

June/July 2026 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



Example Prizes for Reading

Kids

- Drink mix
- Hot Wheels cars
- Stickers
- Finger puppets
- Ribbons
- Pokémon cards
- Paint coloring books
- **Culver's Single Scoop Custard & Kids' Meal**

Important Dates

Monday, June 1

*Reading Program starts

Wednesday July 1

*Mini prizes pick-up starts

Friday, July 31

*Reading Program ends

*Final logging day

*Must turn in Paper Log to be included in Grand Prize

Drawings

Monday, August 3

*Grand Prize Drawings will take place and winners contacted

Monday, August 31

*Last day to pick up any prizes

Grab a paper option at the front desk or visit Beanstack via our website. Read to earn prizes and tickets for the grand prize drawings. For all ages!

Teens & Adults

- Highlighters
- Washi tape
- Bookmarks
- DND dice
- Minnesota Vikings stickers
- Chip clips
- Mini tools
- Telescopic magnet
- Magic the Gathering cards
- **Two Harbors Farmer's Market coupon for adults**
- **Mini Blizzard from Dairy Queen for teens**

Summer Reading Program Grand Prizes SNEAK PEEK

Check back at the front
desk for more details!

Kids

- Bubblemania
- Mega Art Kit
- Smash-a-Geode and Shark
Tooth Excavation
- Duluth Children's Museum and
Water WOW! Books



Teens

- LEGO sets
- Gift Cards
- Art supplies
- Food Pack

Adults

- Great Lakes Aquarium and
Glensheen Passes
- Castle Danger Brewery Package
- Puzzle Pack
- North Shore Scenic Railroad
Package



Plant a Seed, Read 2026 Summer Reading Program

Thank you, Sponsors!

Anderson Claffy American Legion Post 109
Arrowhead Library System
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North Shore Federal Credit Union
North Shore Scenic Railroad
State Farm
Target - Duluth
Two Harbors Dairy Queen
Two Harbors Farmers Market
Two Harbors Federal Credit Union



Reoccurring Weekly Events

Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:00 am

For children and their caregivers, Children's Area or Patio

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.

Chalk Art Mondays

Every Monday, all day in June and July

For all ages, Outside

Help us decorate the sidewalks outside the library. Stop by the front desk for some sidewalk chalk.

June 8-12

Dan the Monkey Man

Monday, June 8, 10:00-11:00 am

For children and their caregivers, Library Meeting Room

Join us for musical fun with Dan the Monkey Man! This concert will feature familiar children's tunes and new favorites alike.

Come ready to dance and make music! This program is sponsored by the Arrowhead Library System.

June 8-12

Afternoon Book Circle

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

For adults, Library Meeting Room

This month we will discuss *A Marriage at Sea: A True Story of Love, Obsession, and Shipwreck*, by Sophie Elmhirst. Limited copies are available at the front desk.

Rock Painting for Your Garden

Tuesday, June 9, 2:00-3:00 pm

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

Want to have a painted rock marker for your garden? All supplies provided but you are welcome to bring your own rocks. Pre-registration required; register by emailing us at thpl@alslib.info or stopping by the library's front desk.

Creature Connections: The Reptile Experience

Thursday, June 11, 3:30-4:30 pm

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

Join Sarah's Serpentarium for an unforgettable, one-hour journey into the fascinating world of reptiles. This high-energy, family-friendly program features live animal ambassadors—including snakes, lizards, turtles, and more. Fun facts and engaging storytelling are paired with hands-on learning moments that will spark curiosity in every age group. This program is sponsored by the Arrowhead Library System.

June 8-12

Minnesota Digital Newspaper Hub Presentation

Friday, June 12, 12:00-1:00 pm

For adults, Library Meeting Room

The Minnesota Digital Newspaper Hub is a searchable website from the Minnesota Historical Society that makes millions of pages of Minnesota newspapers available online. Learn more about this free resource from MHS staff.

Mario Party

Friday, June 12, 2:00-3:00 pm

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

Calling all Mario fans: get ready for games, crafts, and snacks! This program is designed for children aged 6-11 but is open to everyone. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by a caregiver. Pre-registration required; register by emailing us at thpl@alstlib.info or stopping by the library's front desk. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library.

