

Books & Beyond

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

May Displays & Exhibits

The Art Wall and Circulation Case—During May, enjoy the colorful art of Menasha resident Sonja Oldenburg. Sonja brings to our exhibit a variety of art that celebrates nature with birds, flowers, and animals. Sonja is inspired by botanical illustrations, Art Nouveau, intricate motifs, and insect charts. She enjoys a lush and cluttered aesthetic, full of energy and detail in every corner of the canvas. Her passion: drawing and illustration using colored pencils and ink pens as tools of choice. She loves working with an established subject and spontaneously letting it develop and grow as the drawing progress.



Meet the artist - Thursday May 26 at 6:30pm. An evening to celebrate Sonja Oldenburg art exhibit. Visit with Sonja while she shares her special art pieces and passion for drawing and illustration. Light refreshments will be served.



Lobby Case - The Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance will be sharing information about its programs and community involvement.

Teen Art Wall—Maddy Pritzl

Maddy Pritzl is a wanderlust soul who is always on the move, searching for her next adventure. She plans to pursue a career in welding after high school, and later a career in forestry. Her unique art style is composed of metal sculptures which she welds in her garage or at The Brigade in downtown Neenah. All pieces are available for purchase. You can follow her work @the_iron_flower_ or her adventures @maddyp1304 on Instagram. Or reach out through email at: theironflower@yahoo.com



May Spice of the Month - Lemongrass

To tie in with our inaugural Traveling Plate program, May's offering will be lemongrass! This zesty and citrusy herb is the perfect way to welcome spring. Grab your newsletter and sample starting May 15!

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 específicas de parqueo, acceso al edificio o acceso a las salas de reunión puedan ser satisfechas.

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Fall / Winter 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
8:30 to 4:30 Saturday
1:00 to 4:30 Sunday



Please Join Us for an Interactive Conversation on the Future of Elisha D. Smith Public Library!

Your Library: Looking to the Future

Elisha D. Smith Public Library has served the City of Menasha and its surrounding Fox Cities communities for more than 125 years, proudly celebrating this incredible milestone in 2021. As we continue to honor our rich history and fulfill our mission to inspire lifelong learning, connect people, and serve our communities, our focus must now shift to the future of our library.

We Need Your Input!

You can be involved in the Community Visioning process in two exciting ways:

- Complete a **Community Visioning Survey** between **April 22 - May 13, 2022** (available electronically or in hard copy).
 - * Link will be available on the library website (www.menashalibrary.org) starting April 22.
- Attend a **Community Visioning Session** at Elisha D. Smith Public Library.
 - * **In Person Sessions** – Open to All, RSVP Appreciated for Planning Purposes
 - April 25: 11:30am – 1:00pm; 3:30pm- 5:00pm
 - April 26: 9:30am -11:00am; 1:00pm – 2:30pm, 6:00pm – 7:30pm
 - * **Virtual Sessions** – Open to All, RSVP Required to Receive Virtual Meeting Link
 - Wednesday, May 4: 11:00am – 12:30pm
 - Tuesday, May 10: 6:00pm – 7:30pm
 - * **RSVP** at 920-967-3662 or <https://bit.ly/3vqb7XK>

Join the conversation and help us shape the future of Elisha D. Smith Public Library!

In the Children's Room

Preschool Planters Storytime

Tuesday, May 3, 10, & 17, at 10:00am

A three week session of garden stories, music, rhymes, and planting fun. Plus, you'll get a chance to plant flowers in the secret library garden. "Weed" be sad if you didn't join us!

Family Game Night

Thursdays, May 5, 12, 19 & 26, from 5:00 - 6:30pm



Join the fun playing your favorite board games and Legos with other kids from Menasha. Choose from a wide variety of board games in the lobby or classic ones already in the Children's Room. Looking for Lego Master builders and Chess masters!

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Graduation

Thursday, May 5, at 6:00pm

Congratulations to all of the families who have completed the 1,000 Books before Kindergarten program! We would like to honor all the children who finished the program between March 2019 and April 2022 by hosting a mini graduation ceremony. Invite your whole family to celebrate your accomplishment. Please register your child by calling 920.967.3670 or stopping at the Children's Desk by May 1.

Destination Storytime (Virtual)

Wednesday, May 11, at 10:00am

Join Miss Pa Ja as she shares stories and songs from destinations near and far in this pop-up storytime series. Recorded episodes will drop on the Elisha D. Smith Public Library Facebook page at the given time. Follow along and see where Miss Pa Ja travels to!

Spring Story Walk @ Heckrodt

Thursday, May 19, at 10:00am

Join Miss Pippi and Miss Liz for a mini story time and activity before enjoying our new story walk at the Heckrodt Wetland Reserve.

Spanish Story Time

Wednesday, May 25, at 10:00am

Spanish story time focuses on engaging Latina/o preschoolers to discover the library and engage through modern songs, play, and literature.



All events are free and no registration is required.

Library Services

Welcome back into the library!

- Sign up for a library card
- Pick up your holds
- Browse for materials to check out
- Use a computer, print, copy, fax, scan
- Use notary service, have a test proctored

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The library will be open from 9:00 - 1:00pm on May 28 and closed May 29 and May 30 for Memorial Day.

Teen Zone

Teen's Time Machine Tuesdays - Rock It!

Tuesday, May 3 & 10, 4:00-7:00pm

Drop by the Teen Zone to unwind with a retro snack, music, and some blast from the past fun. This month we will paint rocks and make rock candy.

