Fall 2025

Adult **Events**

Adult events 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 or call 262-524-3682. Registration opens four weeks prior to each event.

= Book Discussions/Events

September

English Language Learning @ WPL



Every Tuesday in September • 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

This five-week English language class is intended for adult students (ages 18+) whose native language is not English. Run by the Literacy Services of Wisconsin, the class is open to all levels of English learners, from beginner to advanced, who wish to improve their speaking skills. Students will learn how to communicate in everyday situations and will have opportunities to enroll in other free programs to support their learning. Activities and adult supervision for children (ages 2+) will be provided.

Fresh Pasta Making with **Chef Erik Miller**

September 8 @ 6:00 PM

Join Chef Erik Miller of Roots and Dreams for a fresh pasta-making demonstration you won't want to miss! Known for his creative use of seasonal ingredients. Chef Erik will also explore how the food we eat connects to the environment and cultures around the world. Freshly made samples included. Registration is required.

Mental Wellness: Breaking Shame and Building Strength September 16 @ 6:30 PM

Join acclaimed author Meg Kissinger and mental health practitioners from Carroll University's Behavioral Health Psychology Program for a conversation about viewing mental health and wellness in a new light. Meg is an awardwinning journalist, Pulitzer Prize finalist, and author of While You Were Out: An Intimate Family Portrait of Mental Illness in an Era of Silence.

Craft Supply Swap

September 13

9:00-11:00 AM

(early-entry ticket holders only)

11:00 AM-2:00PM

(open to all)

Calling all crafters! Bring in your gently used arts and crafts supplies and exchange them for something "new-toyou" for FREE. All leftover materials will be donated.

Donation drop-off: New or gently used craft supplies will be accepted from Tuesday, September 2 through Friday, **September 12** at the Public Services Desk. Those who donate will receive an earlyentry ticket to get first pick at the swap. Nothing to donate? That's OK! Everyone is welcome to attend starting at 11:00 AM.

Job Fair

September 18, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Looking for a job? We can help! Learn about local jobs, network, and interview all at the Library.

Genealogy Collections and Services at the Wisconsin **Historical Society**

September 23 @ 6:30 PM

The Wisconsin Historical Society boasts one of the top five genealogy collections in the country. Join us to explore the materials they offer and learn the best ways to search their resources to uncover facts about your own family.

Book Discussion: While You Were Out by Meg Kissinger

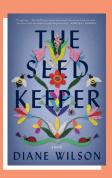
September 24 @ 6:30 PM · Carnegie Room

Come discuss While You Were Out: An Intimate Family Portrait of Mental Illness in an Era of Silence by Wisconsin journalist Meg Kissinger. After growing up in a home affected by mental illness in the 1960s, Kissinger went on to make mental health coverage a focus of her award-winning career in journalism and investigative reporting.

Vision Connections with Vision Forward September 26, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Living with Vision Loss? You're Not Alone! Whether you're newly diagnosed or have been living with vision loss for years, this event will offer helpful information, support, and tools to make daily life easier. Connect with others facing similar challenges, learn simple strategies for staying independent and active, and explore assistive devices and technology that can make everyday tasks easier. You'll receive expert advice on common conditions like macular degeneration, cataracts, glaucoma, and diabetic eye disease. Registration is required. To register, call 414-615-0108 or visit the event calendar at vision-forward.org.

October







October is Waukesha Reads! See our Waukesha Reads brochure or visit our online event calendar by scanning the QR Code.

November



Quiet Book Club

November 4 @ 6:30 PM · Carnegie Room

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.

Public Art Tour

November 8 @ 10:30 AM

Take a guided tour of the Library's extensive Public Art Collection! Tours will be led by members of our Public Art Committee. Registration is required. Meet in Program Room A/B.

Acorn Squash and Walnut Bruschetta with Chef Pam

November 10 @ 6:00 PM

Join us for a special cooking demonstration with Chef Pam Dennis, a proud 24-year Navy Nurse Veteran and owner of Chef Pam's Kitchen. Drawing on her unique journey of service and culinary passion, Chef Pam will prepare a seasonal acorn squash and walnut bruschetta that highlights the flavors of fall. Registration is required.

Maximize Your Medicare Benefits November 11 @ 10:30 AM

Get ready to maximize your Medicare benefits with the ADRC of Waukesha County. This presentation will provide an overview of 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.