June 15-19

LOTS

Monday, June 15, 10:00-11:00 am

For children and their caregivers, Library Meeting Room

Parents and caregivers from birth to age five are invited to hear stories, share in fun activities, and take home a free book! Older siblings are welcome to attend and receive a free book. This week's theme is books and libraries! This program is sponsored by the North Shore Collaborative.

Beaded Bracelets

Tuesday, June 16, 2:00-3:00 pm

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

Make a bracelet with fun and colorful beads! All supplies are provided. 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 Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library.

Books and Brews

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

For adults, Castle Danger Brewery Taproom

Book lovers will gather 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.

Party Video Games with Jackbox

Thursday, June 18, 2:00-3:00 pm

For teens 12-18, Library Meeting Room

Join us for party games! Use one of our devices or use your own smart device to connect. We'll be playing a bunch of fun different games that include trivia, drawing, music, and roleplaying! Snacks provided. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library. Pre-registration required; register by emailing us at thpl@alslib.info or stopping by the library's front desk.

June 15-19

Short and Sweet Bookclub

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

For adults, Library Meeting Room

This month we are reading Chapter One of *Swiss Family Robinson* by Johann David Wyss. Copies are available at the front desk.

The library will be closed Friday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.

June 22-26

LOTS

Monday, June 22, 10:00-11:00 am

For children and their caregivers, Library Meeting Room

Parents and caregivers from birth to age five are invited to hear stories, share in fun activities, and take home a free book! Older siblings are welcome to attend and receive a free book. This week's theme is bugs! This program is sponsored by the North Shore Collaborative.

Seed Snail

Tuesday, June 23, 2:00-3:00 pm

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

Make your own seed snail, a highly-efficient method for starting seeds! All the supplies are provided. Bring your own seeds if preferred or we will have seeds available. 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 Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library.

June 22-26

We Are Happy Dads with The Jolly Pops

Thursday, June 25, 3:30-4:30 pm

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

The Jolly Pops combine upbeat, original music with popular children's songs for a concert that is sure to please kids and adults alike. Take a fun ride with the Happy Dads and their puppet friends as they sing about alligator dancing, popsicles, trains, pet dinosaurs...and everything in between! 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).

Book Bedazzling

Thursday, June 25, 6:00-6:30 pm

For ages 12 and up, Library Meeting Room

Bring your favorite book and bedazzle it with rhinestones! All other supplies are provided. Pre-registration required; register by emailing us at thpl@alslib.info or stopping by the library's front desk.

Project: Constellation Concert

Friday, June 26, 2:00-3:00 pm

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

Enjoy music from Project: Constellation, an acoustic duo whose music blends folk, pop, rock, and more. Join us for live Scandinavian music and a great time! This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library.

June 29-July 3

Forces of Flight with the Duluth Children's Museum

Monday, June 29, 10:00-11:00 am

For children and their caregivers

Enjoy learning more about the science of flight from our pals at the Duluth Children's Museum! We will enjoy a story and make and test paper airplanes and gliders. This program is sponsored by Anderson-Claffy American Legion Post 109.

Recipe Zine

Tuesday, June 30, 2:00-3:00 pm

All ages, Library Meeting Room

Make a mini recipe book! Write down family favorites to pass along or create a new book of recipes to try! All supplies, including fun decorations, are included. Bring your own recipes or browse our local cookbook collection. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library.

Stay Tuned for Bell Museum Science & Activity Kits

The Science & Nature Activity Kit includes hands-on activities that a student could do alone or with friends, family, or classmates. The activities, developed by Bell educators for students in grades K-5, promote curiosity for nature, both close to home and out into the universe. These kits were donated to Arrowhead Library System libraries by the Bell Museum. There will be a limit of one per household. We will be handing out these kits out in early or mid July. Stay tuned for more information!

