

Fall & Winter 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. Registration opens four weeks prior to each event.

 = Book Discussions & Events

September

QPR: Question, Persuade, Refer Sept. 2, 2:00–3:00 PM or 6:30–7:30 PM

Master three essential steps that can help prevent suicide. This mental health training is provided by the Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin. Both sessions will be identical. Registration is required.

Craft Supply Swap Saturday, Sept. 19

9:00–11:00 AM

(early-entry ticket holders only)

11:00 AM–1:00 PM

(open to all)

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

Donation drop-off: New or gently used craft supplies will be accepted from **Tuesday, September 8** through **Friday, September 18** at the Public Services Desk. **Those who donate will receive an early-entry ticket to get first pick at the swap.**

Nothing to donate? That’s OK! Everyone is welcome to attend starting at 11:00 AM.

Book Discussion: ***Reasons to Stay Alive***

by Matt Haig

Sept. 16 @ 6:30 PM

Carnegie Room

Matt Haig’s memoir about his journey with severe depression and anxiety offers hope and advice for others facing similar struggles. Bob Hagen, Director of Training & Education for NAMI of Southeast Wisconsin, will be joining the discussion to offer insight and resources on mental health topics.

Connect & Learn: **The Libby App**

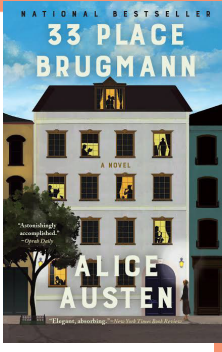
Sept. 21, 10:30 AM–12:00 PM

New to Libby? This hands-on workshop is designed just for beginners. Bring your device and learn the basics, from downloading the app to finding and checking out your first digital book or audiobook. Registration is required.

Waukesha Hot Talks With the Police Department’s Crisis Response Unit **Sept. 29 @ 6:00 PM**

Join us for a “spicy” interview session with Waukesha Police Specialist Roosevelt Mullins and Crisis Clinician Amanda Laurila. They’ll tell us how law enforcement and crisis services work together to help keep Waukesha safe—all while eating progressively hotter hot sauces. Hot sauce, snacks, and ice cream provided for all.

October



WAUKESHA *Reads* 20th Anniversary



33 Place Brugmann

by Alice Austen

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

November

A Twist on Tradition: Pumpkin Pie Bars & Caramel Apple Cheesecake

Nov. 9 @ 6:00 PM

Get ready for the holiday season with French Pastry Chef Katrina Gradinjan! Katrina will share her techniques for creating a fresh take on two crowd-pleasing holiday desserts: pumpkin pie bars and caramel apple cheesecake. Samples will be provided. Registration is required.

AI & Consumer Protection

Nov. 10 @ 6:30 PM

Ben Mehrens from the Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection will teach us about the pros and cons of AI and how this developing technology impacts consumers. The presentation will cover modern threats like deepfake videos, phishing scams, and much more. Leave equipped to navigate an AI powered world with caution and curiosity.

Trivia at North Pillar Brewing Co.

Nov. 12, 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.

Medicare Monday

Nov. 16 @ 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.

Mahjong 100

Nov. 16 @ 1:00 PM

What is Mahjong and why is everyone playing it? Char Haack, an experienced Mahjong instructor from the Waukesha Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department, will be telling us what resources are needed to start playing Mahjong. Please note: This is an informational presentation. Mahjong instruction will not be provided.



Book Discussion:

***The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore**

Nov. 18 @ 6:30 PM • Carnegie Room

Come discuss the bestselling literary thriller that explores family secrets, privilege, land conservation, and the lasting impact of loss. Rita Keber and Becky Burton, volunteers with the Friends of Lapham Peak and the Ice Age Trail Alliance, will join us to add local insight to our conversation.



Haunted Hydrology and Spooky Rivers

Nov. 21 @ 1:00 PM

Um yes, hello! Join TikTok-famous hydrologist, artist, and educator Geo Rutherford as she discusses weird water phenomena and her new book, *Spooky Rivers*.

