



# March-April

# EVENT GUIDE 2025

## LIBRARY HOURS

**Mon - Thurs** 9:00am - 8:00pm  
**Friday** 9:00am - 6:00pm  
**Saturday** 10:00am - 4:00pm  
**Sunday** 12:00pm - 4:00pm

## SMITHWORKS HOURS

**Weekdays** 2:30pm - 5:30pm

Kids & Families

Teens

Adults



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# SMITHworks Community Studio

AT THE  
ELISHA D. SMITH MENASHA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Open Weekdays 2:30–5:30pm

Look for this label to find upcoming classes and workshops in SMITHworks:

**SMITHworks Makerspace Workshop**

All Menasha Public Library events are **free and open to the public**. Some events\* have limited space and require registration.

\*To register for a starred event visit [menashalibrary.org/calendar](http://menashalibrary.org/calendar) and click on the desired event or call the Reference Desk at 920.967.3690.

**Family Story Time**  
Tuesdays, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18 at 10am

Ages 0-6 | 📍 Company E Room, lower level

Join us for 30 minutes of books and music for kids 0-6 and their families. Geared for preschoolers, but the whole family is welcome.

**Fiction Book Club Discussion**  
"Firekeeper's Daughter"  
by Angeline Boulley  
Thursday, 3/6 at 10am

Adults | 📍 Company E Room, lower level

Everyone is welcome to join our fiction book club -- Novel Thoughts -- for some lively conversation about great novels - from classics to recent favorites! This month's book discussion title: "Firekeeper's Daughter" by Angeline Boulley. Request a hold by calling the Checkout Desk at 920.967.3680 or by emailing us at [reference@menashalibrary.org](mailto:reference@menashalibrary.org).

# Thank You

**for making our library renovation a success!**

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Grand Reopening Celebration held on Saturday, February 8, 2025





**Art Exhibit Reception:  
Joann Mariahazy: Printmaking  
and Beyond  
Thursday, 4/10 at 6:30pm**

Adults | 📍 Main Floor

Visit the exhibit, enjoy Joann's printmaking, watercolors and design creations. She will share some of her new projects and inspiration. Light refreshments will be served.

**Music Workshop with Aurora Institute  
for the Arts  
Friday, 4/11 at 11am**

Ages 3+ | 📍 Fox River/Winnebago Room

Learn all about string instruments and making music in this kid-friendly music workshop with Aurora Institute for the Arts.

**Cooking Series: Ancient Grains  
Edition - BBQ Chicken Quinoa Bowl\*  
Friday, 4/11 at 4:30pm**

Adults | 📍 Company E Room, lower level

**Registration opens Saturday, April 1st.**

Incorporate the nutrients, texture, and deliciousness of ancient grains to your family meals! All supplies and ingredients provided. This will be a hands-on cooking experience.

Ancient Grains Edition will be offered between February and April. Space is limited. Registration required. Limit: 1 Ancient Grains class per person. More details can be found on our website.

**Comic Book Club & Movie Party  
Saturday, 4/12 at 10am**

Teens | 📍 Teen Space

We are completing our discussion of our *Fantastic Four* book and celebrating with *Fantastic 4: Rise of the Silver Surfer* movie party! Yes, it is okay to join in our fun even if you have not read the book! We look forward to seeing you in our NEW Teen Space at 10:00AM followed by our party in the library's lower level Company E Room.

To request your copy of *Fantastic Four*, leave a message for Cindy at 920-967-3692. While supplies last.

**Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt  
Monday, 4/14 - Sunday 4/20**

Families | 📍 Children's Section

Someone stole Peter Cottontail's precious golden egg! Thankfully the thief left clues around the library. Unravel the thief's riddles to help Peter find his special Easter egg! Available from April 14th - 20th. Drop in anytime.

**Switch Wednesday - MARIO KART!  
Wednesday, 4/16 from 3:30-5pm**

Ages 10+ | 📍 Teen Space

Stop in the Teen Space the third Wednesday of each month for some Nintendo Switch Fun. This month we are playing Mario Kart!

**Preschool Play Date  
Thursday, 4/17 at 10am**

Ages 1-6 | 📍 Company E Room, lower level

Preschoolers and their caring adult are invited to stop in and play at the library. We're hosting a Money Smart playdate! We'll have activities, games, and toys for ages 1 thru 6. Our preschoolers will earn "library money" with each activity and they can purchase items at the Money Smart Library Store.

**Earth Day: Butterfly Gardens - Nature  
Talks with Rob Zimmer  
Monday, 4/21 at 1pm**

Adults | 📍 Company E Room, lower level

Join Rob Zimmer for a fun, educational and colorful program all about growing and gardening for butterflies. You'll learn about many different host plants for a number of different species, as well as the best nectar plants for adult butterflies. You'll also learn to identify many of the butterfly species found in Wisconsin.

**Light and Shadows  
Monday, 4/30 at 6:30pm**

Adults | 📍 Fox River/Winnebago Room

**Registration opens Friday, April 18th.**

Explore the elements of shadows and light to take your artistic expression to a different level. A class with local artist Joann Mariahazy. All materials included. Space limited.

