

October/November 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

Reoccurring Weekly Events

The Teacher is In: Adult Education Office Hours

9:30 am-5:00 pm, Mondays starting September 14

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.

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.

September 28-October 2

Pokémon Club

Tuesday, September 29, 5:00-6:00 pm

For ages 5-14, participants under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, Library Meeting Room

Join us for our new Pokémon Club! Activities may include learning and playing the Pokémon Trading Card Game (TCG), trivia, crafts, and more! This program is sponsored by The Pokémon Company International and the American Library Association (ALA).

September 28-October 2

Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library Fall Book Sale

Location: Aspirus Lake View Hospital Community Room

325 11th Ave, Two Harbors, MN 55616

- Thursday, October 1st, 8:00-10:00 am for Members
- Thursday, October 1st & Friday October 2nd, 10:00 am-6:00 pm
- Saturday, October 3rd, 10:00 am-3:00 pm \$7 Bag Sale
(2nd Bag \$3)

Memberships available for purchase at the sale!

Build It! Suncatchers

Friday, October 2, 2:00-4:00 pm (Drop-In Program)

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

Build It! is a space for all ages to come and create things at your own pace on the 1st Friday of the month. This month: make suncatchers! Projects for all abilities available.

October 5-9

Count Week October 19-23

We need volunteers to count people coming into the library. We have hour-long slots available from October 19-23. Sign up at the front desk or online via our website **starting October 5.**

Yuya Mix: Live Japanese Music Program

Tuesday, October 6, 5:30-6:30 pm

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

Join Yuya Mix as he performs popular Japanese music from the world of anime, covers of English tunes, and contemporary songs of today. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library.

October 5-9

Superior: A 50-Year Photographic Journey with Craig Blacklock

Thursday, October 8, 5:30-6:30 pm

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

This 60-minute presentation takes the audience on a stunning visual voyage around Lake Superior. Craig Blacklock has published numerous photography books, including the best-selling *Lake Superior Images*, *Minnesota's North Shore*, *Apostle Islands: From Land and Sea*, and *Pictured Rocks: From Land and Sea*. His gallery is located in Moose Lake. Copies of Craig's books will be available for sale following his presentation.

October 12-16

Afternoon Book Circle

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

For adults, Library Meeting Room

This month we will discuss *The CIA Book Club* by Charlie English. Limited copies are available at the front desk.

Medicare 101 with Minnesota Aging Pathways

Thursday, October 15, 1:00-2:00 pm

For adults, Library Meeting Room

Medicare can be complicated, but Minnesota Aging Pathways is here to help. Whether you've been on Medicare for a few years and just need a refresher, or you're brand new to Medicare, Medicare 101 will help you understand the basics so you can manage your health care options.

October 12-16

Short and Sweet Bookclub

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

For adults, Library Meeting Room

This month we are reading Act 1 of "R. U. R." by Karel Capek.

Copies are available at the front desk.

Seed Art 101 - Pre-registration required

Friday, October 16, 1:00-3:00pm

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

Come try the most popular art form of the Minnesota State Fair!

Seed Artist Annmarie Geniusz will walk you through an educational slide show of this art form & help you start your own piece. All supplies are provided. Artist in Residence programming is sponsored by the Two Harbors Area Fund.

October 19-23

The Northland Beckons: Writing in Haiku

Tuesday, October 20, 1:00-2:00 pm

Ages 10 and up, Library Meeting Room

Grow your creativity and writing skills in this fun haiku workshop. Writers will learn the structure and form of haiku, its origins in Japanese literature, and how Sandra Hisakuni connects this writing practice to Minnesota's Northwoods. Workshop attendees will explore this powerful tool for mindfulness, joyful reflection, and playful expression. Writers will use words and art to create their own haiku masterpiece to take home. 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).

October 19-23

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Celebration

Tuesday, October 20, 5:00-6:30 pm

For children and their families, Library Meeting Room

Little readers and their families are invited to a pizza party! We will have supper, crafts, music, and books as we celebrate all those who are reading 1,000 books before kindergarten – plus a special graduation ceremony for any children who have completed the program. Let us know how many from your family are coming and we can estimate supply quantities. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library.

Books and Brews

Tuesday, October 20, 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.

Pokémon Club

Wednesday, October 21, 4:00-5:00 pm

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October 19-23

Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library

Quarterly Meeting

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

For adults, Library Meeting Room

Join the Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library at the quarterly meeting to learn more about Friends operations and upcoming happenings at the library. All are welcome!

