

Winter & Spring 2025

# 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 on [WaukeshaPublicLibrary.org](http://WaukeshaPublicLibrary.org) or call 262-524-3682. Registration opens four weeks prior to each program.

 = Book Discussions

## January

### **Dry January Mocktails**

January 9 @ 6:00 PM

Cheers to good health! Join Vonny Densow of V Private Bar Services for a hands-on program. You'll learn how to make two delicious mocktails—a Cucumber Mint Cooler and a Citrus Dreamsicle. Registration is required.

### **Water Justice: A Community Conversation**

January 20 @ 6:30 PM

Join us for a panel discussion featuring leading local voices on water-related issues such as environmental sustainability and the health of our water as it impacts human life. Engage with our panelists and learn ways to work towards a future in which clean water remains available for all.

### **Tales of Haunted Hydrology and Spooky Lakes**

January 29 @ 6:30 PM

Um yes, hello! Local TikTok-famous hydrologist, artist, and educator, Geo Rutherford, will take you on a journey through the depths of various lakes, discussing scientific anomalies and natural phenomena. It'll be 10 out of 10 spookies!

### **What the Eyes Don't See by Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha**

January 15 @ 6:30 PM · Carnegie Room

Come to discuss *What the Eyes Don't See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City*. This riveting story documents how Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, along with a group of brave community members, discovered that the children of Flint, MI were being exposed to harmful levels of lead in their tap water. Kyleigh Weisensel, RN, BSN, CLC of the Waukesha County Public Health Division, will join us to share more about our local Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.

### **Medicare Monday**

January 27 @ 10:30 AM

Get ready to maximize your Medicare benefits with the ADRC of Waukesha County. This presentation will provide information about Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D; supplemental insurance; the annual enrollment period; the plan comparison tool on Medicare's website; and programs that might help pay for Medicare costs. Registration is required.

## February

### **Community Resource Fair**

February 4, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Strong communities are caring communities! Talk with representatives from local organizations that provide helpful resources to Waukesha residents.

### **Waukesha Hot Talks—With Tony Brown**

February 6 @ 6:00 PM

Ever wonder how the City of Waukesha works? Meet us for a “spicy” interview session with Waukesha's City Administrator, Tony Brown. He'll share insider knowledge about how the City works while eating progressively hotter hot sauces. Participants are encouraged to join in and experience the heat, but tasting is not required. Hot sauce flights available while supplies last.

# February

## **Green Bay's 13 Championship Seasons**

**February 10 @ 10: 30 AM**

Join us for a presentation by Green Bay Packers historian and author, Jim Rice. He'll recount the 13 greatest seasons in franchise history! Photos of Jim's extensive memorabilia collection, including old football cards, newspapers, and magazines, will help trace Packers history. His four books will be available for purchase.

## **Quiet Book Club**

**February 13 @ 6:30 PM · Carnegie Room**

Were you a fan of school read-ins and "Drop Everything and Read" days? Join us for an adults-only version of this childhood favorite. We'll gather to read silently in our cozy Carnegie Room and enjoy warm drinks and a snack. Readers are welcome, but not required, to quietly socialize and chat about what they're reading for the last 15 minutes of the event.

## **Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver**

**February 19 @ 6:30 PM · Carnegie Room**

Join us to discuss *Demon Copperhead*, a two-time, Pulitzer-prizewinning novel. This modern day take on *David Copperfield* touches on the themes of foster care, child labor, addiction, and resilience. Amanda De Leon, Regional Community Impact Manager, and Dr. Hillary Tamar, Eastern Territory Medical Director of Community Health Services, will be joining us for the discussion. A 10-minute Narcan training will be offered after the discussion.

# March

## **Trivia at North Pillar Brewing Co.**

**March 6, 6:30 – 8:00 PM**

Join us at North Pillar Brewing Co. to test your trivia knowledge and compete for glory! Purchase is not required to participate. No more than 4 people per team. Prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. North Pillar Brewing Co. is located at 212 E. North St., Waukesha.