June 29-July 3

Civic Conversation: Disability in Our Community

Thursday, July 2, 12:00-1:00 pm

For adults, Library Meeting Room

No surveys. No comment box. Instead, a real conversation — with your neighbors, in your community, about the things that matter most. As America marks 250 years, the American Conversation Project (ACP) is bringing people together across the country to share stories, listen deeply, and strengthen the bonds that hold us together. This summer — during Civic Season, June 19 through July 4 — libraries across the country will host recorded small-group conversations where neighbors share what's on their minds: what they love about where they live, what feels broken, what they hope for, and how they want to take action. Join us in conversation to kick off Disability Pride Month as we discuss what we need from our public places, our neighbors, and ourselves to be an accessible and welcoming community. Please pre-register at the front desk. Attendees will receive a \$25 gift card to compensate their time. Refreshments will be provided.

Open LEGO

Thursday, July 2, 2:00-3:00 pm

Ages 0-18, Library Meeting Room

Come play with LEGOs and LEGO DUPLOs®! Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

The library is closed Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day.

July 6-10

LOTS

Monday, July 6, 10:00-11:00 am

For children and their caregivers, Library Meeting Room

Parents and caregivers from birth to age five are invited to hear stories, share in fun activities, and take home a free book! Older siblings are welcome to attend and receive a free book. This week's theme is parks and playing outside! This program is sponsored by the North Shore Collaborative.

DIY Watercolor

Tuesday, July 7, 2:00-3:00 pm

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

Create your own watercolor painting! Art can be brought home or left to dry at the library for up to one week. 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 Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library.

Disability Pride Film Screenings

with Above & Beyond With U

Tuesday, July 7, 4:00-6:00 pm

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

It's Disability Pride Month! All members of our community are invited to enjoy connection, comraderie, and crafting. We will screen a documentary on disability pride and work on a collaborative craft to be displayed through Heritage Days. This program is offered in partnership with Above & Beyond With U.

July 6-10

Author Talk: Minnesota Book Award Finalist Erin Makela

Thursday, July 9, 5:30-6:30 pm

For teens and adults, Library Meeting Room

Meet Erin Makela, author of Minnesota Book Award finalist *Worthy of Trust*. Erin will share about her writing and research process as well as read from her YA historical fiction novel. Books will be available for purchase after the program.

Lawn Games

Friday, July 10, 2:00-3:00 pm

All ages, Library Meeting Room

Join us for some lawn game fun! Bring a friend or challenge another attendee to a game!

Count Week Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to count people coming in the library. We have hour-long slots available from July 13-17. Sign up at the front desk or online via our website by July 10.

July 13-17

LOTS

Monday, July 13, 10:00-11:00 am

For children and their caregivers, Library Meeting Room

Parents and caregivers from birth to age five are invited to hear stories, share in fun activities, and take home a free book! Older siblings are welcome to attend and receive a free book. This week's theme is gardening! This program is sponsored by the North Shore Collaborative.

July 13-17

Origami

Tuesday, July 14, 2:00-3:00 pm

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

Try your hand at the paper-folding art of Origami!

DIY Frame Art

Thursday, July 16, 2:00-3:00 pm

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

Come and decorate your own custom photo frame to hold all your special memories! All supplies are provided. All youth under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult. 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 Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library.

Short and Sweet Bookclub

Thursday, July 16, 6:00-6:45 pm

For adults, Library Meeting Room

This month we are reading the article “Mary Mallon: Disease, Denial and Detention,” by L. N. Gibbins. Copies are available at the front desk.

Bingo

Friday, July 17, 2:00-3:00 pm

All ages, Library Meeting Room

Have fun and win prizes!

July 20-24

LOTS

Monday, July 20, 10:00-11:00 am

For children and their caregivers, Library Meeting Room

Parents and caregivers from birth to age five are invited to hear stories, share in fun activities, and take home a free book! Older siblings are welcome to attend and receive a free book. This week's theme is nighttime fun! This program is sponsored by the North Shore Collaborative.

Felt Chickens

Tuesday, July 21, 2:00-3:00 pm

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

Make a felt chicken! All supplies provided. 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 Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library.

Books and Brews

Tuesday, July 21, 6:00-8:00 pm

For adults, Castle Danger Brewery Taproom

Book lovers will gather 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.