**Baby Story Time  
Thursdays, 3/6, 3/20 & 4/10 at 10am**

Ages 0-2 | 📍 Fox River Room

Join us for baby story time at the Menasha Public Library. This story time is geared for babies 0-2 and their caregivers; siblings are welcome to join!

**Teen Chapter Chasers-  
"Fire Keeper's Daughter"**

Thursday, 3/6 at 4pm

Ages 12+ | 📍 Teen Space

Join our Native American guest as we discuss: *Fire Keeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley. Enjoy Indian Fry Bread that we will make in our new Teaching Kitchen! BONUS: Meet the author, Angeline Boulley, on Thursday, March 13th, 6pm at the Appleton Public Library.

"*Firekeeper's Daughter*" by Angeline Boulley is available for check out in person or on Hoopla. Questions? Call 920-967-3692 or email Cindy: schaeferkemps@menashalibrary.org

**Comic Book Club & RPG  
Saturday, 3/8 at 10am**

Teens & Adults | 📍 Teen Space

This month we are continuing to discuss our *Fantastic Four* book in our new Teen Space. This book contains the origin stories and characters of the Marvel Universe. We will discuss the middle chapters of this book (pages 139-272) that reveal Marvel's transformative and timeless influence on an entire genre of fantasy.

Yes, it is ok if you missed the first meeting or even if you did not read the book! To request your copy of *Fantastic Four*, leave a message for Cindy at 920-967-3692 or email schaeferkemps@menashalibrary.org. While supplies last.

**Irish Tunes with Molly and Michael  
Sunday, 3/9 at 2pm**

Adults | 📍 Company E Room, lower level

Join us to celebrate this time of the year with Irish music performed by Molly Conrand and Michael Theroux.

**SMITHworks Creative Writing Group  
Monday, 3/10 & 4/14 at 6:30pm**

Adults | 📍 Fox River Room

Join us the second Monday of each month as we continue our monthly writing series.

**Hollywood Classic Films - Rocky  
Tuesday, 3/11 at 1pm**

Adults | 📍 Company E Room, lower level

From February to April enjoy an acclaimed 70's Hollywood Oscar Winner movie. Each film will have a brief, but informative, introduction to provide context and allow for a deeper appreciation of the film. Discover these movies for the first time or view them again as film masterpieces. Hosted by Walt Ulbricht, MA, Film Studies UW-Madison. Come at 12:30pm for pizza and conversation! The movie begins at 1pm.

**Time Machine: Make a Diamond  
Art Bookmark**

Tuesday, 3/11 from 3:30-5pm

Ages 12+ | 📍 Teen Space

Choose from a large variety of bookmark templates. Follow a pattern and decorate your bookmark with colored "diamonds and gem stones."

**Sewing Machine Basics\*  
Tuesday, 3/11 at 6:30pm**

Adults | 📍 Company E Room, lower level

**Registration opens Tuesday, February 25th.**

Bring your sewing machine and we'll walk through the basics of operating your machine. We'll thread needles, wind bobbins, change your sewing foot, and sew straight lines. Whether you have a brand new machine or one you haven't used in a while, bring it with you and we'll start sewing together. Program lead by Rachel from Rachel Ann Quilts, LLC. Note: This is not a sewing machine repair class.

Items to bring with you: your sewing machine and manual, thread, bobbin, thread scissors, and sewing machine needles.

**SMITHworks Demonstration: Sublimation  
Wednesday, 3/12 at 2pm**

Adults | SMITHworks

**SMITHworks Makerspace Workshop**

Come watch a librarian demonstrate sublimation, then stay during SMITHworks open hours and try it out yourself!

**Preschool Play Date  
Thursday, 3/13 at 10am**

Ages 1-6 | Fox River/Winnebago Room

Join us for playtime at Menasha's public library. This event is geared for preschoolers (ages 1-6) and their caregivers; siblings are welcome to join!

**Cooking Series: Ancient Grains  
Edition – Mediterranean Farro Salad\*  
Friday, 3/14 at 4:30pm**

Adults | Company E Room, lower level

**Registration opens Tuesday, March 4th.**

Incorporate the nutrients, texture, and deliciousness of ancient grains to your family meals! All supplies and ingredients provided. This will be a hands-on cooking experience.

Ancient Grains Edition will be offered between February and April. Space is limited. Registration is required. Limit: 1 Ancient Grains class per person. More details can be found on our website.

**Spring in the Garden – Nature Talks  
with Rob Zimmer  
Monday, 3/17 at 1pm**

Adults | Company E Room, lower level

Join Rob Zimmer for a look at spring in the garden. From spring-blooming bulbs to perennials, spring-flowering trees, shrubs and more. Rob will also take a look at the hottest plants for the year and some of his favorite garden shopping destinations.

