

Winter & Spring 2026

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. Registration opens four weeks prior to each event.

 = Book Discussions and Literary Events

January

Nourishing Our Neighbors: A Conversation on Food and Nutrition Insecurity January 12 @ 10:30 AM

Community leaders will explore food and nutrition insecurity in Waukesha. Discover local resources for hunger relief and nutrition education, and learn practical ways to expand access to healthy, affordable food for all. Light breakfast will be served.

Book Discussion: *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride January 21 @ 10:30 AM · Carnegie Room

Let's discuss McBride's award-winning bestseller that reaffirms the power of community and compassion. Jennifer Layton, Director of Child Welfare from Catholic Charities, will be joining us to add her insights to the conversation.

YMCA Nutrition Workshop: Budget-Friendly Meals January 26 @ 6:00 PM

Join Sydney Roberts, a Registered Dietitian from the YMCA, who knows that eating healthy doesn't have to mean spending more. In this workshop, she'll share how simple planning, smart shopping, and a little creativity can turn a tight grocery budget into a week of delicious, nutritious meals. The menu will include white bean soup and a hummus vegetable snack—samples included! You'll leave with real-life tips, recipes, and inspiration to make your own budget-friendly meals. Registration is required.

The Choice of Voice: A Writer's Workshop January 26 @ 10:30 AM

Kathie Giorgio will lead an interactive writers' workshop exploring the powerful role of voice. Fiction and non-fiction writers are welcome. Kathie is the director and founder of the AllWriters' Workplace & Workshop and an acclaimed author.

February

Community Resource Fair February 3, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Strong communities are caring communities! Talk with representatives from local organizations providing helpful resources and support to Waukesha residents.

Quiet Book Club February 16 @ 5:00 PM · Carnegie Room

Gather to read silently in our cozy Carnegie Room and enjoy 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.

A Decadent Duo: French Silk Pie with Raspberry Sauce February 9 @ 6:00 PM

Just in time for Valentine's Day, join French Pastry Chef Katrina Gradinjan to learn how to make French Silk Pie with Raspberry Sauce and enjoy a sumptuous sample. Registration is required.

Book Discussion: *One Golden Summer* by Carley Fortune February 18 @ 6:30 PM · Carnegie Room

Romantics unite for a discussion on the beachiest of beach reads! We'll warm up with *One Golden Summer* as we make our way through the coldest winter months. Joining us is Natasha, owner of The Well Red Damsel, Milwaukee's first romance bookstore.

February Cont'd

Medicare Monday

February 23 @ 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.

March

Repair and Renew: Visible Mending

March 3 @ 6:30 PM

Don't toss your favorite jeans just because they have a hole! Learn to celebrate imperfections through the art of visible mending. Wendy Kleman from Sew Much More will introduce different types of visible mending and offer you a chance to try the Japanese hand-mending technique of sashiko. Registration is required.

Early-Stage Dementia: A Film Screening and Conversation

March 4 @ 10:30 AM

Screen the documentary *WHY – Big Answers about Early-Stage Dementia from Exceptional People* and take part in a conversation about the importance of early detection, brain health, and how we can better support people living with dementia in our community. This program is hosted by the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Waukesha County. Registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. Contact the ADRC to register at 262-548-7354, or email kglaser@waukeshacounty.gov.

Trivia at North Pillar Brewing Co.

March 5, 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 winners. North Pillar Brewing Co. is located at 212 E. North St., Waukesha.

A Taste of Ireland with Malcolm McDowell Woods

March 9 @ 6:00 PM

Enjoy a delicious sample of Irish stew and soda bread as local author Malcolm McDowell Woods shares the inspiration behind his novel *What the Tide Leaves Behind: A Novel of County Donegal*. Learn more about County Donegal, the setting of his book, and the history behind these beloved Irish recipes. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. Registration is required.

Memory Screening

March 18, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM

Make an appointment for a baseline memory screening and have a conversation about brain health and minimizing the risk of memory loss. This program is hosted by the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Waukesha County. Contact the ADRC to make your appointment at 262-548-7354, or email kglaser@waukeshacounty.gov. Appointments are required.

Book Discussion: *What the Tide Leaves Behind* by Malcolm McDowell Woods

March 18 @ 6:30 PM · Carnegie Room

Come discuss the heartwarming power of connection, community, and unexpected companionship in the story of Thomas McKay, who finds healing and purpose in a small fictional Irish village.

April

Shelf to Spoon: Celebrating Edible Books

April 8 @ 6:30 PM

Discover some fun, book-inspired creations from our past Edible Books Contests. Learn to make and sample some simple, tasty projects. Registration is required.