October 26-30

Author Talk with David Hakensen, author of

Her Place in the Woods: The Life of Helen Hoover

Tuesday, October 27, 5:00-6:00 pm

For adults, Library Meeting Room

Meet David Hakensen, author of the first complete biography of one of Minnesota's most beloved nature writers, from her career in the city to her rustic cabin on Gunflint Lake.

During the late 1950s through the early 1970s, Helen Hoover's stories and essays of life in the wilderness on northern Minnesota's Gunflint Lake found millions of fans. *Her Place in the Woods* captures both an awakening to the power and fragility of the natural world and the efforts and talents of an extraordinary woman defining herself as a writer.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library.

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Medicare Changes: Presented by Minnesota Aging Pathways

Thursday, October 29, 1:00-2:00 pm

For adults, Library Meeting Room

Medicare can be complicated, and it changes from year to year. Come learn about what's new in Medicare for 2026, so you can choose the best plan for your needs. This presentation is offered in the fall of each year during Medicare Open Enrollment.

Intro to Compass and Map Skills

Thursday, October 29, 5:30-6:30 pm

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

Learn about compasses and maps from awesome adventurer Anna Swarts. No experience is required. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Superior National Forest.

Visit us Friday, October 30 for Halloween Treats! 

November 2-6

Soldiers of the American Revolution: Presented by Arn Kind

Friday, November 6, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

For ages 10 and up, Library Meeting Room

On this 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence join Historical Experience's Arn Kind for an event all about the American Revolution. This in depth presentation puts audience members in the life of a revolutionary soldier with historical artifacts, uniforms, and hands on experiences. Audiences will enjoy learning about the causes of the revolution that led to the birth of the United States of America. 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).

Build It! Felt Fun

Friday, November 6, 2:00-4:00 pm (Drop-In Program)

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

Build It! is a space for all ages to come and create things at your own pace on the 1st Friday of the month. This month: felt fun! Make a felt puppet or a felt heart bookmark.

November 9-13

Afternoon Book Circle

Monday, November 9, 2:00-3:00 pm

For adults, Library Meeting Room

This month we will discuss *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan. Limited copies are available at the front desk.

November 9-13

The library is closed Wednesday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

Open Studio Hours

with Artist in Residence Annmarie Geniusz

Thursday, November 12, 5:00-7:00 pm

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

Join Two Harbors Public Library Artist in Residence Annmarie Geniusz 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. Artist in Residence programming is sponsored by the Two Harbors Area Fund.

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November 16-20

Surviving the Holiday Season:

Understanding Grief with St. Croix Hospice

Wednesday, November 18, 10:00-11:00 am

For adults, Library Meeting Room

Learn about grief and the grieving process, including how grief processing impacts our well-being and the care we provide. No registration required.

Short and Sweet Bookclub

Thursday, November 19, 6:00-6:45 pm

For adults, Library Meeting Room

This month we are reading “This Text is a Very Lonely Document,” by Dima Mikhayel Mattat. Copies are available at the front desk.

November 23-27

Pokémon Club

Monday, November 23, 4:00-5:00 pm

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November 23-27

Mark Langenfeld Author Visit: Author of *Wisdom from the Woods: A Year of Gentle Guidance from Mother Nature*

Tuesday, November 24, 5:00-6:00 pm

For adults, Library Meeting Room

Wisdom from the Woods: A Year of Gentle Guidance from Mother Nature, by Mark Langenfeld, Psy.D., is a positive, family-friendly book that utilizes nature metaphors to promote emotional well-being, mindfulness, and interconnectedness with Mother Earth. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

The library is closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

November 30-December 4

Pokémon Club (see previous club events for more details)

Monday, November 30, 4:00-5:00 pm

Gift Wrap Swap

Thursday, December 3, 11:30 am–7:00 pm

For all ages, Library Meeting Room

Drop off your clean, usable supplies to the library's front desk from November 16 – December 3 to receive tickets to our gift wrap supply swap. Each bundle/bag or roll of paper is one ticket. Spend your tickets at the swap on December 3 and browse festive new-to-you items. From 6:00-7:00 pm all items are free!

Build It! Mini Build Day - 3Doodler and Sticky Foam

Friday, December 4, 2:00-4:00 pm (Drop-In Program)

For all ages, Library Meeting Room