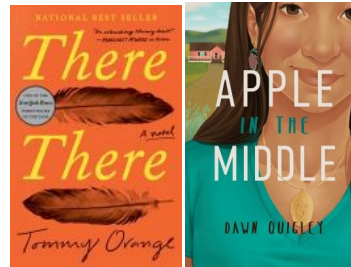


2022 Fox Cities Reads

The 2022 Fox Cities Reads selected two titles: *There There* by Tommy Orange and *Apple in the Middle* by Dawn Quigley. These books are available at the library.

Dawn Quigley will be making a presentation on Tuesday, May 3, at 6:30pm virtually on Zoom and Facebook.

Tommy Orange will be visiting the Fox Cities on Thursday, May 12 at 6:30pm at Appleton North High School Auditorium and virtually on Facebook.



Visit foxcitiesbookfestival.org/fox-cities-reads/ for more information.

Colonialism and Its Impact on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples

Tuesday, May 17, at 6:30pm

For too long indigenous peoples and nations have been defined and described by others. Even when depicted in contemporary times, they're placed in regalia, again reflecting and projecting their past, seldom in the present. They have become invisible. This presentation is meant to inform you about some of the tragic effects of colonialism. Dr. Renee Gralewicz is a descendant of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans and an enrolled member of the Brothertown Nation. This event is part of the 2022 Fox Cities Reads.

@ Your Library in May

Monday Movies

Monday, May 2, at 2:00 & 6:00pm

We will be showing *Fear of Rain* (©Lions Gate Films, Rated PG-13, 92 minutes, Suspense-Drama).

Free Legal Assistance Clinic

Tuesday, May 3, 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 serve basis. Please bring any paperwork that is relevant to your case so the volunteers can better assist you.

Novel Thoughts Book Club

Thursday, May 5, at 10:00am

We will be discussing *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn. For a copy of the book, call us at 920.967.3690 or email us at reference@menashalibrary.org.

Tabletop Gaming with Boardlandia Games

Saturday, May 7, from 10:30 - 1:00pm

Boardlandia Games staff will demo the new tabletop games and share their expertise. All are welcome!

Mushroom Mania

Saturday, May 7, at Noon

Learn about mushrooms from Mitchell, owner of Divine Hollow Mushrooms. Use tools from our SMITHworks studio to begin your own mushroom farm. Afterwards, relax and enjoy the top-rated Netflix documentary: *Fantastic Fungi*. Registration required by calling 920.967.3690 or stop at the Reference desk.

Monday Movies

Monday, May 9, at 2:00 & 6:00pm

We will be showing *In the Heights* (©Warner Bros, Rated PG-13, 142 minutes, Musical).

SMITHworks Creative Writing Group

Monday, May 9, 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.

Mosaic Workshop

Monday, May 9 or Monday, May 16, at 6:30pm

Make a beautiful mosaic! Register for this workshop where you'll make a mosaic you can hang or display in your home or garden. We'll provide supplies and instruction. For tweens, teens and adults. Registration is required; space is limited. To register, contact the Reference Desk at 920.967.3690.

Four Pillars of Retirement

Wednesday, May 11, at 6:00pm

An expert from Edward Jones, will have an in depth look at the "New Retirement"; including health, family, purpose, and finances. Attendees will be empowered to think through their own circumstances, goals, and challenges that impact their future quality of life in retirement. Please call to register at 920-967-3690 or email: reference@menashalibrary.org by May 9.

Renard Consort Concert

Sunday, May 15, at 2:00pm

The Renard Consort is a group of musicians who use recorders that are modern replicas of historical replicas made from a variety of woods and plastic. Musical selections range from pre-renaissance to modern day.

The Godfather at 50: Film Viewing & Discussion

Monday, May 16, at 1:00pm

"The Godfather," released in the spring of 1972 and based on Mario Puzo's best-selling novel was the year's highest-grossing movie and later won the Best Film Oscar. But did you know that Francis Ford Coppola, the 29-year-old director of "The Godfather," was almost fired early in its production? Learn surprising facts about this historic film plus its creative components.

Community Blood Drive

Monday, May 16, 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. The mobile unit will be in the parking lot.

Nonfiction Book Club

Tuesday, May 17, at 2:00pm

We will be discussing *What Happened to You?* by Bruce D. Perry and Oprah Winfrey. If you would like a copy of this book, call us at 920.967.3690 or email reference@menashalibrary.org.

Memory Cafe

Wednesday, May 18, at 1:30pm

This is a great opportunity for lively discussions, information gathering, refreshments, camaraderie, and lots of creative fun! This program is hosted by the Fox Valley Memory Project.

Aquatic Invasive Species

Wednesday, May 18, at 6:30pm

Have you wondered what are the native aquatic species and how to identify invasive ones that are present in our lakes and rivers? Join Chris Acy, NEWSC Coordinator to learn about the importance of protecting our waters.

The Traveling Plate: A Cooking Series

Friday, May 20, at 4:30pm

Come learn how to make Hmong eggrolls in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. All ingredients and supplies will be provided. Registration is required and will open on May 1. To register, contact the Reference Desk at 920.967.3690. For teens and adults.

Find Your Ancestors

Saturday, May 21, at 9:00am

Family Roots Wisconsin meetings include a time to share news, share genealogy research techniques, and sometimes a speaker.

Meet the Artist—Sonja Oldenburg

Thursday, May 26, at 6:30pm

Visit with Sonja while she shares her special art pieces and passion for drawing and illustration. Light refreshments will be served.