

EARLY LITERACY

Music and Movement Story Time

Mondays, 10:00-11:00 AM

Develop early literacy skills with music, dancing, singing, and stories. Ages 2-6.

Preschool Story Time

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 AM

Enjoy stories, songs, and fun with a new theme each week. Ages 2-6.

Baby Play Date

Thursdays, 10:00-11:00 AM

Connect with other parents and your baby with simple songs and stories. Ages 0-2.

Toddler Yoga

Fridays, 10:00-11:00 AM

Follow along as staff from Stateline YMCA lead stretching, songs, and fun. Ages 0-5.

Preschool Story Time: Evening Edition

Select Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM

Dec 11, Jan 8, Jan 22, Feb 12, Feb 26

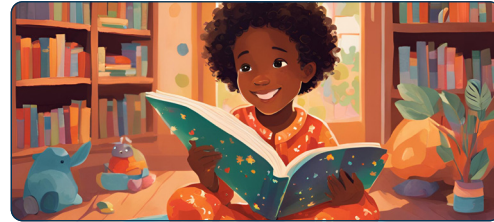
You've asked ... so now we offer story time in the evenings! This newer story time includes stories, songs, and fun with a new theme each week! Ages 2-6; siblings are always welcome.



Santa Story time

Thursday, December 5, 4:00-5:00 PM

Join us for a special Christmas-themed story time with Santa & Mrs. Claus! Listen to stories, sing songs, and make a craft. All ages welcome.



Pajama Storytime!

Friday, Feb 21, 4:00-5:00 PM

Gather the whole family for our Pajama story time! Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal. Join us for stories, songs, and a craft celebrating bedtime!

ALL AGES



Winterfest Activities and Hot Chocolate Bar

Saturday, Jan 25, 1:00-3:00 PM

Beat the winter blues with the city's Winterfest a full weekend of winter activities. Enjoy games and crafts at BPL while cozying up with free hot chocolate and all the fixings. Ages 2-10.



Saturday Morning Chess Club

Every Saturday, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Thinking of chess all day and knight? Learn the basics of chess or come and compete against experts! All skill levels are welcome in this friendly drop-in program. Ages 5+.



Family Game Day

Thursday, Feb 27, 4:30-6:30 PM

Enjoy your favorite board games in life-size scale! Join us for an evening of LIFE-SIZE Clue and Candyland, as well as regular-size board games, all while enjoying drinks and snacks. All ages.



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Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Friday-Saturday
9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Our outside book drop, free Wi-Fi, and digital resources are always available!

Library Director

Nick Dimassis (608) 364-2917

Friends at Beloit Library (FABL)

FABL provides support to the library through the sale of donated books. New volunteer members are always welcome, as are donations of gently used books.
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friendsatbeloitlibrary@gmail.com

Beloit Public Library Foundation

Our Foundation maintains an endowment to provide funding for special projects. Make your tax-deductible donation today.
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Children

Children 8 and younger should be accompanied by an adult or caregiver age 12 or older.

Accessibility

The library is wheelchair accessible and offers many assistive devices including an electric scooter, walkers, magnifiers, Hearing Loops, and a computer with features to assist persons with sight challenges. Ask any staff member about these and other assistive devices.

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WINTER '24-'25 PROGRAM GUIDE

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ADULTS



Go Green/Save Green

Tuesday, Dec 10, 6:30-8:00 PM

How much can you save while making your home more comfortable and energy efficient? Three local pros will discuss options for insulation, heating/cooling, and solar power followed by a representative from Wisconsin's Focus on Energy program. Homeowners and renters alike can qualify for tax credits, rebates, and other incentives – and some upgrades may be free!

ADULTS

Family History for Beginning & Experienced Genealogists

Thursday, Feb 13, 6:00-7:30 PM

Brush up on your genealogy skills with this workshop presented by Vicki Hahn. Learn how to decide which genealogy databases and software to use, then effectively search archives, analyze, and record facts. This is Part 2 of our Family History for Beginning & Experienced Genealogists series, but Part 1 is not a prerequisite to attend.



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ADULTS & TEENS



Seed Library Series

Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 PM

Jan 30: Flowering Native Plant Workshop with Nature at the Confluence

Feb 27: Herb Gardening with Rock County Master Gardener Ruth Flescher

This four-part series will feature a different presentation each month with new seed types being discussed, packaged, and available pre-release to those attending. Join us for one or come to them all! *The first 25 to register will receive a seed starting kit (one per family)!* Walk-ins are also welcome.

