

Summer 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 or call 262-524-3682.

 = Book Discussions/Events

Summer Library Program

June 1–August 1

This summer, everyone is invited to dig into the joy of reading! Unearth new stories, log your reading, and win dino-mite prizes. **Sign up on WaukeshaPublicLibrary.org or visit the Library to get started.** Registration for all ages begins June 1.

UNEARTH A STORY™

June

Summer Book Tasting

June 2 @ 6:30 PM (Spring City Wine House)

June 3 @ 10:30 AM (Waukesha Public Library)

Let's unearth the hottest new books coming out this summer! Share your favorite titles with other readers and add books to your personal reading list. We'll be hosting two identical sessions, so choose the one that works best for you. Purchase is not required to participate. Treats, coffee, and tea will be served at the Library. Spring City Wine House is located at 336 W. Main St., Waukesha.

Medicare Monday

June 8 @ 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.

Carnegie Series:

The Man Behind the Millions

June 15 @ 10:30 AM

Trace the journey of the "Star-Spangled Scotchman" from a penniless weaver's son in Dunfermline to the richest man in the world. Dr. Abigail Markwyn, Professor of History at Carroll University, will explore Carnegie's double life, from ruthless industrialist to visionary philanthropist. Learn about his philosophy on wealth, his impact on the American Industrial Revolution, and the personal motivations that led him to give away 90% of his fortune.

Book Discussion:

We've Been Here All Along by

R. Richard Wagner

June 17 @ 6:30 PM • Carnegie Room

Come to discuss early gay history in Wisconsin. Throughout the decades, gay Wisconsinites developed identities, created support networks, and found ways to thrive despite various forms of suppression. The founder of LGBT Waukesha will be joining us to add insight to the conversation. Everyone is welcome!

June Cont'd

Composting From Start to Finish

June 29 @ 10:30 AM

Learn to create and use your own compost! Discover bin styles you can build or buy and see how compost boosts soil health for lawns and gardens. Presented by Jenna Biermann from the Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use, Land Resources Division.

Fiber Forward • June 29 @ 6:00 PM

Discover how to add more fiber to your daily meals and snacks without compromising the foods you love. You'll learn which foods are rich in fiber, get ideas for high-fiber snacks and meals, and learn how fiber supports your overall health. Plus, enjoy a snack that's high in fiber and tastes delicious! Presented by Jessica Gawrys, graduate of Mount Mary University's Master's program in Nutrition and Dietetics. Registration is required.

July

Busting Food Myths

July 13 @ 6:00 PM

Think you've heard it all when it comes to nutrition? This interactive session will bust some common food myths while you enjoy a healthy snack. With the abundance of conflicting information online, you'll learn how to spot trustworthy sources and make sense of what you read. We'll break down some common misconceptions and share the evidence that disproves them. You'll leave feeling informed and empowered to make healthy decisions about your diet. Registration is required.

250 Years of Independence

July 14 @ 6:30 PM

Considered one of the most important documents in American History, the Declaration of Independence stands as a powerful expression of the American spirit. It serves as a concise statement of political ideals, an indictment of the British Monarchy, and a mutual pledge of unity among the states. Join Tim Moore for an evening exploring the historical context, writing process, purpose, reception, and lasting significance of the Declaration of Independence. Tim Moore is the Deputy Director at the Center for the Study of the American Constitution at UW-Madison.

Book Discussion: *The Small and the Mighty* by Sharon McMahon

July 15 @ 10:30 AM • Carnegie Room

Unearth the inspiring, untold stories of 12 ordinary citizens who did extraordinary things and helped shape the fate of our nation. Dr. Abigail Markwyn, Professor of History at Carroll University, will join the conversation to share a historical perspective.

Connect & Learn: Libby & the Café Libraries App

July 20 @ 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.

Trivia at North Pillar Brewing Co. • July 23, 6:30–8:30 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.

