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Flower Memorial Library Newsletter

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LION NAMING CONTEST

We'd like to add 2024 to the list of milestone years for our library lions, and we need your help to do so! Join us for our Lion Naming Contest!

Contest is open May 1 to May 31. Winner announced in June.

Open to all ages. 1 entry per person.

To enter, fill our a paper ticket at the table on the main floor of the library.

We will be closed May 25 & 27 in honor of Memorial Day.

We will be taking a short break from library events May 26 - June 1 in order to prepare for summer events. All regularly scheduled events including Storytimes and Open Gaming will be paused that week.

Early Literacy Information

Please note that age limits are suggested for the following events on this page, but all ages and abilities are always welcome!

Toddler Storytime and Crafts
Suggested ages 3 to 5
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10:30am
Every Wednesday (except 5/29)

Join us for some fun stories, dancing, singing, and wiggling. Then we'll end our storytime with a craft relating to the books we read. Each week we'll explore a different theme, so every storytime is its own unique experience.

Baby Storytime and Sensory Play
Suggested ages 0 to 2
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10:30am
Every Thursday (except 5/30)

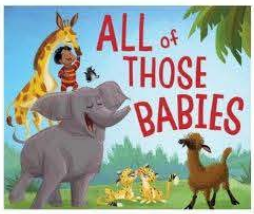
Join us for some fun stories, songs, and dances! Then at the end of our storytime, we'll all play with sensory toys that are safe for our youngest patrons. Sensory toys include but are not limited to big building blocks, egg shakers, and beanie toys. Each storytime has a different theme so every week will be its own experience!

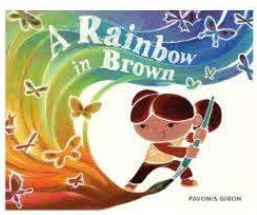
Toddler Paint
Suggested ages 0 to 5
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10:30am
Friday May 10: Dandelions

Enjoy a process art project while getting messy at the library!

Music and Movement
Suggested ages 0 to 5
Facilitated by: Jamie (with guest Sarah Wolfe)
Children's Room at 10:30am
Monday May 20

Experience a joyful and interactive music program that encourages little ones to get their bodies moving, voices singing, and to make some beautiful noise!





NEW IN OUR KID'S ROOM!

Events for Kids, Tweens, and Teens

Note: if you are 18 years old and still attend high school, you may attend teen events. Look for the * beside the age ranges indicated below.

Tween and Teen Sew What

For ages 8 to 17*
Presented by: Brittani
Future Maker Space
at 11am - 12:30pm OR 4pm - 5:30pm
Thursday May 2
- Machine sewn beginner bags

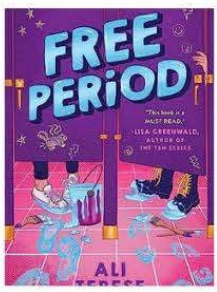
Let's learn how to sew using sewing machines and needle and thread!

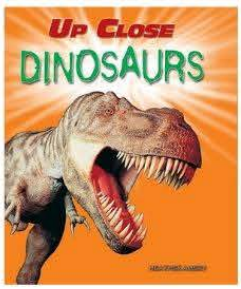
Note: ***Registration FULL.*** *Summer programs will be released at the end of April.*

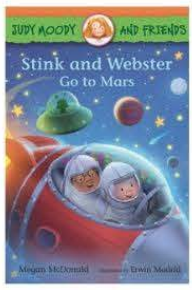
Kids and Tween Art Club

For all abilities that are ages 6 to 12
Facilitated by: Suzie
(with guest Shalaina Thompson)
Children's Room at 4pm - 5pm
Friday May 3

Get messy and explore the world of art! Projects will be announced at the start of each event.







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All Ages Star Wars Finger Puppet Craft Kit

For all abilities
Presented by: Jamie
Beginning at 9 am
Saturday May 4

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away...To celebrate May the Fourth, grab a Star Wars finger puppet craft kit!

Note: Limit 1 per person on a first come, first served basis. No reservation option.

Teen Open Gaming

For all abilities that are ages 12 to 17*
Presented by: Brittani
Teen Space at 4pm - 5pm
Every Monday (except 5/27)

Stop by Mondays for videogames, board games, or try to make your own videogame with our Bloxels subscription!