SCHOOL-AGE KIDS

Discovery Center

Portable Planetarium-Night Sky

Saturday, Feb 22, TWO SESSIONS:

1:00-2:00 and 2:00-3:00 PM

Watch the day transform into night and learn about the constellations and planets you can see right in your neighborhood inside Discovery Center's portable, inflatable planetarium. Choose from one of two sessions available. Ages 5+.



Don't have a library card?

GET YOURS TODAY!

beloit public library

Monday-Thursday 9:30am-9:00pm
Friday-Saturday 9:30am-5:30pm

Library cards are FREE for residents. Bring a photo ID and proof of address, and we'll send you home with a shiny new card that opens a world of opportunity.



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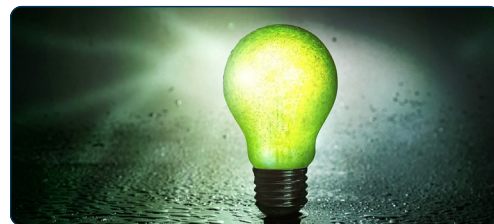


World AIDS Day AIDS/HIV Awareness Event Monday, December 2

This drop-in event to commemorate World AIDS Day is hosted by Yellow Brick Road, Vivent Health, Rock County Health Department, and Rock County Human Services. Free food will be provided.

3:00-5:00 PM: Learn about HIV and AIDS. Confidential testing will be available, no appointment required.

5:00-6:00 PM: Know someone who has or had HIV or AIDS? Join us for a special remembrance session and connect with others.



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Wisconsin Gerrymandering:

The Fight for Permanent Fair Maps

Thursday, Dec 12, 6:00-7:30 PM

Join us for a special book signing event with author Tim Cullen, former Wisconsin State Senate Majority Leader and Health and Social Services Secretary. Cullen will talk about his latest book, *Wisconsin Gerrymandering: The Fight for Permanent Fair Maps and Why it Matters*. Attendees will be able to purchase a signed copy of his book after the discussion.

Taller Informativo

para Compradores De Casa

Sábado, Jan 18, 12:00-2:00-PM

Aprenda cómo comprar una casa en este taller sólo en Español presentado por Gerardo Barrios Garcia. ¡Compradores de vivienda con y sin experiencia son bienvenidos a asistir!

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YouTube Yoga Series

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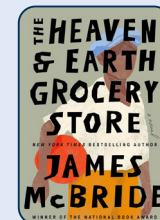
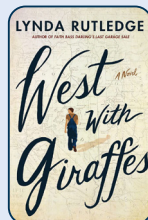
Dec 4, Dec 18, Jan 15, Feb 5, Feb 19

This series is designed to put the focus on YOU. Your interests, abilities, concerns, and curiosity will build our playlist of short routines that let us explore yoga and other gentle exercise practices. Ages 13+.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Dec 16, Feb 24, 1:00-6:00 PM

Save a life; donate blood. For an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org. Ages 18+.



Each month, read the book and join us for a healthy discussion around the fireplace in the library's cozy Riverside Room.

Senior Bingo

Every Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 AM

Connect and compete in a friendly game of bingo with other senior citizens in this weekly get-together held in our cozy Riverside Room.

Spanish Fluency Club for Beginners

Tuesdays, 5:00-7:00 PM

Second & Fourth Saturdays, 2:00-4:00 PM

Learn conversational Spanish and appreciate Mexican culture in this club. Fluent English and/or Spanish speakers are invited.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens and Adults

Every Tuesday, 6:00-8:30 PM

Bring your friends, creativity, and adventurous spirit to our D&D series led by Bob Peryea. No advanced knowledge is required. Characters will be offered to you at each session, or you can bring your own created characters. Ages 13+.

Job Services Live Help Desk

Mondays – 12:30-4:30 PM

Tuesdays & Thursdays – 9:30 AM-4:30 PM

Job service staff from DWD provide application assistance, resume building, employment and training referrals, and help navigating Job Center of Wisconsin and unemployment websites. No appointment necessary.



Hooks & Needles Yarn Craft Club

Every Tuesday, 6:00-8:30 PM

Bring your own knitting or crocheting project, and hang out with other yarn crafters for inspiration, conversation, and collaboration.

Tech Tuesday

Every Tuesday, 3:00-6:00 PM

Drop in for one-on-one assistance with learning how to use and understand your device. Our staff can help you learn to use library apps, resources, and more! **PLEASE NOTE: Staff are not permitted to perform repairs.**

4th Wednesday Book Club

Fourth Wednesdays, 6:00 PM

Dec 18:

West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

Jan 22:

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

Feb 26:

Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

TEENS

Teen Anime Appreciation Club

Select Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 PM

Dec 5, Jan 9, Feb 6

Meet fellow anime and manga lovers at this monthly series. Watch parts of an anime series and create an optional anime-related craft. All materials provided, while supplies last. Grades 6-12.

