

December & January Newsletter

TWO HARBORS PUBLIC LIBRARY



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Mondays, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Tuesdays, 11:30 am – 7:00 pm

Wednesdays, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Thursdays, 11:30 am – 7:00 pm

Fridays, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Reoccurring Weekly Events

The Teacher is In: Adult Education Office Hours

9:30 am-5:00 pm, during dates listed below

For adults, Library Archives Room

Visit with Deann about completing your GED, gaining basic computer skills, increasing reading, writing, and math abilities, improving your English language skills, preparing for college, and more.

- Monday, December 1
- Wednesday, December 10
- Wednesday, December 17
- Monday, December 22
- Monday, December 29
- Monday, January 5
- Monday, January 12
- Wednesday, January 28

Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:00 am

For children and their caregivers, Children's Area

Enjoy a few stories and a craft or activity.

Game Day for Adults with Community Partners

Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00 pm

For adults, Library Meeting Room

Chess, cribbage, cards, and more! Adults are invited to a drop-in game afternoon. Light refreshments will be provided.

December 1-5

Julebyen Scavenger Hunt

Monday, December 1 to Friday, December 5

For all ages, in the Library

The first 5 children to complete the scavenger hunt on Monday will receive a pair of tickets for the Julebyen Troll Train Express. Other Julebyen-themed prizes will be available for all scavenger hunters throughout the month. Prizes donated by the Knife River Julienissas.

“A Sea Change for Superior” Screening

Thursday, December 4, 5:00-6:30pm

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

What does the warming of the greatest of the Great Lakes mean for its natural systems? What does it mean for the lake's legacy as being famously cold, clear, and clean? These questions are at the heart of this public television documentary co-production between Hamline University's Center for Global Environmental Education and PBS North.

Take and Make Kit: Create an Illustrated Short Story Book

Available beginning Friday, December 5

Create your own book! Kits provide a blank book, colored pencils, a pencil sharpener, an eraser, and an introductory letter from Two Harbors Public Library Artist in Residence Eric Klepinger. You provide the vision and inspiration. Bring your book home or work on it during open studio hours. Kits are available while supplies last. This program is sponsored by the Two Harbors Area Fund.

December 1-5

Open Studio

Friday, December 5, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

For ages 10 and up, Library Archives Room

Join Two Harbors Public Library Artist in Residence Eric Klepinger in open art studio hours. Continue working on your project from a previous session or bring a creative project to work on. This program is drop-in and registration is not required. This program is sponsored by the Two Harbors Area Fund.

Songs of Mesabi concert with Greg Tiburzi

Friday, December 5, 10:00-11:00 am

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

Inspired by pop radio, the American songbook, rock, and folk and world music, Greg Tiburzi blends guitar and harmonica to back his compositions. Tiburzi reveres the healing quality of music and its ability to lift and connect us to each other, our surroundings, and ourselves. *Songs of Mesabi* is a concert featuring a pastiche of musical styles from the 19th through the 21st-century. Come along on this colorful journey with original tunes paying homage to Greg Tiburzi's homeland – Minnesota's Iron Range. *This program, sponsored by Arrowhead Library System, was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund (ACHF).*

December 8-12

Afternoon Book Circle

Monday, December 8, 2:00-3:00pm

For adults, Library Meeting Room

This month's book is *Grief is for People* by Sloane Crossley.

Limited copies are available at the front desk.

Stay and Make: Mini Clay Animals

Friday, December 12, all day

For tweens and teens, ages 8-18

Visit the front desk to grab a mini bag with all the air dry clay you need. We will have a small variety of animals to choose from while supplies last. Take the supply bag home to create, or stay at the library and borrow our sculpting tools. This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library.

December 15-19

Books and Brews

Tuesday, December 16, 6:00-8:00 pm

For adults, Castle Danger Brewery Taproom

Book lovers will gather the third Tuesday of the month in the taproom and discuss what we're reading. Castle Danger will give you \$1 off your first drink if you show them your book on Books and Brews night.

December 15-19

Short and Sweet Bookclub

Thursday, December 18, 6:00-6:45 pm

For adults, Library Meeting Room

This month we are reading selections from *Le Morte D'Arthur* by Sir Thomas Malory.

Introduction to Pen and Ink Drawing

Friday, December 19, 10:00 am-12:00 pm or 1:00-3:00 pm

For ages 10 and up, Library Meeting Room

Join Two Harbors Public Library Artist in Residence Eric Klepinger in an intro to pen and ink drawing. We will discuss how to lightly sketch your subject, and then use various techniques such as line, cross hatching, strokes and stippling to shade and texture your subject. All supplies are provided and all skill levels welcome. Pre-registration required; register by emailing us at thpl@alslib.info or stopping by the library's front desk. This program is sponsored by the Two Harbors Area Fund.

December 22-26

Stay and Create: Make Your Own Macrame Kit

Tuesday, December 23, 4:30-5:30 pm

For teens and up, Library Meeting Room

Stop by and put together your own macrame kit! You can stay and start working on it or just take it home. While supplies last.

December 22-26

The library is closed Wednesday, December 24, and Thursday, December 25, for Christmas.

