December/January 2027 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, December 7, 14, 21, 28 & January 4, 11, 25
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.

December 1-4

Julebyen Scavenger Hunt
Tuesday, December 1 to Thursday, December 31
For all ages, in the Library
The first 10 children to complete the scavenger hunt will receive a special gift certificate to be redeemed at the Julebyen Bakeri or Indoor Market on December 5-6 in Knife River. Other festive Julebyen-themed prizes will be available for all scavenger hunters throughout the month. Prizes donated by the Knife River Julenissas.

December 1-4

Bandana Makeovers: 5 No-Sew and 5 Easy-Sew Projects
Limited quantities available starting December 1
Ordinary bandanas become drawstring bags, gift wrap, travel accessories, dog decor, and more with this kit appropriate for ages 8 and up! Transform your bandanas with five no-sew and five easy-sew projects with instructions included in each kit. *This program, sponsored by Arrowhead Library System, was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

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 11/16-12/3 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!

Open Studio Hours
with Artist in Residence Annmarie Geniusz
Friday, December 4, 10:00 am-12:00 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.

December 1-4

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
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: try out our 3D printing pens, construct mini towers, or try out a marble course! Projects for all abilities available.

December 7-11

Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library 25 Cent Sale
Thursday, December 10, 11:30 am-6:30 pm
For all ages, Library Meeting Room
Support the Friends while you stock up your shelves – or even get some gifts! All items only 25 cents.

Stamp Art with Artist in Residence Annmarie Geniusz
Friday, December 11, 1:00-3:00pm
For all ages, Library Meeting Room
Artist in Residence Annmarie Geniusz will walk you through the basics of designing, drawing, and carving a small artist stamp or two to then print onto greeting cards.

December 14-18

Afternoon Book Circle
Monday, December 14, 2:00-3:00 pm
For adults, Library Meeting Room
This month we will discuss *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. Limited copies are available at the front desk.

December 14-18

Books and Brews
Tuesday, December 15, 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.
Starting January, Books and Brews will be held the second Thursday of the month, 6:00-8:00 pm.

Pokémon Club
Thursday, December 17, 4:00-5:00 pm
For ages 5-14, participants under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, Library Meeting Room
Join us for 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).

Short and Sweet Bookclub
Thursday, December 17, 6:00-6:45 pm
For adults, Library Meeting Room
This month we are reading Chapters 1 and 2 of "Swallows and Amazons" by Arthur Ransome. Copies are available at the front desk.

December 14-18

Music Then and Now
Friday, December 18, 10:00-11:00 am
For all ages, Library Meeting Room
Join Sara Pajunen on a tour of classical, folk, and original music on violin and hardanger d'amore, a ten-string bow instrument. This concert showcases Sara's musical repertoire and original compositions, inspired by travels abroad and grounded in her childhood on the 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 21-25

The library is closed Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25.

December 28-January 1

Build It! Mini Build Day - Cardboard Forts
Monday, December 28, 12:00-1:00 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. We are having a mini Monday session since we are closed the 1st Friday of the month for New Year's Day. Bring your own favorite cardboard if you wish; cardboard will be available. Simple and safe cardboard construction "Makedo Kits" for ages 3+ are provided thanks to the Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library. Bricks will be available for alternative play.

December 28-January 1

Paper Ornaments
Tuesday, December 29, 12:00-1:00 pm
For all ages, Library Meeting Room
Come and make paper ornaments! We will have instructions for two types of ornaments. All supplies provided.

LEGO Fun!
Wednesday, December 30, 12:00-1:00 pm
For all ages, Library Meeting Room
Join us for some LEGO fun! We'll have Duplos and LEGOs available to create your own masterpiece!

Noon Year's Eve Party
Thursday, December 31, 11:30 am-12:30 pm
For littles, Library Meeting Room
Let's get our wiggles out! Make noise and celebrate the new year with friends. A 'noon year's eve' toast of apple juice or ginger ale will be poured at 12:00 pm.

