



# Events Guide

DECEMBER 2025, JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2026



MANITOWOC PUBLIC LIBRARY 2026 WINTER READING PROGRAM

## *Warm Up to a Good Book!*

**JANUARY 11 - FEBRUARY 28**

The Winter Reading Program is open to all ages! Read or be read to for a total of 10 hours from January 11 through February 28. Everyone who finishes receives a raffle ticket to enter to win one of a variety of fantastic prize baskets!

Participate by tracking your reading on the Beanstack app  
or by picking up a paper tracker at any MPL service desk!

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# Something For Everyone

## Drop-In Chess Club (Ages 6+)

**First Wednesday Each Month, 6PM**

Improve memory, concentration, and logical thinking with chess! Chess boards provided.

## Enchanted Evergleams

**November 26 through January 4, 2026**

Visit the Enchanted Evergleam Forest at MPL!

## Stocking Stuffer Book Sale

**December 10-14**

Browse items priced from \$1 to \$5 to find perfect holiday gifts!



## Flute-Cake! Sounds of the Season

**Saturday, December 20, 10:30AM**

Join Flute Cocktail for a live performance!

## HOLIDAY MOVIE FEST



**Dec. 4, 6-8PM:** *Babes in Toyland* (G)

**Dec. 13, 11AM-1PM:** *Scrooge* (G)

**Dec. 14, 1-3PM:** *Prancer* (G)

**Dec. 18, 6-8PM:** *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street* (PG)

**Dec. 22, 11AM-1PM:** *Unaccompanied Minors* (PG)

**Dec. 29, 11AM-1PM:** *Krampus* (PG-13)

## Beneath the Surface: Cobia's Drydock Story Thursday, January 22, 6PM

Join the Maritime Museum's Submarine Curator Karen Duvalle for a behind-the-scenes look at the drydocking of USS Cobia in Sturgeon Bay.

## For the Adults

## Sparkle! The History of Aluminum Trees

**In-Person: Thursday, December 4, 6PM**

**Virtual: Thursday, December 18, 5PM**

Discover the story behind this Manitowoc company's Atomic Age innovation and design with guides Barb Bundy-Jost and Jordan Kabat.

## Make it at MPL

**December 15, 5:30PM: Shaker Ornaments**

**January 16, 2PM: Winter Jewelry Making**

Join us in the Idea Box as we make unique items on the Glowforge! **Registration is required.**

## Check Out the Library: A Tour of MPL

**Wednesday, January 7, 6PM**

This guided tour of MPL will introduce you to many of the wonderful features we offer!

## Book Discussion

**Thursday, January 15, 6PM: *Real Americans*, by Rachel Khong**

Join staff for an engaging discussion! Books available for checkout a month prior to event.



## Getting Published:

**Traditional vs. Self Publishing  
Wednesday, January 21, 6PM**

Have a book idea or manuscript? Author and editor Sharon Verbeten will guide you through the publishing process.

## Great Decisions

**Mondays, 6-8PM, February 2-March 23**

Learn from experts about a variety of topics that hit close to home and span the globe.

## Library Card Smart

**February 18, 5:30PM:** Using Your Library Card

**February 25, 5:30PM:** Using Technology at MPL  
Join Tony for an overview of how to get the most out of your library.

## Mental Health & Teens: A Primer for Adults

**Thursday, February 19, 6PM**

How can parents address teen mental health risks? Counselor Rachel Gordon shares tips, treatment guidance, and answers questions.

## 6th Annual Lakeshore Area Seed Swap

**Saturday, February 28, 9AM-12PM**

Join the Lakeshore Seed Collective to share or find free seeds for your garden!



## For Job Seekers



## DWD Employment Assistance Every Tuesday, 9AM-4PM

Get assistance with resumes, online applications, and more. \*Spanish-speaking staff available.

## Mini Job Fair

**Tuesday, December 9, 1-3PM**

Job seekers are invited to a hiring event.

# Bring the Family

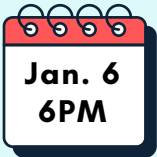


## Dinosaur Dimensions LIVE! Monday, January 19, 2PM

School's out--so roar into high-energy adventure with lifelike animatronic dinosaur puppets, audience participation and a meet-and-greet for photos with your prehistoric pals.

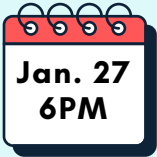


## FAMILY ACTIVITY NIGHTS



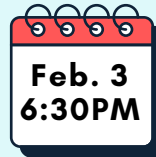
### Bingo Bash!