Repair and Renew: Mending for the Beginner

November 11 @ 6:30 PM

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

Waukesha Hot Talks with Bruce Gay, Waukesha Public Library Director November 18 @ 6:00 PM

Ever wanted to ask a Library Director about their job? Here's your chance! Meet us for a "spicy" interview session with Waukesha Public Library Director, Bruce Gay. He'll share knowledge about how Waukesha Public Library serves the community while eating progressively hotter hot sauces. Attendees are encouraged to join in and experience the heat, but

Trivia at North Pillar Brewing Co. November 20, 6:30–8:00 PM North Pillar Brewing Co.

Come to North Pillar Brewing Co. to test your trivia knowledge and compete for glory! Purchase is not required to participate. No more than 6 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.

Safe Online Shopping November 17 @ 10:30 AM

Ben Merens from the Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection will teach you how to safely shop online. His presentation will cover online shopping scams, Wi-Fi, internet access, payment methods, and shipping considerations.

Book Discussion: The Women by Kristin Hannah November 19 @ 6:30 PM Carnegie Room

Join us for a discussion of *The Women*, Kristin Hannah's bestselling novel that shines a light on the often-overlooked stories of women who served in the Vietnam War. Army Veteran Peer Specialist Peter Borucki will be joining us for the discussion.

Connect & Learn: Libby & the Café Libraries App November 24 @ 10:30 AM

Curious about the Café Libraries app or other library apps like Libby? Come to this hands-on workshop and learn how to access ebooks, digital audiobooks, and more. All you need is a valid library card and a smart device to join the fun.

December

tasting is not required.

Best of 2025 Book Tasting

December 2 @ 6:30 PM (Spring City Wine House)
December 3 @ 10:30 AM (Waukesha Public Library)

Attention bibliophiles! Join Waukesha Public Library at Spring City Wine House to get the scoop on the best books of 2025. Share your favorite titles with other readers and add books to your personal reading list for the new year. Can't make it? No worries! We'll have a second identical session at Waukesha Public Library. Purchase is not required to participate. Treats, coffee, and tea will be served on December 3 at the Library. Spring City Wine House is located at 336 W. Main St.

Connect & Learn: Stacking Up December 9 @ 6:30 PM

How are we stacking up? Discover what your Library has accomplished in 2025 and get a sneak peek at our plans for 2026. You'll also learn how books are thoughtfully selected for our "stacks" and hear the mechanics behind building a popular, diverse collection. Whether you're a longtime Library user or a curious newcomer, this engaging session will help you connect with WPL in a whole new way.

Monthly Meetups

Monday Movie Matinees 10:00 AM

Settle in for a morning movie! Popcorn will be served. Movie ratings and content vary. September 8: A Complete Unknown (R, 2h 21m)

October 6: Bad River (NR, 1h 28m)

November 3: Pride and Prejudice (PG, 2h 8m)

December 1: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (PG-13, 1h 37m)

Monthly Meetups

Mingle & BINGO

Sept. 10, Oct. 15, Nov. 12, Dec. 10 @ 10:30 AM

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.



Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, 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* *Open studio hours are cancelled when there is a

> class in session. Friday 12:00-5:00 PM

Studio 321

Drop in and explore Studio 321 during open studio times. Supplies are available 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

Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, & Dec. 8 @ 6:00 PM

Explore your creative side, learn new skills, and enjoy an evening of making. Registration is required. Ages 18+

Sketchbook Club

Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, & Dec. 3 @ 6:00 PM

Experiment with a variety of prompts and mediums to help you grow your sketchbook skills. Bring your own sketchbook and favorite drawing tools. Ages 18+

Tabletop Gaming Night

Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, & Dec. 17 @ 6:00 PM Let's play tabletop games in Studio 32! Ages 18+

Equipment Training

Learn how to use the Glowforge Laser Cutter, 3D Printers, the Cricut, and our audio recording and video editing studios. Please contact Studio 321 staff to set up individual training sessions. Email Studio321Help@waukesha-wi.gov or call 262-524-3746.

Group training classes for the Glowforge Laser Cutter and the 3D printers will be held on the following Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM. Registration is required.

Glowforge: Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13 **3D Printers:** Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20

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