


Summer 2024

Adult Programs

Adult programs take place in Program Room A/B and do not require registration, unless otherwise indicated. To register, use our online event calendar or call 262-524-3682. Registration opens four weeks prior to each program.

 = Book discussions and book-related events.

ADVENTURE *BEGINS AT YOUR* LIBRARY™

Summer Library Program

June 1 - August 1

Let your summer adventures begin with a book! All ages can join our Summer Library Program on the Library's website or by downloading the Beanstack Tracker app. If you prefer, a paper reading log can be picked up at the Library. Don't miss out on the chance to win free books and entries into our Grand Prize Drawing. Registration is required and begins June 1. Entries will be accepted until August 1. Happy reading!



Summer Book Bingo

June 1 - August 1

Pick up your bingo card from our book display starting June 1. Return finished cards in the book display drop-box by August 1 for a chance to win a gift card. One entry per adult will be accepted. A list of summer staff recommendations will be available to get your reading started!

Power Up Your Kitchen Garden!

June 5 @ 6:30 PM

Join Molly Llanas, Master Gardener, co-leader of Green Power Garden, and self-proclaimed “Dirt Nerd,” to discover the ins and outs of growing fruits and vegetables in Wisconsin. You’ll also learn about the impactful, volunteer-driven work of Green Power Garden which donates 100% of their produce to the Hope Center.

Volunteer Fair

June 13, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Meet with local organizations to learn more about their volunteer opportunities. Light refreshments will be served.

Black Cake

by Charmaine Wilkerson

June 19 @ 6:30 PM - Carnegie Room

Come and discuss a rich family saga centered on a puzzling inheritance—a traditional Caribbean black cake left in the freezer and the voice recordings of a mother whose untold secrets explain why she left her island home as a talented young swimmer to seek a new life abroad. Jamaican lemonade and Caribbean treats will be served.

Waukesha’s Test Kitchen:

Black Cake Cupcakes

June 25 @ 10:30 AM

Join us for a hands-on cupcake making experience inspired by Charmaine Wilkerson’s bestseller *Black Cake*. Participants will learn more about traditional Jamaican black cake and leave with their own cupcake. Registration is required.

Booklady Bingo

June 26 @ 6:30 PM

Looking for a nostalgia-laced evening full of corny jokes, crock-pot Chex mix, and carefully curated prizes? Join us for BINGO, the rec hall game of yore that’s making a huge resurgence!

From Hive to Honey Jar: The Basics of Beekeeping

July 8 @ 6:30 PM

Join Sam Pickens, local beekeeper and owner of Buzzy Bees Honey, to learn about the basics of beekeeping, enjoy a mini honey tasting, and view an observation hive with live bees.

The Bullet Swallower **by Elizabeth Gonzalez James**

July 17 @ 6:30 PM - Carnegie Room

Don’t miss this discussion! The lives of legendary bandito El Tragabalas (“The Bullet Swallower”) and his cowboy, movie star grandson intertwine across time in this magical western. Staff members from the United for Waukesha Resiliency Center will join us to shine a light on the theme of intergenerational trauma. Registration is required.

 **United for Waukesha**
Resiliency Center

Waukesha’s Test Kitchen: Sushi Date Night

July 22 @ 6:00 PM

Let’s get rolling! Join us for a sushi making experience. You’ll leave this hands-on program a sushi-making master. Registration is required.

ComedySportz Does Waukesha

July 24 @ 6:30 PM

ComedySportz Milwaukee has been performing improv comedy for 40 years. With the help of audience suggestions, the team of performers will keep you laughing with a series of fast-paced, short-form improv games. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is required.

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MONTHLY MEETUPS

Walk-esha Walking Club

First and third Monday of the month

10:30 - 11:30 AM

June 3, June 17, July 1, July 15, August 5, August 19

Meet at the Library's front entrance

Join us for a community stroll. Walks take a 1-1.5 mile loop through the downtown area and use ADA-accessible routes. People of all ages and abilities are welcome, including those with assistive mobility devices and children in strollers. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. We'll walk in gentle rain or shine, but walks will be cancelled in the event of severe weather. All attendees will be asked to sign a one-time liability waiver.

Monday Movie Matinee

10:30 AM

June 10: *The Color Purple* (PG-13)

July 8: *One Life* (PG)

August 5: TBD (check the Library calendar in June)

Join us for a cinematic journey! Library chairs will be available, but you are welcome to bring a more comfortable portable chair or cushion. Popcorn will be served.

Senior Social Hour

10:30 - 11:30 AM

June 12: Gardening

July 10: Introduction to Birding

August 14: Beginning Technology (Studio 321)

Meet and mingle with active older adults! Enjoy a cup of coffee, conversation, and some creativity in a relaxed environment. All seniors looking for friendship and community are welcome to attend.



Memory Café

June 26, July 24, August 28 • 10:30 AM-12:00PM

A Memory Café is a social gathering for those who are experiencing early-stage dementia or mild memory loss and their care partners. For more information, please contact our Public Services Desk or pick up a brochure at the Library. Registration is required.

Open Studio Hours

Monday-Wednesday

12:00-6:00 PM

Thursday

12:00-8:00 PM

(Unless a class is in session)

Friday

12:00-5:00 PM

STUDIO 321

Drop in and explore Studio 321 during open studio times! We'll have supplies out to craft, build, learn, and tinker. All ages are welcome. Makers under 11 must have an adult with them when using the space.

Adult Maker Mondays

June 10 & July 8 @ 6:00 PM

Stop by to explore your creative side! Learn new skills and enjoy an evening of making. Adults 18+ only. Registration is required.

Tabletop Gaming Night

June 19 & July 17 @ 6:00 PM

Join us the third Wednesday of each month for tabletop role-playing games. Adults 18+ only. Registration is required.

Sketchbook Club

June 5 & July 3 @ 6:00 PM

Stop by the first Wednesday of each month and explore a variety of prompts and mediums to help you grow your sketchbook skills. Bring your own sketchbook and favorite drawing tools. Adults 18+ only.

Classes for All Ages

Thursdays @ 6:00 PM

Learn how to use the Glowforge Laser Cutter, 3D Printers, and the Cricut. Registration is required.

Glowforge: June 13 & July 11

3D Printers: June 20 & July 18

Cricut: June 27 & July 25

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