The library will be closing early at 5:00 pm Thursday, December 31 for New Year's Eve.
The library is closed Friday, January 1 for New Year's Day.

Winter Reading Program 2027 ❄️
Anything that you read from January 1 to January 31 counts.
Prizes can be picked up until February 28.
The first 150 to finish win a special mug (Teens and Adults) or a book (Children). One Bingo sheet per person per program.
Use Beanstack or grab a paper log starting January 1!

January 4-8

Toddler Time
Monday, January 4, 10:00-11:00 am
For children ages 0-3 & their families, Library Meeting Room
Join us for a special monthly storytime for babies and toddlers! The program will include books, rhymes, songs, and time to connect with other families through open play.

Pokémon Club
Thursday, January 7, 4:00-5:00 pm
For ages 5-14, participants under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, Library First Floor
Join us for 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).

Crop Art Take & Make Kit
Available beginning January 7
This kit contains supplies to make your own small piece of crop art. There is a small wood panel with a pre-traced image, glue, and a variety of seeds and grains to get you started. This kit, designed by Artist in Residence Annmarie Geniusz, is sponsored by the Two Harbors Area Fund.

January 11-15

Afternoon Book Circle
Monday, January 11, 2:00-3:00 pm
For adults, Library Meeting Room
This month we will discuss *So Far Gone* by Jess Walter. Limited copies are available at the front desk.

Books and Brews
Thursday, January 14, 6:00-8:00 pm
For adults, Castle Danger Brewery Taproom
Book lovers will gather in the taproom on the second Thursday of the month 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.

Mini-Documentary Showing: "A Long Road to Care"
Friday, January 15, 11:30 am-12:30 pm
For adults, Library Meeting room
Travel to the doctor is hard, and getting home from the doctor or the hospital can be even harder. Over the last several years, the University of Minnesota Duluth worked with community partners to study our region's heathcare needs. One of the products of that research is a mini-documentary about our need for non-emergency medical transportation. Join us to watch this twelve-minute documentary with some familiar faces from Lake County. Then, learn more about how you can advocate for improved healthcare in our region. 11:30-11:50 Mini-Documentary, 11:50-12:30 feedback and advocacy work.

January 18-22

The library is closed Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

“Bloom” Screening with Bold Choice Theater Company
Tuesday, January 19, 4:30-6:30 pm
For teens and adults, Library Meeting Room
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Join us to watch the screening of “Bloom.” “Bloom” is a beautiful coming of age story of Lily, a young person with a disability in the 1960s through the 1990s. The play follows along as the country and her identity grow. “Bloom” highlights the complicated and painful history of division in the United States and well as the powerful movements that set the ground work for change and inclusion. The actors of BOLD-choice Theatre Company primarily include adult individuals living with disabilities. The beauty of BOLD-choice is that these actors learn to strengthen their assets and discover their talents by challenging themselves to grow as performers. Refreshments provided through the generosity of Above & Beyond with U.

Pokémon Club
Thursday, January 21, 4:00-5:00 pm
For ages 5-14, participants under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, Library Meeting Room

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January 18-22

Short and Sweet Bookclub
Thursday, January 21, 6:00-6:45 pm
For adults, Library Meeting Room
This month we are reading "The Library of Babel" by Jorge Luis Borges. Copies are available at the front desk.

January 25-29

Friends of the Library Quarterly Meeting
Thursday, January 28, 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!

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February 1-5

Toddler Time
Monday, February 1, 10:00-11:00 am
For children ages 0-3 & their families, Library Meeting Room
Join us for a special monthly storytime for babies and toddlers! The program will include books, rhymes, songs, and time to connect with other families through open play.

Pokémon Club
Thursday, February 4, 4:00-5:00 pm
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Build It! Build Day - Cardboard Creature Building
Friday, February 5, 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. Use cardboard to make creatures! Bring your own favorite cardboard if you wish; cardboard will be available. Simple and safe cardboard construction "Makedo Kits" for ages 3+ are provided thanks to the Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library. Bricks will be available for alternative play.