Join us for a night of Bingo, snacks, and prizes!  
For ages 5-11 and their families



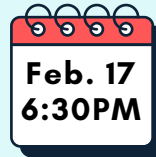
### Storytime & Stuffie Clinic with Dr. Cappelle

Pediatrician Dr. Jennifer Cappelle will read a book, share her tools, and explain what happens during a checkup. Afterward, children can give their favorite stuffed animal a gentle exam. For ages 5-8.



### Blanket Forts

Bring your blankets & pillows for a super fun fort-building-palooza! For ages 5-11.



### Anything But a Paintbrush


Join us for a fun painting session with silly tools and bright colors! For ages 5-11.

## STORYTIMES

**Baby Storytime:** Every Wednesday & Thursday at 9:30AM. For ages 0-2.

**Preschool Storytime:** Every Wednesday & Thursday at 10:30AM. For ages 2-5.

**SENSE-sational Storytime:** Second Tuesday each month at 10:30AM. For ages birth to 3.

 **Storytime with Santa:** Saturday, December 20, 10-11AM. Join us for storytime and a photo op with Santa. While there will not be enough time for lap visits, children are invited to bring a letter for his North Pole Mailbox! Visit our Letter to Santa Station for supplies starting December 8.

\*No Storytimes  
December 21-January 3

### Read to Certified Therapy Dogs

**Dec. 16\*\*, Jan. 13, & Feb. 10 at 6:30PM**

Children can gain confidence and improve overall reading skills. **Registration is required.**

\*\*Dec. 16 at 6PM: Join Jennifer Brandt, author of *Camilla the Tail-Wagging Tutor*, prior to Therapy Dogs.

### Midwinter Melodies with Miss Maggie

**Thursday, January 8, 6PM**

Cozy up for seasonal stories and songs with Miss Maggie. PJs, stuffies, and blankets welcome--cocoa provided!

### Messy Marvins (Ages 0-3) Friday, January 9, 10AM

It's baby art studio morning! We provide the supplies; you supply the creativity.



### Storytime on the Road at the YMCA

**Monday, January 26, 9:30AM**

Join Miss Sharon for a special storytime at the Manitowoc-Two Rivers YMCA. After, hit the gym for a free Wiggles and Giggles class.

### Minute-to-Win-It Winter Olympics

**Thursday, February 5, 6PM**

Compete in a series of hilarious, winter-themed challenges to see who can complete the most. *Open to Families, Tweens & Teens!*

### Baby Winter Olympics (Ages 0-3)

**Friday, February 13, 10AM**

A fun morning of crawling, scooting, and sliding through Winter Olympics-inspired challenges.

### Big Kids' Valentine Party (Ages 5-10)

**Friday, February 13, 2PM**

Enjoy engaging stories, toe-tapping songs, fun games, a creative craft, and a treat.



# Teen Hang-Out



## SHELF CARE BOXES

Sign up for a Shelf Care Box and discover new and favorite YA authors at MPL! **Each month, sign-up for a box will run the 1st through the 15th. Boxes will become available to pick up on the 1st of the following month.**

To learn more and sign up, visit: <https://www.manitowoclibrary.org/teen-book-boxes>

### Space to Write (For Teens & Adults)

**Second & Fourth Tuesday Each Month at 5:30PM**

Want to write a novel, story, memoir, poem, or graphic novel? You need Space to Write!

### Kilnin' It at Glaze & Paint

**Thursday, December 11, 6PM**

Join us at Glaze & Paint to hear about the workings of the kiln and then stay to paint your own ceramic piece. **Registration is required.**

### Paper Rollercoasters

**Thursday, January 8, 6PM**

Design a rollercoaster using just paper and imagination, then see if it works by sending marbles through it.

### ArtLab: Putting it Together with Collage

**Thursday, February 12, 6PM**

Explore the art of collage: putting paint, paper, words, and images together to create something entirely new and entirely you.

## Idea Box Makerspace

The Idea Box is dedicated to both high-tech and low-tech hands-on learning for Teens and Adults. MPL staff are currently offering badging classes for 3D Printer, Glowforge, 3Doodler, Cricut, Sewing Machines, and Soundbooth (registration required).

To learn more and find classes, visit: [manitowoclibrary.org/services/idea-box-makerspace](http://manitowoclibrary.org/services/idea-box-makerspace)



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**Monday - Thursday** 9AM-8PM

**Friday** 9AM-6PM

**Saturday** 9AM-3PM

**Sunday** 12PM-4PM

(Closed Sundays, Memorial Day thru Labor Day)

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