Introvert Recharge Time!

Friday, December 26, 10:00 am-2:00 pm

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

Need to recharge your introvert battery after the holidays? Join us for some relaxing activities that include coloring and making bracelets.

December 29-January 2

The library is closed Thursday, January 1, for New Years Day.

Open Studio

Friday, January 2, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

For ages 10 and up, Library Meeting Room

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Greenland Sailing Adventure with Mark and Katya Gordon

Tuesday, January 6, 5:00-6:00pm

For adults, Library Meeting Room

Come hear about Mark and Katya's journey this past summer with Lonnie Dupre and Pascale Marceau, starting in Newfoundland and ending in Ilussiat, Greenland. Mountain peaks, 24-hour daylight, a 36-foot sailboat, no-see-ums, international relations, icebergs--travel in Greenland is drop-dead gorgeous, uniquely remote, and deceptively challenging. Slideshow and Q and A.

Craft Supply Swap

Thursday, January 8, 11:30 am-6:30 pm

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

Looking to give your craft supplies a new home? Drop off your clean, usable supplies to the library's front desk from **December 26-January 7** to receive tickets for our craft supply swap. Each bundle or bag or larger item of craft supplies is one ticket. Spend your tickets at our craft swap January 8 and browse for new-to-you items. This drop-in craft supply swap is while supplies last. What will be available depends on community donations. From 5:30-6:30 pm no ticket required to pick out craft supplies.

Things to consider: No aerosols, hazard materials, food containers, or open containers of paint, glue/adhesives, or glitter. Ensure items are in clean, usable condition and not works in progress. Leftover supplies will be locally donated or used for future library programming.

January 12-16

Afternoon Book Circle

Monday, January 12, 2:00-3:00pm

For adults, Library Meeting Room

This month's book is *The Memoirs of Stockholm Sven* by Nathaniel Ian Miller. Limited copies are available at the front desk.

Short and Sweet Bookclub

Thursday, January 15, 6:00-6:45 pm

For adults, Library Meeting Room

This month we are reading selections from "Lady's Guide to Perfect Gentility" by Emily Thornwell.

Introduction to Watercolor

Friday, January 16

10:00 am-12:00 pm or 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

For ages 10 and up, Library Meeting Room

Join Two Harbors Public Library Artist in Residence Eric Klepinger in an intro to watercolor painting. In this workshop, we will learn how to paint in watercolor, and how it is different than other forms of painting. We will learn how to wet the paper and paint, how to mix the paints, the importance of keeping your brushes clean, working from the background to the foreground, how to lift paint away from the paper, why watercolors paints and brushes are different from other paints and brushes, and working from light to dark colors. All supplies are provided and all skill levels welcome. Pre-registration required; register by emailing us at thpl@alslib.info or stopping by the library's front desk. This program is sponsored by the Two Harbors Area Fund.

January 19-23

The library is closed Monday, January 19, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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For adults, Castle Danger Brewery Taproom

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Friends of the Library Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, January 22, 5:30-7:00 pm

For adults, Library Meeting Room

Friends of the Library will have their quarterly meeting, including approval of the 2026 budget. Learn more at the Friends of the Library bulletin board located by the copier!

Sled Dogs and their Mushers

Friday, January 23, 2:00-3:00 pm

For adults, Library Meeting Room

With the upcoming John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon just days away, join author Debra Hines and explore the world of sled dogs and their mushers. Debra's latest novel, *Maren's Team*, takes place on Minnesota's North Shore and tells the story of a woman musher and her lovable group of huskies.

January 26-January 30

Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library 25 Cent Sale

Tuesday, January 27, 12:00-5:00 pm

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

Bargain hunters rejoice -- the popular 25 cent sale is back! All items are priced at just a quarter and all proceeds go to support the Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library.

Junk Journals

Friday, January 30, 1:00-2:30 pm

For tweens and teens 12-18, Library Meeting Room

A junk journal is a journal decorated with anything and everything you can find! All supplies provided for this drop-in craft program. Stay as long or as little as you like. Pre-registration required; register by emailing us at thpl@alslib.info or stopping by the library's front desk. This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library.

New Service: Dial-a-Story

Call 218-595-9559 to enjoy stories read by some familiar voices.

Dial A Story is provided through the generosity of the Lawrence E. and Mabel Jackson Rudberg Scholarship Fund

Winter Reading Program

Monday, January 1 to Thursday, February 28

Sign up online or at grab a paper version at the front desk. Fill out your bingo card to earn prizes. For all ages.

Carnegie Library Gift

This fall, our library received some unexpected news: we will receive a \$10,000 gift from Carnegie Corporation of New York in honor of America's 250th anniversary.

Carnegie Libraries hold a special place in American history and in the hearts of generations of Americans. Between 1886 and 1917, Andrew Carnegie funded the construction of 1,681 libraries nationwide. Today about 1,280 are still serving their communities. We're proud to be one of them!

Upcoming Art Wall Artist

Our upcoming January artist is Marlene Wisuri!

"The work is a series of manipulated digital photographs printed on silk and presented as hanging scrolls. The images are based in nature, but force the viewer to see the natural world in a new and challenging way."