**SMITHworks Demonstration: Cricut  
Wednesday, 3/19 at 2pm**

Adults | SMITHworks

**SMITHworks Makerspace Workshop**

Come watch a librarian demonstrate using a Cricut, then stay during SMITHworks open hours and try it out yourself!

**Switch Wednesday – MARIO KART!  
Tuesday, 3/19 from 3:30–5pm**

Ages 10+ | Teen Space

Stop in the Teen Space the third Wednesday of each month for some Nintendo Switch Fun. This month we are playing Mario Kart!

**Spring Break Week  
Monday – Friday, 3/24–3/28**

Ages 3+ | Children's Section

Drop-in activities available all day in the Children's Section during Spring Break Week (3/24 - 3/28): Monday: Melty Beads, Tuesday: Board Games, Wednesday: Legos, Thursday: Bracelet Making, Friday: Puzzles

**Cricut 101 Workshop\*  
Monday, 3/24 at 5:30pm**

Teens & Adults | SMITHworks

**Registration opens Monday, March 3rd.**

**SMITHworks Makerspace Workshop**

Join us for a fun and hands-on Cricut 101 workshop, perfect for beginners! In this class, you'll learn the basics of Cricut Design Space as well as how to cut, weed, and transfer vinyl to create your very own personalized keychain to take home. Whether you're brand new to Cricut or need a refresher, this is the perfect opportunity to ask questions, gain confidence, and start crafting with ease. No experience necessary —just bring your creativity!

**SMITHworks Demonstration: 3D Printing  
Wednesday, 3/26 at 2pm**

Adults | SMITHworks

**SMITHworks Makerspace Workshop**

Come watch a librarian demonstrate 3D printing, then stay during SMITHworks open hours and try it out yourself!

**John J Humski's Art Exhibit  
Closing Reception  
Saturday, 3/29 at 10am**

Adults | Main floor

Enjoy refreshments while learning about the life and talent of artist John J Humski (1898-1985).

**Fiction Book Club Discussion  
"The Time Traveler's Wife"**

by Audrey Niffenegger

**Thursday, 4/3 at 10am**

Adults | Lake Winnebago Room

Everyone is welcome to join our fiction book club -- Novel Thoughts -- for some lively conversation about great novels - from classics to recent favorites! This month's book discussion title: "The Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger. Request a hold by calling the Checkout Desk at 920.967.3680 or by emailing us at [reference@menashalibrary.org](mailto:reference@menashalibrary.org).

**First Thursday Books and Treats  
Thursday, 4/3 at 4pm**

Ages 12+ | Teen Space

Come to Teen Space to enjoy book discussion, chocolate mousse, and activities! This month we will be reading and discussing the first chapter of "Dealing with Dragons" by Patricia C. Wrede. Pick up a (free!) copy of your book at the information desk beginning in March. Return May 1, 2025 to finish what we started and receive a new book!

**Craft & Create Fridays  
Fridays, 4/4 & 4/18**

Ages 3+ | Children's Section

Drop-in craft activities available in the Children's Section on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. April 4th - Glue Banaza  
Glue things together to make weird creations!  
April 18th - Wooden Egg Ornament  
Paint and decorate a wooden egg!

**Spanish with Gonzalo ~  
Español con Gonzalo  
Mondays, 4/7 – 4/28 at 6pm**

Adults | Elisha D. Smith Conference Room

Spanish with Gonzalo is a Spanish-speaking conversation circle led by a native speaker. It is an intermediate level group where you can practice with others learning to speak Spanish. Gonzalo provides lots to talk about, including visual and audio presentations about Latin American culture. This is a casual program rather than an academic course.

**Hollywood Classic Films –  
Kramer vs. Kramer  
Tuesday, 4/8 at 1pm**

Adults | Company E Room, lower level

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**Time Machine: Make a Gemstone Tree\*  
Tuesday, 4/8 from 3:30–5pm**

Ages 12+ | Teen Space

**Registration opens Tuesday, March 11th.**

Join rock and gem enthusiast, Ann Voges, as she guides you to create your own beautiful tree of gems. All materials will be provided including semi-precious stones such as amethyst, tiger eye, and jasper. If you have a special rock you would like to use as a base, bring it along.

**Quilting: How to Get Started\*  
Tuesday, 4/8 at 6:30pm**

Adults | Company E Room, lower level

**Registration opens Tuesday, March 11th.**

Want to learn about quilting? This evening's conversation is the perfect introduction for beginners. Hosted by Elisha D. Smith Public Library in partnership with Rachel Ann Quilts, LLC, this class will teach you the basics of quilting. Along with information about fabric, patterns, and notions, Rachel will have quilts and quilt blocks on display. Note: This is not a sewing class.

**Zumba Latin Dance Aerobics  
Wednesdays, 4/9–4/30 at 6pm**

Adults | Company E Room, lower level

Certified Zumba instructor Stephany Figueroa is back in April and July to lead this high energy fitness program. Join us every Wednesday evening @ 6pm the entire month of April 2025. Our programs are free to our patrons, no registration is required; however, childcare is not provided. Dress comfortably and be prepared to move.