July 20-24

Bugs at the Library

Thursday, July 23, 2:00-3:00 pm

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

Join Nature Connect and discover the aquatic insects that live in our Minnesota waters! Participants will have the chance to interact with live insects during this program while they learn all about their life cycles, adaptations, what they can tell us about water quality, and roles in the ecosystem. This program includes live invertebrates in interactive touch tanks. Come prepared to learn, explore, and possibly get a bit wet! This program is sponsored by the Arrowhead Library System.

Board Games

Friday, July 24, 2:00-3:00 pm

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

Come play board games with us! We'll have a variety of board games available. Bring a friend to play against or join another attendee in a friendly match.

July 27-31

LOTS

Monday, July 27, 10:00-11:00 am

For children and their caregivers, Library Meeting Room

Parents and caregivers from birth to age five are invited to hear stories, share in fun activities, and take home a free book! Older siblings are welcome to attend and receive a free book. This week's theme is construction and machines! This program is sponsored by the North Shore Collaborative.

Metal Stamping

Tuesday, July 28, 2:00-3:00 pm

Sign up for a 15-minute slot!

All ages, Library Meeting Room

Come stamp a bracelet or dog tag and take it home. All supplies are provided. Pre-registration required; register by emailing us at thpl@alslib.info or stopping by the library's front desk. Slots are for up to four people, 15 minutes each.

Planning Your Lake Superior Circle Tour

Tuesday, July 28, 5:30-7:00 pm

For adults, Library Meeting Room

Are you overwhelmed by choices? Not sure how much time to allot for the border crossing, or which "hidden gems" are actually worth the detour? See the landscape through a historian's eyes. Have a more memorable experience. Most road trips across the Northwoods and around Lake Superior are seen through a windshield—beautiful, but silent. Meet Emily Macgillivray, a PhD-trained historian and veteran of the Circle Tour who taught field courses for college students about the watershed. You will learn to "read" the landscape. When you understand the 1.1 billion-year-old geology, the industrial "ghost lines" in the forest, and the deep Indigenous history of the ground you stand on, you don't just take a trip. You build a deeper connection to the water and the land. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library.

July 27-31

Metal Stamping

Thursday, July 30, 2:00-3:00 pm

Sign up for a 15-minute slot!

All ages, Library Meeting Room

Come stamp a bracelet or dog tag and take it home. All supplies are provided. Pre-registration required; register by emailing us at thpl@alslib.info or stopping by the library's front desk. Slots are for up to four people, 15 minutes each.

Mini Buttons

Friday, July 31, 2:00-3:00 pm

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

Come make a mini button to put on your bag or jacket! You can bring your own printed image or we will have images to make into a button. Button making supplies will be provided.

August 3-7

LOTS

Monday, August 3, 10:00-11:00 am

For children and their caregivers, Library Meeting Room

Parents and caregivers from birth to age five are invited to hear stories, share in fun activities, and take home a free book! Older siblings are welcome to attend and receive a free book. This week's theme is Madeline's favorite silly books! This program is sponsored by the North Shore Collaborative.

Fiber Art: Demonstrations of a Sustainable Art Form Presented by the Duluth Fiber Guild

Thursday, August 6, 11:30-3:30 pm

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

Ever wonder how clothes were made in the past, and why is that relevant today? In this session, all ages are invited to watch members of the Duluth Fiber Guild demonstrate spinning, weaving, and felting. Attendees may also learn about textile art by completing their own easy fiber art project. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library.

Forensic Psychologist and True Crime author

Frank F. Weber

Friday, August 7, 2:00-3:00 pm

For adults, Library Meeting Room

Frank will have his 2025 release, *Heartbreak Hollow*, at the event. This involves the true crime case of a young woman. In addition Frank will talk about his 2026 release, *A Superior Affair*, which is a murder mystery that takes place in Duluth. Frank will walk attendees through profiling a case that lacked evidence, and give a live demonstration of a lie detector test (volunteer a friend). Frank will be available before and after the program for any questions and book signing. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library.

Sneak Peek!

Last LOTS is Monday, August 10, 10:00-11:00 am. The theme is back to school and buses!