

December Displays & Exhibits

The Art Wall - Jesse Emons Photography Exhibit
During December and January, we are showcasing the photographic work of Jesse Emons. A local photographer, with artistic talents that have evolved over the years. Jesse is motivated to capture nature and people highlighting the elements that make them unique.



Circulation Case - Angels Collection
We are displaying a whimsical collection of angel ornaments.

Lobby Case - Mid Wisconsin Wood Chippers
The library is hosting the wood carving and wood burning work shared by several members from the Mid Wisconsin Wood Chippers group. They will provide information about how to connect with them and their activities.



Teen Art Wall - Serinity Meunier
Serinity Meunier, a senior at Menasha High School, has always been passionate about creating art. Serinity has experimented with a range of materials, but her main subject matter usually includes animals. Animals inspire Serinity. She finds them to be both eye catching and intriguing in their variation. Serinity explains, “They each have their own unique way of life. They are all so similar yet different, just like us.” Explore Serinity’s pieces in the Teen Zone and experience her connection with both nature and art.

December Spice of the Month - Peppermint
Peppermint, a hybrid of spearmint and watermint, is December's Spice of the Month. While it originated in the Mediterranean region, peppermint can now be found growing wild throughout North America. It has a strong flavor with a cooling effect that pairs as well with meat sauces as it does with chocolate. Peppermint is also used for home remedies and infused in such products as gum, candy and liqueurs. Grab your free sample, newsletter, and a favorite festive treat starting December 15th!

All services at the Elisha D. Smith Public Library are free and for everyone. Those with special needs are encouraged to call the library office at 920.967.3662 within 24 hours of an event to assure that specific needs with regards to parking are met.

Todos los servicios de la Biblioteca Elisha D. Smith son gratuitos y para todos. Aquellos con necesidades especiales pueden llamar a la oficina de la biblioteca 920.967.3662 con 24 horas de anticipación a un evento para asegurar que las necesidades



December 2023

Books & Beyond

Newsletter of the Elisha D. Smith Public Library in Menasha, Wisconsin

December Highlights

Sounds of the Season
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Santa Story Time
Thursday, December 12, at 10:00am
Otis Miller will perform a Santa Story Time Show in the Miron Fireside Room. It will include stories, magic and songs performed in the character of Santa lasting around 30 minutes. Otis will be available after the show to meet the audience and take photos. For preschoolers and their caregivers. No registration necessary.



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Library Phone Numbers
920.967.3690 Reference Desk
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www.menashalibrary.org
@MenashaLibrary

The library will be closed on
December 24 & 25 for Christmas and
December 31 for New Year’s Eve.

School Year Hours
8:30 to 8:30 Monday - Thursday
8:30 to 6:00 Friday
8:30 to 4:30 Saturday
1:00 to 5:00 Sunday

Hours for Curbside Pickup
8:30 to 4:30 Monday - Friday
Open to Close Saturday & Sunday



SMITHworks Community Studio
Open Hours: Weekdays 3:00 - 6:00pm
Visit our community makerspace studio at the library. A staff member is available for tours and to answer questions. Tools include: a 3D printer, laser cutter, photo printer, power tools, fiber art supplies, audio visual equipment, green screen, flight simulator, drawing table, sewing machine, Cricut, and more. For details and material prices, visit - menashalibrary.org/smithworks

On **Friday, December 15**, SMITHworks will be open for homeschoolers from 1:00 - 3:00pm. There will be a staff member available for short tours and help getting started. No need to register; groups must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

In the Children's Room

Drop In Craft Friday

Friday, December 1 & 15, All Day

Simple and fun, self-led crafts will be available in the children's room. All necessary materials and instructions will be provided. Crafts are suitable for school-aged children. Younger children may need adult guidance.



December 1 - Pipe Cleaner Snowflakes

December 15 - CD Ornaments



Winter Story Time

Tuesday, December 5, at 10:00am

Join Miss Pippi for stories, songs, and rhymes. A story time perfect for children from birth through age six with their caring adult. No registration required.

Baby Story Time

Thursday, December 7, at 10:00am

Join us for baby story time at the library. This story time is geared for babies 0-2 and their caregivers; siblings are welcome to join! No registration necessary.



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If You Give A Grandparent a Cookie

Tuesday, December 12, from 1:00 - 3:00pm

Kids bring your elders/grandparents to decorate cookies, read holiday stories and make holiday cards! All supplies will be provided. Ages 3+. Registration required.