Carnegie Series: The Carnegie Medal for Extraordinary Bravery

July 27 @ 10:30 AM

In 1904, Andrew Carnegie was so moved by a coal mine disaster that he established a fund to honor "civilization's heroes"—ordinary people who risk their lives to save others. Join us as we explore the history of the "Civilian Medal of Honor." Local numismatist Tom Casper will share stories of rescue and sacrifice, explain the rigorous "Carnegie Hero" selection process, and look at the stunning design of the bronze medallion itself.

August

📖 An Evening With Author Nick Petrie **August 3 @ 6:30 PM**

Nick Petrie will discuss his award-winning Peter Ash series and share insights into his creative process. Don't miss your chance to hear from one of today's top voices in crime fiction, ask questions, and get a book signed. *The Drifter* and other Nick Petrie titles will be available for purchase.



Carnegie Series: Chapters of Our Community **August 14 @ 2:00 PM**

Waukesha Public Library is celebrating 130 Years! Take a step back in time with local historian John Schoenkecht as he explores the Library's journey from a 19th-century reading club to a true temple of learning, all made possible with a 1904 Andrew Carnegie grant. Afterward, stay to celebrate our history with a piece of birthday cake! John Schoenkecht has written several books about Waukesha and is the editor of *Landmark* magazine.

Fueling for an Active Lifestyle **August 17 @ 6:00 PM**

Eat well and feel your best! Learn what to eat before and after a workout, how your body uses energy during activity, and simple ways to stay hydrated throughout the day. Whether you're hitting the gym or just keeping busy, this session will provide tips to help you stay healthy. Samples of a fueling snack and a refreshing beverage are included. Registration is required.

Trail Running Film Festival **August 18 @ 6:00 PM**

Screen seven documentary short films from around the world that celebrate the universal practice of running, the beauty of mountain trails, and the great outdoors. Come early and chat with local outdoor organizations about how to get involved in the trail community. Doors will open at 5:00 PM. Registration is required.

📖 Book Discussion: The Drifter by Nick Petrie **August 19 @ 6:30 PM • Carnegie Room**

Dig into the award-winning debut thriller in the Peter Ash series, in which a veteran discovers that the demons of war aren't easily left behind. Joining us will be Patricia Clason, founder of Healing Warrior Hearts, who will share how her organization helps veterans and their families heal the emotional, moral, and spiritual wounds of military service.

📖 Quiet Book Club **August 25 @ 6:30 PM • Cutler Park**

Gather to read silently on the grassy lawns of Cutler Park and enjoy refreshing 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.

Monthly Meetups

Monday Movie Matinee

First Monday of the month @ 10:00 AM

June 1: *Song Sung Blue* (PG-13, 2 hr 12 min)

July 6: *Hamnet* (PG-13, 2 hr 5 min)

August 3: *Jurassic Park* (PG-13, 2 hr 2 min)

Discover new film favorites and revisit the classics with fellow movie lovers. Popcorn and beverages will be served during the first 30 minutes. One end of the room will be set up to accommodate a variety of sensory preferences.

Mingle & Bingo (Ages 55+)

June 10, July 8, & August 5

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.



Memory Café

June 24, July 22, & August 26 • 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.

Regular Open Studio Hours

Supplies will be available to craft, build, learn, and tinker.

Monday-Tuesday

12:00-6:00 PM

Wednesday

12:00-5:00 PM

Thursday

12:00-8:00 PM

Friday

12:00-5:00 PM

Studio 321

All ages are welcome. Makers under age 11 must be accompanied by an adult.

Adult Maker Mondays

June 8, July 13, & August 10 @ 6:00 PM

Stop by Studio 321 this summer to explore your creative side, learn new skills, and enjoy an evening of making. Registration is required. Ages 18+

Tabletop Gaming Night

June 17, July 15, & August 19 @ 6:00 PM

Join us on the third Wednesday of the month for tabletop role-playing games. Registration is required. Ages 18+

Equipment Training

Learn to use the 3D Printers, the Glowforge Laser Cutter, the Cricut Maker, and the AV recording and editing studios this summer. Call 262-524-3746 or email Studio321Help@waukesha-wi.gov to make a training appointment.

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