Teen Advisory Board

Third Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 PM

Dec 18, Jan 15, Feb 19

Earn an easy volunteer hour per month, share ideas with others, help our teen space grow, help us prep teen programs ... and make new friends while doing so! Win-win-WIN! We provide FREE PIZZA at the end of each meeting! Grades 6-12.

Teen Craft

Select Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 PM

Dec 12: Natural Clay Ornaments

Jan 23: Crystal Lights

Feb 13: Self-Love Day Activities

Each of these craft sessions is made just with teens in mind! Make a craft while you meet new friends. All materials provided, while supplies last. Grades 6-12.

SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

LEGO Club

Second Mondays, 6:30-7:30 PM

Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10

Build as a team or work on your own creation. Bring a camera to capture your creation! Each month will bring a new build challenge. Ages 5-12.

"When I Grow Up" Story Time: Aviation

Saturday, Jan 11, 10:30-11:30 AM

Meet the crew from Revv Aviation and explore high-flying careers with a story and activities! Free book for the first 10 families. This program is aimed at children 4-8, but the whole family is welcome.

Dungeons & 78 Dragons for Children

Every Thursday, 6:00-8:30 PM

Bring your friends, creativity, and adventurous spirit to our Dungeons & Dragons series led by Bob Peryea. No advanced knowledge is required. Characters will be offered to you at each session, or you can bring your own. Ages 8-12.

Special Dungeons & Dragons with Krampus

Thursday, Dec 5, 6:00-8:30 PM

Join us for a special D&D session with Krampus! This festive special event will have a variety of activities, hot chocolate, and more! Once everyone is settled in, players will participate in a Krampus-themed D&D adventure! New and experienced players are welcome. Ages 8-12.



Teen Taste Test: Lay's Potato Chips

Tuesday, December 17, 4:30-5:30 PM

Love to try new things? In this fun quarterly series, taste-test a variety of treat and snack flavors and vote on their favorites. Grades 6-12.

Women in STEM Presented by Turtle Tek

Friday, Jan 3, 1:00-5:00 PM

Learn and be inspired by Women in STEM. A variety of motivational women will share their journeys in STEM fields, then you can take part in hands-on STE-based activities. **Registration is required. (Registration information will be shared with Turtle Tek for planning.)** For girls in grades 6-12.

Gaming Club

Every Wednesday, 6:00-8:00 PM

Hang out for a fun evening full of video games. The library has a Nintendo Switch and Wii. Feel free to bring your own system or even a favorite card game to share with others.



Lyla in the Loop Evening Camp

Jan 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, 6:00-8:00 PM

Join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays as we use videos, games, and activities to explore creative problem-solving and beginning computer science with PBS Kids new show *Lyla in the Loop*! Space is limited and registration is required. See our online calendar for details. Ages 5-8.

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MOVIES

Free refreshments are served at every movie.

TEEN

Teen Movie Night

Third Thursdays, 5:30 PM

Dec 19: *Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves* (PG-13)

Jan 16: *Mean Girls* (PG-13)

Feb 20: *Everything, Everything* (PG-13)

Join us for a free movie at the library.



FAITH

Faith Film Night

Second Mondays, 6:00 PM

Dec 9: *Defiance*

Jan 13: *Prince of Egypt*

Feb 10: *Unsung Hero*

This newer film series features characters and movies of different faiths.



BLACK

Black Cinema Series

Fourth Mondays, 6:00 PM

Dec 23: *This Christmas*

Jan 27: *Bob Marley: One Love*

Feb 24: *A Thousand and One*

This monthly film series features iconic Black films curated by members of the community. There will be a drawing for the movie at the end.



RAINBOW

Rainbow Movie Series

First Tuesdays, 6:00 PM

Dec 3: *Pariah*

Jan 7: *All of Us Strangers*

Feb 4: *Some Like It Hot*

Join us for this monthly film series featuring an LGBTQ+ friendly film.



FABL

FABL Film Series

First Wednesdays, 6:00 PM

Dec 4: *Wicked Little Letter*

Jan 8: *The Fall Guy*

Feb 5: *Back to Black*

This monthly film series features releases. There will be a drawing for the movie after the showing.



CLASSIC

Classic Film Series

Third Wednesdays, 6:00 PM

Dec 18: *Christmas in Connecticut*

Jan 15: *Father Goose*

Feb 19: *Paper Moon*

This popular monthly film series features classic films as they were intended to be seen – on a big screen and with an audience. Drawing for the movie after the showing.