Note: limited to 12 participants. First come, first served.

Tween League of Gamers

For all abilities that are ages 8 to 12
Presented by: Brittani
Community Room at 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Thursday May 9

By popular request, tweens now have their own monthly open gaming meeting! Stop by the Community Room for various board games, Nintendo Switch, and Wii games, as well as a snack.

Note: limited to 12 participants. First come, first served.

Kids and Tween Zombie Dolls

For ages 6 to 12
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room
at 10 am - 11 am
Saturday May 11

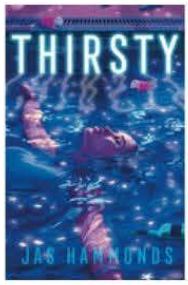
What do you mean you don't have a zombie doll?! Basic, not-zombified dolls are old news. It's time to revamp old dolls into terrifyingly cool zombie dolls! We'll be using paint and other art supplies to create our zombie dolls, so be sure to dress accordingly. We'll provide all the dolls and the art supplies. You just need to bring yourself!

Kids and Tween Clay Creations

For all abilities that are ages 3-12
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 6pm - 7pm
Tuesday May 14

Have you ever wanted to give pottery a shot? Now is your chance! Build, sculpt, and design any item of your choice using non-toxic air-dry clay! Participants will get to take their creations home after the program.

New for teens!



Kids, Tween, and Teen Homeschool Hangout: Prom Edition

For ages 3 to 17*
Presented by: Jamie and Brittani
Children's, South Reading, and Community Rooms
at 10:30am - 12pm
Friday May 17

Wear your semi-formal best or just your favorite every day outfit and join us for a mini prom! We'll have music, a photo backdrop, refreshments, and crafts.

WCSD Reads Event

For all abilities that are grades K-4
Presented by: Brittani
Children's Room at 10 am
Saturday May 18

Stop in for some fun activities tied to your Watertown City School District Reads book. We would hate to spoil the surprise so we will tell you what we're doing after you find out what book you're reading!

Teen Book Display Brigade

For ages 12 to 17*
Presented by: Brittani
Teen Space
at 4pm - 5pm
Friday May 24

Channel your inner designer and help Ms. Brittani make a book display! Participants gain volunteer time for attendance.

Information for Both Youth and Adults

Family STEAM Night

For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Brittani
Children's Room
at 6 pm-7 pm
Monday May 6

Stop in each month for family friendly STEAM activities. This month we're making salt dough Death Stars from Star Wars.

Library Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

Facilitated by: Suzie
South Reading Room at 4pm
Tuesday May 14

Have a say in your library's future! Members of the public are welcome to join us as we discuss the library and manage its best interests.

All Ages Lego Club

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie
(with guest builder Jack Falge)
South Reading Room
at 4pm - 5:30pm
Thursday May 23

Themed builds will be announced at each event.

Information for Adults

Book Clubs

Original Book Club
For adults
Facilitated by: Amanda
Community Room at 6:30pm
Monday May 6

This month's discussion title is *Dreaming of Flight* by Catherine Ryan Hyde. Contact the Circulation Desk to check for copy availability.

VIRTUAL Between the Covers: Romance Book Club
For adults
Facilitated by: Ashley
On Zoom at 6:30pm
Wednesday May 15

Join us to chat about al things books and romance! At this meeting we'll discuss *The Fine Print* by Lauren Asher. Zoom info can be found on our website event calendar.

Spice Club - Cilantro
For adults
Presented by: Ashley
Beginning at 9 am
Wednesday May 1

Explore the world of flavor. The packet will include a spice sample, recipe cards, history of the spice, and a list of cookbooks you can check out from the library.

If you miss the kits, you can still get a peek at the recipes by visiting the homepage of our website!

Dinner & a Movie
For adults
Facilitated by: Ashley
South Reading Room at 5:30 pm - 7:45 pm
Wednesday May 1

Join us for a showing of Barbie and enjoy a pizza dinner on us!

Note: Rated PG-13 with a run time of 1 hour, 56 minutes.

Senior Planet: Computer Essentials
For adults
Presented by: Amanda
Future Maker Space at 11:30 am
Every Tuesday and Thursday from
April 11- May 14

Reminder for registered participants. This 5-week course (see full list of dates below) covers the essentials of how to use the basic functions of a personal computer, how to navigate the internet, and how to send and receive email.

