

Neenah Public Library

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OF THE FRIENDS

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Neenah Public Library
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Neenah, Wisconsin

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New Year-Round Hours
Monday - Thursday 9 am - 9 pm
Friday 9 am - 6 pm
Saturday 10 am - 4 pm
Sunday 12: pm - 4 pm

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DON'T MISS THE
**2018
ANNUAL MEETING**

Friends of the Neenah Public
Library Annual Meeting:
Thursday, March 15, 5:00 p.m.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Friends of the
Library
Magazine Sale**

Annual Magazine Sale in the library's
Shattuck Room. Magazines are \$.25
each or 5 for \$1.00.

Saturday, Feb 24
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Sunday, Feb 25 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Free Day (all remaining
magazines are free)

HELLO FRIENDS !

I'm glad to see that everyone has made it to 2018 and are surviving another Wisconsin winter. For me there hasn't been nearly enough snow, but I know most of you would say I'm crazy. To each their own! The best thing about the cold weather has been the ability to curl up with a good book all day and night without feeling guilty. Reflecting back on everything I read in 2017, I think my favorite was The Platinum Age of Television by David Bianculli. Highly recommended if you love to watch TV!

On to official business: THANK YOU everyone for your support of our 2017 Book Sale. Everything went off without a hitch, and we raised over \$5,000 to support the library's activities! Whether you donated books, donated your time, helped spread the word, or came to shop, you contributed to our success. Please give yourself a pat on the back or buy yourself a congratulatory treat.

But time doesn't stop and neither will we. On to the next thing! The Friends of the Neenah Public Library 2018 Magazine Sale is slated for Saturday, February 24th from 10:00am to 3:30pm. In addition, the 25th will be a free day for whatever magazines are left. There is still time to donate your old magazines, or you can come and pick some up to supplement your collection. Please remember that regardless of the time of the year the library will accept your donations at the circulation desk! That can be magazines, books, audio, DVDs or other materials. As spring cleaning commences and you begin clearing off your shelves, make the library your first stop!

Finally, a friendly reminder that our membership year runs from May 1st to April 30th, so our annual membership drive will be coming up soon. I'd love to encourage you to renew your membership and perhaps urge the other library lovers in your life to become members as well. Your support is what enables us to provide programming for children and adults, library materials, and the occasional unique purchase (such as the irreplaceable Nina the Pelican costume). Membership applications can be found on the library's website, at the library, and in this newsletter.

Thanks again for an amazing 2017 with the Friends of the Neenah Public Library, and we are looking forward to an equally successful 2018!

Amy Molitor

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



Basic Lawn and Landscape Care

If you have a yard, you probably have at least some lawn, probably a tree or shrub or two and flowering plants. This workshop will address the basic maintenance steps needed to keep various types of landscape plantings alive, healthy and looking good.

Presentation by a panel of experienced Winnebago County Master Gardeners.

Monday, April 9th, 6:30pm

Face to Face Civility

Join UW-Extension Winnebago County as we explore how social media has changed the way we communicate, discuss the guidelines of civility and have face-to-face conversations at the Neenah Public Library. The two hour program will consist of a brief presentation from Tina Schuelke (Executive Director, Change Management) on the topic of digital communication trends and collaborative communication, followed by active, small group discussion on the topic of social media and how it impacts our lives. The goal of the evening is not to persuade people to reach the same viewpoint, rather, to enjoy stimulating and civil conversation. This free workshop does not require registration.

Monday, March 5th, at 6:00pm

Ukulele Beginner Lessons



The Neenah Public Library is excited to announce free Ukulele Classes taught by Sam 'Ālika Bader. All skill levels are encouraged to attend these beginner lessons. Be sure to bring your ukulele.

Then stick around afterward for an open jam session. Everyone is invited. Bring music you're working on, something you're having trouble with, play a solo or a duet for the group, play along with your fellow ukers. All skill levels welcome!

Remember, the Neenah Public Library does have ukuleles for checkout. So be sure to put one on hold today if you're at all interested in trying out this simple yet versatile instrument.

Thursdays from 6:00pm - 7:00pm,
Jan 18th - March 8th



Mathew Janzen will be at the Neenah Public Library to discuss his book "State of Craft Beer." Be sure to check out a copy of this wonderful full-color leather bound book at the Neenah Public Library before the event!

Wednesday, April 18th 7:00pm

Planning a City

The Story of Neenah's Planning History

Join the Neenah Historical Society and the Neenah Public Library for a collaborative program on the history of city planning in our community. From its earliest days, Neenah looked to the future and planned accordingly. Discover that interesting history when Brad Schmidt, Deputy Director of Community Development for Neenah, presents this intriguing program as part of our "Making a Hometown" series of presentations. Now is your chance to find out the true story behind the creation of Neenah.