## **Pretzel Making With Milwaukee Pretzel Co.**

**March 10 @ 6:00 PM**

Jeremy Schrupp, Production Manager at Milwaukee Pretzel Co., will demonstrate how to make homemade Bavarian pretzels and will explain the science behind making them delicious. Registration is required.

## **Lessons in Chemistry by**

**Bonnie Garmus**

**March 12 @ 6:30 PM**

This special book discussion features a mini food demonstration! We'll start with a science-based presentation on pretzel making, followed by a discussion of *Lessons in Chemistry*. The novel tells the story of Elizabeth Zott, a single mother and gifted chemist, confronting societal norms in the 1960s. Samples will be provided.

## **Spring Book Tasting**

**March 18 @ 6:30 PM (Spring City Wine House)**

**March 19 @ 10:30 AM (Waukesha Public Lib.)**

Calling all book lovers! Join Waukesha Public Library to get the scoop on new titles that will be released this spring. Both sessions will be identical. Purchase is not required to participate at Spring City Wine House on March 18. Breakfast treats, coffee, and tea will be served on March 19 at the Library. Spring City Wine House is located at 336 W. Main St., Waukesha.

# April

## **Genealogy 101**

**April 3 @ 6:30 PM**

Learn how to get started on your genealogical research journey with the help of Eleanor Brinsko from Carlon Genealogical Services, LLC. Eleanor will show you the tips and tricks needed to research your family tree.

## **Edible Book Contest**

**Saturday, April 5**

**Entry drop-off: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Display and voting: 1:00 – 4:00 PM**

**Awards ceremony: 4:15 PM**

Join us as we celebrate books, art, food, and culture. Create an edible item inspired by your favorite book for a chance to win awesome prizes! Registration is required. Use the "Special Notes" field to tell us the title of the book(s) that inspired your entry.



### **From Meteorology to Ecology With Eric Manges**

**April 8 @ 6:30 PM**

Former TV meteorologist Eric Manges will talk about the connections between meteorology and ecology. Learn about the resiliency of diverse native landscapes and how they offer more than just beauty—they also offer hope.

### **Common Scams and How to Avoid Them**

**April 15 @ 10:30 AM**



Join Ben Merens, from the Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection, to learn about the details of common scams, the warning signs of a scam, and what to do if you or someone you know falls victim to a scam or fraud.

### **Repair and Renew: Mending for the Beginner**

**April 22 @ 6:30 PM · Studio 321**

Learn the basics of different mending techniques like patching, darning, simple seam repair, and visible mending with Wendy Rieves from Sew Much More. Participants will be able to try hand stitching and machine stitching during the program. Registration is required.

### **The Origins of Feasts and Fasting**

**April 14 @ 6:00 PM**

Join independent food historian and author Christina Ward for an exploration of the influence of religious and spiritual beliefs on modern American food culture. Ward will share the history of religious feasting and fasting from its origins to modern day—connecting Thanksgiving dinner in the Massachusetts Colony to a McDonald's Filet-O-Fish sandwich. Food samples from Ward's most recent book, *Holy Food*, will be provided. Registration is required.

### ***The Serviceberry***

**by Robin Wall Kimmerer**

**April 16 @ 6:30 PM · Carnegie Room**

Join us to discuss *The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World*. The book offers lessons from Indigenous wisdom to help you orient your life around gratitude, reciprocity, and community. Janet Barthel, Retzer Nature Center Supervisor, and Diane Wilke-Zemanovic, WI Master Naturalist Volunteer, will be joining us for the discussion.

### **Diseases of Houseplants**

**April 30 @ 6:30 PM**

Join us for a presentation by Brian Hudelson, Director of the University of Wisconsin Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic. We'll learn about common houseplant diseases and their management.

## **May**

### **Plant Swap**

**May 14 @ 6:30 PM**

Everyone is welcome to trade their homegrown plants and share plant care tips. Experts from Waukesha Floral and Greenhouse will be available to answer questions. Plants and seeds should be healthy, pest-free, labeled, and can be in soil or rooted in water. Only bring pots that you are willing to give away.