Note: Registration is closed at this time.

Felt Taco Kit
For adults
Presented by: Amanda
Circulation Desk Beginning at 9 am
Saturday May 4
Celebrate Cinco de Mayo and, possibly, your love of tacos creating useful magnets! The felt, stencils, and instruction will be provided in the kit.

Note: limit 2 kits per person if sharing. While supplies last.

Scrap Paper Wreath

For adults
Presented by: Amanda
Future Maker Space at 6:15 pm
Wednesday May 8

Endless possibilities for scrap paper and a cardboard form to turn into colorful wall decor.

Learn how stencils and paper folding techniques can work together to create a unique wreath.
All supplies will be provided.

Note: Limit 20 participants. No registration option. A lottery will be used to determine participants if necessary. In-person only.

Grow Your Skills: Learn about Universal Class

For adults
Facilitated by: Ashley
South Reading Room at 2:30 pm
Thursday May 9

Kick start your spring by learning something new at the library! This is your chance to learn about the library's education service, Universal Class! More than 500 courses are available for FREE, all of which are designed and led by professional instructors.

Talking Threads

For adults
Facilitated by: Amanda
Future Maker Space at 6pm
Wednesday May 15

Are you a fiber artist looking to connect with other artists in our area? Bring your current project to the library to be creative and social.

Note: this is an informal gathering for those who enjoy crocheting, knitting, hand embroidery, etc. There will not be guided instruction - the library will not be supplying tools or materials for use.

Give Blood, Give Love: Blood Drive

For adults
Facilitated by: Ashley
South Reading Room at 9 am - 2 pm
Thursday May 22

A blood drive with the American Red Cross hosted at Flower Memorial Library. Online registration is strongly encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome.

SCAN ME

Spice Up Your Kitchen

For adults
Presented by: Amanda
Future Maker Space at 6:15 pm
Wednesday May 22

Add a touch of humor to your kitchen when you display your creation.

Learn how to permanently screen print a design on a tea towel using a vinyl stencil and fabric ink.
All supplies will be provided.

Note: Limit 20 participants. No registration option. A lottery will be used to determine participants if necessary. In-person only.

Did You Know?

Flower Library's two marble lion statues were added to the building in June of 1905, courtesy of the library's generous benefactor Emma Flower Taylor. These white stone figures were placed at the front door to guard the entrance and came from Italy.

Over the years, the lions have needed repairs, including correcting broken teeth, repairing injuries caused by fallen maple trees in 1925, and reattaching a lost tail in 1982.

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Youth Services

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Every Monday @ 4pm - Ages 12 to 17* Open Gaming **Every Wednesday @ 10:30am - Ages 3 to 5 Storytime** **Every Thursday @ 10:30am - Ages 0 to 2 Storytime** **The * means that if you are 18 years old and still in high school, you can attend this event.**			1 Ages 13+ Dinner & a Movie @ 5:30pm	2 Ages 8 to 17 Sew What @ 11am & 4pm **Registration full**	3 Ages 6 to 12 Art Club @ 4pm	4 All Ages Star Wars Finger Puppet Kit @ 9am
5	6 All Ages Family STEAM Night @ 6pm	7	8	9 Ages 8 to 12 League of Gamers @ 4:30pm	10 Ages 0 to 5 Toddler Paint @ 10:30am	11 Ages 6 to 12 Zombie Dolls @ 10am
12	13	14 Ages 3 to 12 Clay Creations @ 6pm Board Meeting @ 4pm	15	16	17 Ages 3 to 17* Homeschool Hangout @ 10:30am	18 Grades K-4 WCSD Reads Event @ 10am
19	20 Ages 0 to 5 Music and Movement @ 10:30am	21	22	23 All Ages Lego Club @ 4pm	24 Ages 12 to 17* Book Display Brigade @ 4pm	25 **Library Closed**
26	27 **Library Closed**	28 **There will be no Open Gaming, Toddler Storytime, or Baby Storytime this week due to a scheduled event break.**	29	30	31	

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Adult Services

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Spice Club Kit @ 9am **Lion Naming Contest Opens @ 9am** Dinner & a Movie @ 5:30pm	2 Senior Planet: Computer Essentials 7/10 @ 11:30am	3	4 Felt Taco Kit @ 9am
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