman will take you on a visual tour of Minnesota through the eyes of the immigrants. What drew them to the North Star state and where did they settle? Doug will highlight stories and history from many of the immigrant groups that made Minnesota their home. For ages 10 and up. A Legacy event.

Held at Upsala Area Schools Cardinal Media Center, 415 S Main St.
Friday, May 1
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Meet Tracy Nelson Maurer, Minnesota author
Tracy has written numerous books about racecars and monster trucks and cheerleaders. Most recently, she has written biographies for younger readers. She will be speaking about her Maud Hart Lovelace award nominee, “John Deere That’s Who!” when she visits Upsala Elementary. Tracy will speak four times. Her books will be available for purchase. For all ages. A Legacy event.

Held at Cora Eiskrom Elementary Media Center, 415 S Main St.
10:00 to 10:30 a.m.
10:30 to 11:00 a.m.
12:15 to 1:15 p.m.
1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

ADULT EVENTS

Meet Marcie Stokman
Minnesota author
Marcie Stokman knows women today yearn for deep connections, true leisure, and a sense of meaning and purpose. Her book, The Well-Read Mom, is a response to that need. We need to Read More. Read Well. Together. With honesty, humor and encouragement, Marcie shares how a desire to read great literature and make meaningful connections became the catalyst for the Well-Read Mom (WRM) international book club and movement. WRM is restoring the hearts of women and awakening a cultural revolution across the world. Books will be available for purchase. For adults. Blizzard date will be the Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Introduction to Wire Bending in Ring Making with Jen Anfinson
Join artist Jen Anfinson in this workshop where you will be introduced to the supplies and techniques of wire bending and create a custom ring. The possibilities are endless with this technique, get ready to get creative! For adults and teens. Limit 20. A Legacy event.

Tuesday, March 24
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Sticky Poetry
April is National Poetry Month. Write poetry with word magnets in this fun passive program. Print a photo of you with your poem. For all ages.

Monday, April 6 through Saturday, April 11
During library open hours

Mosaic Art
Work with mosaic artist, Laura Ruprecht, on how to create a glass on glass mosaic. She will demonstrate how to cut different shapes out of glass to be adhered onto the clear glass in a picture frame and how to finish off a mosaic by mixing and using grout. Bring your own beverage (pop or water). Limit 15. Pre-registration required. A Legacy event.

Heled at the Upsala Community Center, 121 S Main St.
Friday, April 24
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Bees and Beekeeping
Will Oberst, a second generation commercial migratory beekeeper from Randall, will introduce listeners to the art and practice of beekeeping. Will makes his living with bees and the bees go to California in the winter. He has been around bees his whole life as his dad got his first hives the year Will was born. Will commented, “I love them and find them fascinating. I enjoy talking about honey bees with just about anyone.”

Thursday, May 7
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Make Graduation Cards
Make 4 cards for the graduates in your life. For teenagers and adults. Limit 12. Registration is required.

Friday, May 15
6:00 to 6:45 p.m.

Waite Park Public Library

CHILDMEN’S EVENTS

1,000 Books before Kindergarten
A goal of this program is to provide a simple and fun approach to establishing strong early literacy skills. Come in, sign your child up, and start reading to earn prizes for all of your little ones! For ages 0-6. Sponsored by the Waite Park Friends of the Library

Ongoing

Spring Make and Take
Each month you can make a new craft to take home. For ages 3-12. While supplies last. Sponsored by the Waite Park Friends of the Library.

March, Monday, March 2 through Saturday, May 30
During library open hours

Spring Storytime with Joy
Listen to stories and do a craft, while practicing pre-literacy skills at Joy’s Spring Storytime! Preschool storytime meets every Tuesday of every month. For ages 3 to 6. No registration required.

Tuesdays, March 17, April 21 and May 19
10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

ADULT EVENTS

Acrylic Painting Class with Rose Borman
Explore the art of acrylic paints while making your own 16x20 masterpiece. Easy step-by-step instructions will make it a relaxed and fun art experience for teens and adults. Registration required. A Legacy event.

Saturday, March 7
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Art on Display at the Waite Park Library
Come in and enjoy all the artwork displayed each month from local artists.

During library open hours

TECHNOLOGY EVENTS

Tech Tutors
Do you have a new device and need some help getting started? Would you like help exploring the GRIL digital library? We are offering one on one tutoring every month. Register by calling the Waite Park library for your 15-minute session.

Tuesdays, March 31, April 28 and May 26
11:00 a.m. to Noon

ENRICH YOUR READING THIS YEAR
Each month we’ll focus on a different topic for you to enjoy.

• March - Sports
• April - Techno-Lit
• May - Strong Female Leads

Now, you can log your monthly reading activities at griver.beanstack.org or on the Beanstack Tracker app
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Great River Regional Library operates from 33 physical locations and has a digital library that is part of an online service open 24/7. Hours vary at each location based on established local preferences, activity levels and community size.

For a complete listing of events check our online events calendar.

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