

SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN



LEGO® Club Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 9 | 6:30-7:30 PM

Let your imagination take shape! Build as a team or design your own amazing creation in this hands-on building challenge. Every month features a new theme. Ages 5-12.

Winterfest Activities & Hot Chocolate Bar Saturday, Jan 24 | 1:00-3:00PM

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. There may even be an indoor snowball fight! Ages 13 and under.

Beginning Cartooning 2 Saturday, Feb 21 2:00-3:00 PM

Learn to draw fun, expressive cartoons step-by-step using simple shapes, lines, and color. Builds on the first cartooning class. Space is limited and registration is required. Ages 7-12.



Celebrate Seuss! Saturday, Feb 28 | 2:00-3:30 PM

Celebrate the birthday of Theodor Geisel (a.k.a. Dr. Seuss) with a whole lot of Seuss-y fun! We'll share classic stories, get creative with themed crafts, and jump into playful activities inspired by your favorite rhymes—plus enjoy a Seuss-y snack to top it off. Ages 13 and under.



EARLY LITERACY



Special Santa Story Time Friday, Dec 5 4:00-5:00 PM

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be stopping by for a merry Christmas Story Time full of heartwarming tales, joyful songs, and a fun holiday craft. Bring your family and share in the magic of the season! All ages.

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Preschool STEAM Lab Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10 | 10:00-11:00 AM

Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math through play! Each session we'll learn about a different topic through hands-on games and activities. Geared toward ages 3-6. Younger siblings are welcome, but the activities may be too difficult.



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 Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11 | 6:00-7:00 PM

This evening story time includes stories, songs, and fun with a new theme each month! Ages 2-6.



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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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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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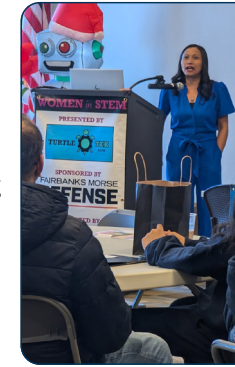
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GIRLS IN GRADES 6-12

Women in STEM

Friday, Jan 2 | 10:00AM-2:00 PM

Meet real women in STEM and hear the stories behind their careers—how they got started, what they love about their work, and the challenges they've overcome along the way. Then jump into hands-on activities that let you do STEM, not just hear about it. Come curious, leave inspired, and start picturing yourself in a future STEM field. Presented by Turtle Tek. Registration required. For girls in grades 6-12.



EARLY LITERACY

Preschool Story Time: Evening Edition

Jan 14, Feb 11
6:00-7:00 PM

Can't make it to morning story time? Join us for a cozy evening version made just for preschoolers! Each month features a new theme with stories, songs, movement, and playful activities that build early literacy skills and spark imagination. Ages 2-6.



ADULTS



Seed Library Series

3rd Thursdays* | 6:30-8:00 PM

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Un-Valentine's Day!

Friday, Feb 13 | 5:00-6:30 PM

What happens when the day before Valentine's day happens on Friday the 13th? Un-Valentine's Day! We'll tell you all about "Vinegar Valentines" (NOT for sweethearts!) and make some for fun. We'll decorate un-valentine cookies and offer amateur tarot readings to help change your luck. There will be more, but you'll have to be there to find out what!



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GET YOURS TODAY!



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ALL AGES

Holiday Music by The Brass Station Saturday, Dec 6 | 2:00-3:00 PM

Join us for an evening of holiday music favorites as played by The Brass Station, a brass quintet. There will be cookies!



Cozy Simmer Pots and Sips

Saturday, Dec 6 | 3:00-5:00 PM

Make simmer pot mixes filled with fragrant spices and dried fruit to take home and fill your space with cozy aromas. Sip on warm drinks, enjoy fun games, and connect with neighbors in a relaxed atmosphere. Dress code? Public-appropriate pajamas because nothing says cozy like flannel pants and fuzzy socks!

Gingerbread Build

Thursday, Dec 11 | 6:00-8:00 PM

Get into the holiday spirit with a creative family activity where you'll construct your own edible masterpiece. We'll provide the graham crackers, frosting, and some decorations, but feel free to bring your own decorations as well. Hot cocoa will be served to help fuel your creativity.

Las Posadas

Saturday, Dec 13 | 1:00-4:00 PM

Enjoy a traditional Christmas celebration with songs, lights, and pinatas. We will discuss this beautiful tradition and share sweets and more.

School's Out Makerspace

Monday, Dec 29 | 1:00-3:00 PM

Need an activity to keep busy during winter break? Drop in for a pop-up Makerspace where kids (and grown-ups!) can tinker, build, and create together. We'll have a variety of materials on hand—bring your imagination and see what you can make. Our supplies + your creativity = endless possibilities!



Life-Size Candyland

Tuesday, Feb 24 | 4:30-6:30 PM

Step into a sweet world of imagination with Life-Size Candyland! Journey through this magical game filled with colorful spaces, fun challenges, and whimsical characters. Regular board games will also be available to play. Snacks provided.

TEENS/TWEENS



Teen Jackbox Games Night

Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12 | 4:00-6:00 PM

Play, laugh, and compete! We'll play trivia, drawing, and party games from the Jackbox packs. Bring your phone or tablet to join in—no app needed! Snacks provided. Grades 6-12.