Thursday, March 15th, 7:00pm

Director John Mitchell will be at the Neenah Public Library for a special all ages screening of "Cheeseheads: The Documentary" Monday, March 26th at 6:00pm. Join us as John Mitchell provides a humorous look at the filmmaking process, and shares why he decided to make a movie that has been called a "love letter to Wisconsin." The night's event will include cheese samples and some other surprises... No registration required.



Join children's book author Stepheni Curran for a special book signing and rock painting event at the Neenah Public Library. Stepheni will be reading from her new book "Rock On, Kindness: Pass It On!" and will be available for a book signing, and question and answer session. "Rock On, Kindness: Pass It On!" is the story of Ally, a 7 year old girl whose favorite hobby is painting and hiding rocks to bring happiness to others. Be sure to stay after the reading for a special rock painting session. Paint, brushes, and rocks will be provided. No reservation necessary. Copies of "Rock On, Kindness: Pass It On!" will be available for purchase at the event.

Saturday, March 10th at 10:00 am.





The Neenah Public Library enjoyed a wonderful turnout on Saturday, Jan 6th for the first Storycatchers event hosted in Neenah. Storycatchers is an Appleton based organization that holds storytelling events around the Fox Cities. Each event has a theme, and since the library event was held right after the new year, the theme this time was "New Beginnings." The audience sat with rapt attention as a wide variety of different local community members shared their stories. Some stories were tragically sad, while others were laugh out loud funny. The event ended with a seasoned speaker that offered a whirlwind of a story that found inspiration in illness and offered proof to the power of perseverance.

The library is in the developing stages to host Storycatchers again sometime in the future. So be sure to check the library's calendar of events if you would like to attend the next session. Also, if you would like to share a story, keep an eye out for the soon to be posted submission guidelines. All stories are vetted before the performance.

- YOUTH SERVICES -

Storytimes

January 2nd - May 4th

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00 AM Book Birdies (ages 3-5)	10:00 AM Storytime Ninjas (ages 3-5)	7:45 AM Early Risers* (birth to 24 months)	10:00 AM Lapsit (ages 2-3)	10:00 AM Bach to Rock (ages 2-4)
	10:30 AM Toddle Time (12-24 months)	9:15 AM Baby Time (birth to 12 months)		10:30 AM Toddle Time (12-24 months)
	5:30pm Wee Read (Family Storytime)	1:00 PM Imagine That (Ages 4 and up)		
		5:30 PM Read to the Beat (Birth to 3 years)		

*Early Risers: attendees will be allowed in from 7:35-7:50 AM as the library is closed during this time.



Bubble Fun at the Neenah Public Library!

Each week the youth department offers 11 different storytimes. Songs, stories and activities vary but the message we leave our families with at the end of each storytime is the same: Talk, Touch, Sing, Play. Talking about your day, singing in rhyme and sharing stories are the best ways to promote language development and cognitive skills in babies and young children. Playing with little ones teaches them to explore the larger world and encourages curiosity. At the close of each story time we sing and sign a song called "Talk and Touch" with the intention that that the lyrics become a daily practice for our library families. Attending storytime allows us as librarians to share books with children and families during a library visit but the ultimate goal is for reading aloud to continue in the home. The single most significant factor influencing a child's early educational success is an introduction to books and being read to at home before starting school.

In addition to our Summer Reading Program, we offer a Read-to-Me Challenge during the months of February and October. Parents who read 100 books to their child (birth to age 5) receive a brand new, free book to keep. This reading challenge encourages our families to read to their little ones and to check out books from our library. It also gives us the opportunity to suggest developmentally appropriate books and for families to find new favorites. Read-to-Me reading records can be picked up at the Youth Desk during the month of February. While you are here, check out our full schedule of youth programs- there's a lot happening!



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Membership Application/Renewal—Friends of the Neenah Public Library

I appreciate the value of our library and want to demonstrate my commitment. Note: The Friends' membership year is May 1 through April 30. If you've already renewed your membership with the Friends—Thank you!

- Yes! I would like to become a member of the Friends of the Neenah Public Library
- Yes! I would like to renew my membership
- Junior (Under 12)—\$2.00 Supporting or Small Business—\$30.00
- Individual—\$15.00 Contributing—\$50.00
- Family—\$25.00 Sponsor or Corporate—\$100.00
- Additional contribution \$ _____
- Yes! I would like to volunteer at the annual book sale

NAME: _____

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Please mail your check to “Friends of the Neenah Public Library, P.O. Box 569, Neenah, WI, 54957-0569.” The Friends group is an official 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation. Donations are tax deductible and qualify for many corporate matching gift programs.