December

Best of 2026 Book Tasting

Dec. 8 @ 6:30 PM (Spring City Wine House)

Dec. 11 @ 10:30 AM (Waukesha Public Library)

Attention bibliophiles! Join Waukesha Public Library to get the scoop on the best books of 2026. Share your favorite titles with other readers and add books to your personal reading list for the new year. We'll be hosting two identical sessions, so choose the one that works best for you. Purchase is not required to participate. Spring City Wine House is located at 336 W. Main St., Waukesha

Monthly Meetups

Mingle & BINGO (Ages 55+)

Sept. 9, Oct. 14, & Dec. 9

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.

Monday Movie Matinees

Films are shown @ 10:00 AM

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.

Sept. 14: *Project Hail Mary*
(PG-13, 156 min)

Nov. 9: *Clue* (PG, 94 min)

Oct. 5: *Give Me Liberty*
(NR, 110 min)

Dec. 7: *White Christmas*
(NR, 120 min)



Memory Café

Sept. 23, Oct. 28, Nov. 18, Dec. 16, 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.

Connected Community

English Language Learning @ WPL

Tuesdays, Nov. 3 - Dec. 8 • 10:00–11:00 AM • Conference Room 2

This six-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.



Everyone On: Digital Connections Program

Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, & 19 • 6:00–8:00 PM • Program Room B

Ready to unlock new opportunities? Master technology basics in just five weeks, and graduate with a laptop of your own! You'll learn how to use a computer, send emails, navigate the internet safely, and use basic cloud and office tools. To join, you must be a Waukesha County resident (ages 18+) who does not currently own a computer. Eligibility will be assessed on day one and includes income level and access to broadband service. Registration is required.

NEW! Book Clubs

New book clubs are starting in September! Book clubs are open to ages 18+ and do not require registration, unless otherwise indicated. Check the Library's online event calendar for title selections.



Read It & Eat It Book Club

Sept. 1 & Dec. 1 • 6:00–7:30 PM

Program Room A/B

Celebrate your inner chef alongside fellow foodies! Test recipes from our chosen cookbooks at home, then share and sample dishes potluck-style at our meet-up. Bring a dish to pass or just compare notes about the recipes. A copy of each featured cookbook will be available at the Public Services Desk for browsing and photocopying. Registration is required.



Lunch and Learn Nonfiction Book Club

Meets the second Tuesday of each month

12:00–1:00 PM • Conference Room 2

Learn something new every month! Bring a sack lunch, and we'll provide dessert.



Thursday Night Thrills Book Club

Meets the second Thursday of the month

6:00–7:00 PM • Conference Room 2

A book club for those who enjoy twisty thrillers and gripping mysteries. A light snack will be provided.



Spanish Book Discussion:

El Alquimista

November 14 • 2:00–3:00 PM

Conference Room 2

Join us for a Spanish Language book discussion of Paulo Coelho's classic *El Alquimista*. When a shepherd boy sets out to find worldly treasure, his journey transforms into a quest of self-discovery.



Discusión de Libro En Español:

El Alquimista

Noviembre 14 a las 2:00–3:00 PM

Cuarto de Conferencias 2

Acompáñanos para una discusión en español sobre la novela clásica de Paulo Coelho, *El Alquimista*. Cuando un joven pastor se va a descubrir un mundo lleno de tesoros, su aventura se transforma en una búsqueda de autodescubrimiento.

Regular Open Studio Hours

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.

TinkerCad Thursday

Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, & Dec. 10, 6:00–8:00 PM

Learn the basics of 3D design and create a project for 3D printing or laser cutting. Registration is required.

Adult Maker Mondays (Ages 18+)

Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, & Dec. 14, 6:00–8:00 PM

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

Tabletop Gaming Night (Ages 18+)

Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, & Dec. 16, 6:00–8:00 PM

Adventure awaits! Join us for board games and tabletop role-playing games. Registration is required.

Equipment Training

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

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