Teen Anime Appreciation Club

Thursday, Dec 4 | 4:00-5:30 PM

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

Teen Creative Writing Club

1st & 3rd Mondays | 4:30-5:45 PM

Dec 1 & 15 | Jan 5 & 19 | Feb 2 & 16

Love writing stories, poems, or comics? Join our club and connect with other young writers. Share your work, explore new ideas, and build your skills in a fun, supportive space. No experience needed—just bring your creativity! Ages 13+.

Teen Taste Test

1st Tuesdays | 4:00-5:00 PM

Dec 2: Candy Canes

Jan 6: Popcorn

Feb 3: Chocolates

Love to try new things? Join us in this fun series where teens and tweens can taste-test a variety of different flavors of treat and snack items and vote on their favorites. Grades 6-12.

Teen Craft

Select Days | 4:00-5:00 PM

Dec 9: Winter Wish Bottles

Jan 20: Beaded Snowflakes

Feb 5: Love Monsters

Craft sessions made for teens! Make a craft and meet new friends. All materials provided, while supplies last. Grades 6-12.

Mindful Mile(s) – A Walking Group

Mondays | 9:00-11:00 AM

Dec 1, 15 & 29, Jan 12 & 26, Feb 9 & 23

Every other week, join us for a mindful stroll around the river and back again. Wear a sturdy pair of walking shoes and weather appropriate clothing. We'll start and end in the library lobby. Children must be accompanied by a responsible caregiver.

Teen Movie Night

3rd Thursdays | 4:00 PM

Dec 18: How to Train Your Dragon (PG)

Jan 15: Freakier Friday (PG)

Feb 19: Beauty and the Beast (PG)

Teens! Grab your friends and snacks and hang out at the library while we watch a movie. Grades 6-12.

Teen Page Turners Book Club

4th Thursdays* | 4:00-5:00 PM

Jan 22: The Light in Hidden Places

Feb 26: A Tempest of Tea

Love to read and want to meet fellow bookworms like you? Join our new book club! Pick up a free copy of each month's book before the meeting at the front desk. For tweens and teens. *No meeting in December.

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.



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Listen to a variety of motivational women share their journey in STEM fields and participate in activities that will put STEM in your hands. Presented by Turtle Tek. Be inspired so that you too can become a Woman in STEM. Registration is required. For girls in 6th-12th grades.



Saturday Morning Chess Club

Every Saturday

10:00 AM-12:00 PM

All skill levels are welcome in this friendly drop-in program. Ages 5+.



ADULTS

Paint & Sip with Art-Vark

Monday, Dec 8 | 6:30-8:30 PM

Enjoy a relaxing paint & sip class while you learn painting techniques from Tannis Woodman of Art-Vark Painting and create your own masterpiece. We'll provide all the supplies plus soft drinks and snacks. Registration required.

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Crafternoon: Junk Journals & Scrapbooking

Saturday, Feb 7 | 2:00-4:00 PM

Get creative with junk journaling and scrapbooking. Explore memory-keeping in a fun, relaxed environment. All materials provided, just bring yourself (and any personal items you'd like to include). Ages 12+.



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American Red Cross Blood Drive

Dec 17 | 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

Feb 23 | 1:00-6:00 PM

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

4th Wednesday Book Club

Fourth Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 PM

Dec 17: Driftless by David Rhodes

Jan 28: 1984 by George Orwell

Feb 25: James by Percival Everett

Read the book and join us for a healthy discussion around the cozy fireplace in the library's Riverside Room.

Senior Bingo Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 AM

Connect and compete with other seniors in this weekly get-together in our cozy Riverside Room.



Tech Tuesday

Tuesdays, 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.

Job Services Live Help Desk

Mondays – 12:30-4:30 PM

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

Job service staff from Department of Workforce Development 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

Tuesdays, 6:00-8:30 PM

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



MOVIES

TEEN

Teen Movie Night

Thursdays | 4:00 PM

Dec 18: How to Train Your Dragon (PG)

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Feb 19: Beauty and the Beast (PG)

Grab your friends and snacks for a movie at the library. Grades 6-12.



FAITH

Faith Film Night

Mondays | 6:00 PM

Dec 8: I Still Believe

Jan 12: Peaceful Warrior

Feb 9: The Kite Runner

Featuring characters and movies of different faiths.



BLACK

Black Cinema Series

Mondays | 6:00 PM

Dec 22: Last Holiday

Jan 26: The Wood

Feb 23: Poetic Justice

Featuring iconic Black films curated by the community.



RAINBOW

Rainbow Movie Series

Tuesdays | 6:00 PM

Dec 2: Supernova

Jan 6: Brokeback Mountain

Feb 3: The Broken Hearts Club

Featuring an LGBTQ+ friendly film.



FABL

FABL Film Series

Wednesdays | 6:00 PM

Dec 3: Superman

Jan 7: Nobody 2

Feb 4: The Naked Gun

Featuring new releases.



REWIND

Be Kind, Rewind Series

Saturdays | 2:00 PM

Dec 20: Gremlins (1984)

Jan 31: The Neverending Story (1984)

Feb 28: Honey, I Shrank the Kids (1989)

Relive the glory days with this family-friendly series.



CLASSIC

Classic Film Series

Wednesdays | 6:00 PM

Dec 17: Breakfast at Tiffany's

Jan 21: Day for Night

Feb 18: Citizen Kane

Enjoy timeless films on the big screen—together.