### **Create Better Health**

**May 20 @ 10:30 AM**

Eat well and prepare delicious food on a budget! Join Extension FoodWise Nutrition Educators to "Create Better Health" following a customizable recipe template. Learn to make a grain bowl, use leftovers, and cook to different tastes. Registration is required.

### ***My Two Elaines* by Martin J. Schrieber and Cathy Breitenbucher**

**May 21 @ 10:30 AM**

Join us for a conversation about caregiving and memory loss as we discuss the former WI Governor's experience becoming caregiver for his beloved wife, Elaine. Dementia Care Specialists from the Waukesha County Aging and Disability Resource Center will be joining us for the discussion.

## **Connect & Learn**

### **ELL Library Resources 101 & Tour**

**February 10 @ 6:00 PM, February 25 @ 11:00 AM**

Find out what the Library has to offer! This program is geared for adult English language learners who want to discover more about resources available through the Library. It includes a tour and the opportunity to get a library card. To receive a card, please bring a photo ID and proof of current residence. Both sessions will be identical.

### **Library Resources 101**

**March 5 @ 6:30 PM**

**May 6 @ 10:30 AM**

Get an overview of Waukesha Public Library's physical and digital resources and collections. Both sessions will be identical.

# Monthly Meetups

## Monday Movie Matinee

First Monday of the month @ 10:30 AM

Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 3, April 7, May 5

Popcorn will be served. Movie ratings and content vary.

**January:** *Twisters* (PG-13, 122 mins)

**February:** *Casablanca* (PG, 102 mins)

**March:** *9 to 5* (PG, 109 mins)

**April:** *The Fabelmans* (PG-13, 151 mins)

**May:** *Minari* (PG-13, 115 mins)

## Mingle & Bingo

Second Wednesday of the month

@ 10:30 AM

Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 12, April 9, May 14

Meet and mingle with active older adults!

Come enjoy a cup of coffee and some rounds of Bingo in a relaxed environment.

All those looking for friendship and community are welcome to attend.

## Sharpen Your Memory Brain Health Group

Jan. 13, Feb. 24, March 17, April 21 @ 10:30 AM

Jen Graf, Senior Director of Dementia Programming at Three Pillars Senior Living Communities, will offer a four-part series based on Dr. Michelle Braun's book *High-Octane Brain: 5 Science-based Steps to Sharpen Your Memory and Reduce Your Risk of Alzheimer's*. Reading the book is not required to participate. You may attend all sessions, or just the sessions that interest you.

**Session 1:** How can a healthy brain prevent or delay the onset of dementia?

**Session 2:** How can exercise and diet affect brain health?

**Session 3:** Engagement and learning: Do brain games really work?

**Session 4:** How can lowering stress and getting enough sleep improve your brain health?



Jan. 22, Feb. 26, Mar. 26, Apr. 23, May 28, June 25 • 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

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.

## AARP Foundation Tax-Aide

Thursdays, February 6-April 10 • Appointments are required.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides free tax preparation assistance for taxpayers aged 50 and older.

Online registration for appointments begins January 20. Prior to your appointment, come to the Library to pick up your pre-appointment packet. The packet must be completed prior to your tax prep time.

## Studio 321

Studio 321 has supplies to craft, build, learn and tinker. All ages are welcome. Makers under age 11 must have an adult with them when using the space.

### Adult Maker Mondays

Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 14 @ 6:00 PM

Explore your creative side, learn new skills, and enjoy an evening of making. Registration is required.

### Sketchbook Club

Jan 8, Feb 5, March 5, April 2 @ 6:00 PM

Explore a variety of prompts and mediums to help you grow your sketchbook skills. Bring your own sketchbook and favorite drawing tools. Adults 18+ are invited to attend.

### Tabletop Gaming Night

Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 19, April 16 @ 6:00 PM

Join us for tabletop role-playing games. Adults 18+ are invited. Registration is required.

### 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:** Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 13, April 10

**3D Printers:** Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 20, April 17

**Cricut:** Jan. 23, Feb. 27, March 27, April 24

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