Winter Break Gamer Escape

Thursday, December 28, from 1:00 - 4:00pm

Bring your friends for a fun afternoon of multiplayer, *E for Everyone* video games on a variety of gaming consoles. Mario, Sonic, Minecraft and much more! For kids ages 7-12. Drinks and Snacks will be provided.





Animated Talking Picture Books

www.menashalibrary.org/stories
www.menashalibrary.org/cuentos

Teen Zone

Teen Volunteer Council

Tuesday, December 5, from 3:30 - 5:00pm

Would you like to be more involved with what happens in your library? Would you like to earn Community Service hours? Join us to discuss and work on projects together.

Comic Book Club

Saturday, December 9, at 10:00am

Pick up a free copy of this month's comic book, *Ultimate Spider-Man Power and Responsibility Vol 1*. Read the book on your own. If you like, join in some simple role playing games after the discussion. While supplies last.



Time Machine Tuesday—Jitterbugs

Tuesday, December 12, from 3:30-5:00pm

Build a motorized toy that seems to dance using a recycled CD and a DC motor! Ages 10 and up. Registration required 920-967-3690.

Adventures in Art with Sketchy Jessi

Tuesday, December 19, from 6:00 - 7:30pm

Sketchy Jessi, a Webtoon artist and author, will help you on your own art journey. Whether you want to bring a design you are working on or want to start a new project, there is always something to learn and practice. Grab your sketchbook and spend an evening drawing alongside other artists. All levels of experience are welcome. Artist materials are available through SMITHworks.

Library of Things

The **Library of Things (LoT)** is a collection of non-traditional materials to check out for free with a library card. Need something for a one-time project? Explore our collection of hand tools, electronics, bike repair kit, lawn games and more. LoT items are all 7-day checkouts. There is a limit of 2 checkouts per patron and must be checked out at a service desk.

Library Offers Free Online Classes

Gale Udemy - Offers over 4,000 short courses and videos designed to teach specific skills. (A Google or Microsoft account is needed.)

Gale Courses - Interactive, instructor-led online courses available on a wide variety of topics. Courses run for six weeks and new sessions begin every month.

CreativeBug - Over 1,000 art and craft classes taught by recognized design experts and artists.

Miss Humblebee's Academy - Introduces key concepts in math, science and social studies, language and literacy, art, and music to children ages 3-6.

All of these classes are FREE using your library card.

@ Your Library in December

Community Blood Drive

Monday, December 4, from 2:00 - 5:00pm

Appointments are recommended. Call us at 920.967.3690. Eat a good meal. Drink water. Bring photo identification and a medication list, if you take medications.

Free Legal Assistance Clinic

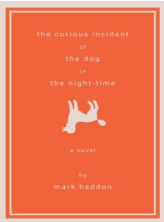
Tuesday, December 5, from 4:30 - 6:30pm

Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic provides free legal assistance on most civil legal issues. The services provided are limited and are on a first come, first served basis. Please bring any paperwork that is relevant to your case so the volunteers can better assist you.

Fiction Book Discussion

Thursday, December 7, at 10:00am

This month's book discussion title: *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by Mark Haddon. Request a hold by calling the Circulation Desk at 920.967.3680 or emailing reference@menashalibrary.org.



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SMITHworks Creative Writing Group

Monday, December 11, from 6:30 - 7:30pm

Author Rebecca Zornow will cover how to develop characters readers fall in love with and how to develop goals that get results.

BadgerCare Plus Renewals

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Find Your Ancestors

Saturday, December 16, at 9:00am

Everyone is invited to join the Family Roots Wisconsin when they hold their monthly genealogy meeting. Meetings include a time to share news, a time to share genealogy research techniques, and sometimes a speaker.

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Memory Café (canceled this month)

Wednesday, December 20, at 1:30pm

Paint Night New Years Edition

Wednesday, December 27, from 5:00 - 8:00pm

Let the paint flow... and create a unique art piece. A winter nature—northern lights paint project led by Nadine Janik. All materials included. Space is limited. Reservations required and will open on Wednesday, December 6th.

Holiday Shopping Idea

Honor someone with a donation to the library with the purchase of a book in her or his name. A permanent bookplate will be placed inside the book, honoring that person.

Subject for book:

<input type="checkbox"/> Fiction	<input type="checkbox"/> Large Print
<input type="checkbox"/> Children's collection	<input type="checkbox"/> Mystery
<input type="checkbox"/> History	<input type="checkbox"/> Cookbook
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation of \$ _____ (\$25/book is recommended)

My gift is in honor of (name & address):

My name and address:

Make check payable to:
Elisha D. Smith Public Library

Bring to any library desk or send to:
440 1st Street, Menasha, WI 54952

