

 **REGISTRATION REQUIRED** Register online, at the library, or call 608-758-6585

FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

STORYTIMES

April 30 - May 2

No registration necessary.

BABIES IN THE LIBRARY

Wednesday, April 30, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

PROGRAM ROOM

WIGGLE AND RHYME STORYTIME

Thursday, May 1, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

PROGRAM ROOM

SENSE-ATIONAL STORYTIME

Friday, May 2, 9:45 a.m.

PROGRAM ROOM

SUMMER STORYTIMES BEGIN JUNE 9!

READ-IN WITH MARY *for kids*

Mondays from 3:30-5 p.m.

May 5-19

CHILDREN'S ROOM

Settle in for some cozy silent reading with Mary the Comfort Dog.

AMAZING RACE

AROUND JANESVILLE *for kids & families*

Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

LIBRARY PARK & DOWNTOWN JANESVILLE

Gather your team and prepare to race across downtown Janesville. Solve clues and complete challenges faster than your opponents to win the coveted title of Amazing Racers! Teams must consist of at least one adult and one child. Registration is required to participate; register only one member of your team. All locations that teams must travel to are within walking distance of the library, so vehicles will not be allowed.

SPRING READING CHALLENGE *for ages 5-12*



READING MENAGERIE: MEET THE DRAGONS

May 1-24

Start building your magical creature menagerie!

For every 30 minutes of reading you'll earn a Dragon egg card. Keep reading to evolve your egg.

Pick up your Reading Tracker at the Children's Desk and start collecting cards.

Four new dragons introduced each month!

READING MENAGERIE: TOURNAMENT DAY

Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

Test your skills using your Dragon Cards and keep all the cards you earn. *You must have at least three cards to participate.*

AT OUR BRANCH

HPL Express at Uptown Janesville

2500 Milton Avenue

NEW! MONDAY MEET-UP:

PLAYTIME & CRAFT *for kids & families*

Mondays from 11-11:30 a.m. • May 5-19

HPL EXPRESS

Enjoy a fun playtime activity and craft.

FOR ALL AGES

WOOD CARVING DEMO

Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

ATRIUM

Visit with the members of the Rock River Valley Woodcarvers and learn the skills of their craft.

CHESS CLUB

Saturdays from 1-3 p.m. • May 3-31

WOODRUFF ROOM

Play, learn, or watch with Peter Webster, a chess life-master and former WI State Champion. Chess sets available or bring your own.

ARTIST SNEAK PEEK

Thursday, May 8, 6-7:30 p.m.

PROGRAM ROOM

Join us for a sneak peek of the artists who will have exhibits at the library from June 2025 - April 2026 and their work. Speak with the artists and learn how they started and what motivates them to create their beautiful pieces.

ADOPT-A-PET AT THE LIBRARY

Wednesday, May 14, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

ATRIUM

Meet adorable adoptable pets from the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin.



CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

Stop in to pick up a 4"x4" canvas and create a mini masterpiece to help us Color Our World this summer! Visit us in July to view the gallery of returned art on display in our Fireplace Room case.

May 12-June 20: Register and pick up canvas.

May 12-June 27: Drop off completed canvas.

July 1-31: Mini Art Show Viewing

 **Registration is required.** Register online, at the library, or call 608-758-6585.



2025 SUMMER LIBRARY CHALLENGE

JUNE 9 - AUGUST 8

for all ages

Both library locations will be **CLOSED** on Monday, May 26. Have a safe and happy Memorial Day.

FOR TEENS & ADULTS

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TECHNOLOGY HELP

OFFICE HOURS for adults

Thursdays at 11 a.m. & 12 p.m.

May 1, 15, & 29

HPL EXPRESS | UPTOWN JANESVILLE

2500 MILTON AVE.

Wednesdays at 10 & 11 a.m.

May 7 & 21

STUDY ROOM 1

Get help with a new device, troubleshoot tech problems, or learn a new skill! Call 608-758-5833 to register. Walk-ins are welcome.

MONDAY NIGHT MAGIC for teens & adults

Mondays from 5-7 p.m. • May 5 & 19

LAB 316

Play the popular game, *Magic: The Gathering!*

CHAIR YOGA for teens & adults

Wednesday, May 7, 6 p.m.

PROGRAM ROOM

Join us for a gentle yoga class perfect for anyone with mobility or balance challenges, or for those who work while seated. Chair provided.