Edible Book Contest

Saturday, April 11

Entry drop-off: 9:00 AM–1:00 PM

Display and voting: 1:00–4:00 PM

Awards ceremony: 4:15 PM

Celebrate books, art, food, and culture by creating an edible masterpiece inspired by your favorite book! Community members will vote for the winner in each category. Registration is required. Use the "Special Notes" field to tell us the title of the book(s) that inspired your entry.



April Cont'd

Book Discussion: *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon

April 15 @ 6:30 PM · Carnegie Room

Let's discuss this gripping historical mystery inspired by the compelling life and diary of Martha Ballard, an 18th century midwife and healer whose courage and expertise shaped the community of Hallowell, Maine. Megan Anderson, Director of Clinical Operations at ProHealth Care, will join the conversation to share her professional perspective.

Common Scams and How to Avoid Them

April 20 @ 10:30 AM



Learn how to spot and avoid scams with Ben Merens from the Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection. He'll teach us about common scams, show us how to spot the warning signs, and give us tips for staying safe.

Connect & Learn: Libby and the Café Libraries App

April 27 @ 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.

May

Volunteer Fair

May 5, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Your community needs you! Stop by to meet with representatives from local non-profit organizations and learn about volunteer opportunities. Light refreshments will be served.

Waukesha Hot Talks with Fire Chief Rob Goplin

May 11 @ 6:00 PM

Meet us for a “spicy” interview session with Waukesha’s Fire Chief, Robert Goplin. He’ll share insider knowledge on how Waukesha Firefighters serve the community—all while eating progressively hotter hot sauces! Participants are encouraged to join in and experience the heat, but tasting is not required. Hot sauce samples available while supplies last.

The Enumerator Visited Today! Census Records and Your Ancestor **May 15 @ 1:30 PM**

Join Anni from Archive Your Past for a genealogy presentation focused on U.S. census records. Explore the wealth of information available in federal and state census data to help fill in your ancestors’ timelines.

Book Discussion: *Nature’s Best Hope* by Doug Tallamy **May 20 @ 6:30 PM · Carnegie Room**

Join us for a powerful discussion on the meaningful and easy ways homeowners can create sanctuaries for biodiversity to help sustain wildlife in their own backyards. Members of the Waukesha County Green Team’s Habitat Certification Team will be joining us for the discussion.

Monthly Meetups

Monday Movie Matinee

Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 2, March 30, May 4 @ 10:00 AM

Add some “reel” excitement to your week! Discover new film favorites and revisit the classics with fellow movie lovers. Popcorn will be served.

January 5: *Selma* (PG-13, 2h 8m)

March 30: *Freakier Friday* (PG, 1h 51m)

February 2: *The Princess Bride* (PG, 1h 38m)

May 4: *Eleanor the Great* (PG-13, 1h 38m)

March 2: *Waking Ned Devine* (PG, 1h 31m)

Mingle & Bingo (55+)

Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 11, April 15, May 13, 10:30–11:30 AM

Attention adults ages 55 and older! 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.

Monthly Meetups Cont'd



Jan. 28, Feb. 25, Mar. 25, Apr. 22, May 27 • 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 5–April 9 • Appointments are required.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides free tax preparation assistance for taxpayers aged 50 and older. Online registration for appointments begins January 15. Contact the Library or go to WaukeshaPublicLibrary.org for more information.

English Language Learning @ WPL

Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 • 10:30–11:30 AM

This six-week English language class is intended for 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 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.



Studio 321

Drop in and explore Studio 321 during open studio times! We have 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. **Open studio hours are cancelled when there is a class in session.**

Open Studio Hours		
Monday–Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12:00–6:00 PM	12:00–8:00 PM	12:00–5:00 PM

Sketchbook Club

Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 4, & April 1 @ 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. Ages 18+

Adult Maker Mondays

Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 9, & April 13 @ 6:00 PM

Stop by Studio 321 to explore your creative side, learn new skills, and enjoy an evening of making. Registration is required.

Tabletop Gaming Night

Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18, & April 15 @ 6:00 PM

Join us for tabletop role-playing games! Registration is required. Ages 18+

Lizard Mosaic Project

Help us create a special art installation in 2026! Starting in January, pick up a free cardboard lizard and turn it into a unique piece of art. When you're finished, submit it to be part of our Lizard Mosaic. Let's cover Studio 321 in lizards!

Classes for All Ages

Thursdays @ 6:00 PM

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

Glowforge: Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 12, April 9

3D Printers: Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 19, April 16

You can request one-on-one training on our Glowforge, 3D printers, Cricut, and AV rooms at any time. To schedule an appointment, contact us at studio321help@waukesha-wi.gov or call 262-524-3746.

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