EVENING YOGA for teens & adults

Wednesday, May 14, 6 p.m.

PROGRAM ROOM

Enjoy beginner-friendly gentle Vinyasa Yoga. Bring your own mat, towel, props, and water.

CASUAL CRAFTERS for teens & adults

Thursday, May 15, 5:30-7 p.m.

PROGRAM ROOM

Create a crafting community! Bring your current project or start a new one, use available library craft supplies, and meet other crafters.

NEW! BREASTFEEDING VILLAGE: EDUCATION & COMMUNITY FOR NEW MOMS

Friday, May 16, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

PROGRAM ROOM

presented by Rock County Nutrition Health Associates (WIC)

Learn the 'How To's' of nursing and pumping.

Register with Nutrition and Health Associates

by phone at 608-754-3722.

HOMEBUYER'S WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

PROGRAM ROOM

presented by NeighborWorks - Blackhawk Region sponsored by City of Janesville, Associated Bank, Blackhawk Community Credit Union, Summit Credit Union, Johnson Bank, First Mid Bank and Trust, First National Bank and Old National Bank

Join us for a full-day workshop focused on the home buying process. Lunch provided. Registration is required. Call 608-362-9051 ext. 20, email homebuying@nwbr.org, or text 608-313-7809.

MEMORY CAFÉ: CONTAINER GARDENS for adults

Monday, May 19, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

PROGRAM ROOM

Discuss spring flowers and make a container garden for you to enjoy at home. Individuals with memory loss and their care partners are invited to gather in a safe and welcoming space to connect, find support, and enjoy a sense of community and purpose. Register by calling ADRC's Dementia Care Specialist Karen Tennyson at 608-741-3615.

MEDITATION & SOUND BATH for teens & adults

Wednesday, May 21, 6 p.m.

PROGRAM ROOM

Practice mindfulness and guided meditation accompanied by a crystal singing bowl sound bath. Participate at your own risk and let the instructor know of any injuries or modifications before the program.

BLOOD DRIVE for adults

Friday, May 23, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

PROGRAM ROOM

Visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment.

BOOKS AND BREWS:

TRIVIA NIGHT for adults

Wednesday, May 28, 6:30 p.m.

ROCK COUNTY BREWING COMPANY

10 NORTH PARKER DRIVE

Play along for prizes or watch for fun!

BOOK CLUBS



WELLNESS

BOOK CLUB for teens & adults

Monday, May 5, 6:30 p.m.

FIREPLACE ROOM

Why Has Nobody Told Me This Before? by Julie Smith

NEXT TITLE: June 2

Birding to Change the World by Trish O'Kane



NEW! SAVOR THE BOOK COOKBOOK CLUB for adults

Tuesday, May 13, 6 p.m.

PROGRAM ROOM

Come Hungry: Salads, Meals, and Sweets for People Who Live to Eat by Melissa Ben-Ishay

CELEBRATE YOUR INNER CHEF!

Test recipes, post pics of your success (don't forget to tag us!), then bring your favorites to share at our meetup.



NON-FICTION KNOWS

NO BOUNDS for adults

Wednesday, May 14, 6 p.m.

AZTALAN STATE PARK

Studying Wisconsin by Martha Bergland

NEXT TITLE: June 18

Lorine Niedecker: A Poet's Life by Margot Peters



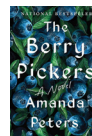
MONDAYS ARE

MURDER for adults

Monday, May 19, 1:30 p.m.

WOODRUFF ROOM

Better the Blood by Michael Bennett



READING ON

THE ROCK for adults

Thursday, May 22, 6:30 p.m.

WOODRUFF ROOM

The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters



BOOK FEST 2025

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

WRITING WORKSHOPS • AUTHOR FAIR
MASTER CLASS WITH MAGGIE GINSBERG

 *still true*

 **LEARN MORE**

HEDBERG HARMONY

Enjoy live music from local musicians in the Fireplace Room. Visit our calendar for a full list.

SOUTHERN WI DULCIMER CLUB

Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.

ROCK RIVER STRING BAND

Monday, May 19, 2 p.m.

LIBRARY ART, EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS

Artist Sneak Peek

by Various Upcoming Artists



Crochet a granny square inspired by a book you read in 2025 and we'll turn it into a beautiful blanket! Squares are due November 29. For all ages!

Don't know how to crochet or you're short on supplies? Drop in to a **Casual Crafters** program for help!

