

## November Displays & Exhibits

### The Art Wall - Jonna Rae Brinkman Exhibit

Enjoy a unique visual experience with the art and inspiration of Jonna Rae Brinkman. Versatile using oil, acrylics, and pastels, Jonna Rae expresses her feelings about the natural world around her, balanced by her sheer dealing in the physicality of the paint and the joys of putting it onto surfaces.



**Circulation Case** - On display the work and craftsmanship of Don Stevens. Mr. Stevens is a friend of the library. He is sharing a favorite collection of woodcarved and woodburned nature-themed pieces. A passion he has pursued for the last 17 years.

**Lobby Case** - The Menasha's VFW Post 2126 will display honorary medals and uniforms and other important objects that celebrate the heroic lives of veterans that served our country. The VFW will hold a **Veterans Day Service at the library on Friday, November 11, at 11:00am in the lower level Company E Room.**



**Teen Art Wall** - Immerse yourself in gorgeous landscape and nature photography by Menasha alumnus, Sebastian Hernandez. Sebastian is inspired by the beauty of nature and driven to capture emotions of the moment. Sebastian has been chasing colors, encapsulating emotions, and re-envisioning familiar sights throughout Wisconsin for several years. His pieces will be on display through January.

### November Spice of the Month - Rosemary

Rosemary is a woody aromatic herb native to the Mediterranean. In ancient times, it was thought to strengthen memory. Rosemary is versatile and used to season foods, particularly lamb, duck, chicken, sausages, seafood, stuffings, stews, soups, potatoes, tomatoes, and other vegetables, as well as beverages. Nutritional benefits include its strong antioxidant and anti-inflammatory compounds and it is a good source of iron, calcium, and Vitamin B-6. Grab a sample and a newsletter to learn all about the benefits and uses of rosemary starting November 15<sup>th</sup>!



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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**Library Phone Numbers**  
920.967.3690 Reference Desk  
920.967.3680 Circulation Desk  
[www.menashalibrary.org](http://www.menashalibrary.org)  
@MenashaLibrary

The library will be closed on Thursday, November 24 for Thanksgiving.

**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  
9:00 to 1:00 Saturday

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# Books & Beyond

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

## November Highlights

### Libraries Against Hunger - November 1 - 9

The Menasha and Neenah Public Libraries are teaming up for "Libraries Against Hunger", a Community Food Drive happening in November (Menasha-November 1-9 & Neenah-November 5-13). We will be collecting non-perishable food, personal hygiene, and cleaning items for the community. A wish list of items includes, but is not limited to: boxed cereal, oatmeal, canned fruit, soup, chili, spaghetti sauce, canned meat, ramen, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter & jelly, toothbrushes, shampoo, laundry soap, and dish soap. There will also be a bonus drawing at the Menasha Public Library for Wisconsin Herd basketball tickets! All donations will go to the Double Portion Soup Kitchen in Menasha and the Fox Valley Community Table in Neenah.



### Holiday Cards for Our Troops - November 1 - 27

Drop in at the library to make a card with our supplies, and we'll send all our Community-made holiday cards to the USASOA office to be sent to deployed service members in December.



There will be card making stations located in the Children's Room, Teen Zone, Reference Desk and SMITHworks studio in the lower level. Cards will be sent to the USASOA office the week of November 28 in order to arrive overseas by December 25.

### NaNoWriMo Write-Ins (National Novel Writing Month) Saturdays, November 5, 12, 19 & 26, 1:00pm to 4:00pm

All aspiring authors are invited to begin working toward the goal of writing a 50,000-word novel by 11:59pm on November 30. Write-ins give you a chance to hang out with other Wrimos, have snacks and coffee, and be inspired to write. Come for as long, or little, as you like. Bring along notebooks, laptops, or whatever you use to write. Sign up at [www.nanowrimo.org](http://www.nanowrimo.org) and track your word count throughout the month. Get information about NaNoWriMo and share your projects with fellow Wrimos.



These write-in sessions will be participant organized and led by a local chapter member. Space is limited, but you will be able to reserve a spot when you join the local Facebook group: Fox Cities Wrimos (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/182678121932394>)

### 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](http://menashalibrary.org/smithworks)





## In the Children's Room

### Holiday Cards for Our Troops

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### Fall Family Story Time

**Tuesday, November 1 & 8, at 10:00am**

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

### Baby Story Time

**Thursday, November 3, at 10:00am**

A story time series perfect for children from birth through age two with their caring adult. Older siblings are welcome to join us.



### Destination Storytime (Virtual)

**Wednesday, November 9, at 10:00am**

Join Miss Pa Ja as she shares stories and songs from destinations near and far in this pop-up story time series. Recorded episodes will drop on the library's Facebook page at the given time. Follow along and see where Miss Pa Ja travels to!

### Preschool Playdate - Ornaments

**Thursday, November 17, at 10:00am**

Preschoolers and their caring adult are invited to stop in and play at the library! We'll start with story time at 10am in the Company E Room on the lower level. After books and songs, we'll craft ornaments together. You'll make an ornament to keep and an ornament for our tree that will be on display at Menasha's Gather 'Round event on Thursday, December 1 from 5-7pm.

### Preschool Playdate - Decorating

**Tuesday, November 29, at 10:00am**

It's time to decorate our tree for Menasha's Gather 'Round event on Thursday, December 1 from 5-7pm. We'll meet in the Children's Room at the library at 10am, then walk downtown with the ornaments we made at our last playdate on November 17. After decorating the tree, we'll walk back the library. For children birth to age six with a caregiver.

### Bilingual Spanish Story Time

**Wednesday, November 30, at 10:00am**

Come listen and sing at our Bilingual Spanish Story Time!



Animated Talking Picture Books

[www.menashalibrary.org/stories](http://www.menashalibrary.org/stories)

[www.menashalibrary.org/cuentos](http://www.menashalibrary.org/cuentos)

## Teen Zone

### Teen Volunteer Council

**Tuesday, November 1, from 3:30 - 5:30pm**

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

### Time Machine Tuesday—Holiday Ornaments



**Tuesday, November 8, 3:30 - 4:30pm**

Teen Zone has adopted a community tree on Main Street in Menasha. Design and create a myriad of snowflake ornaments, all from drinking straws. Make some for the community and some to keep. We will meet at the library on **November 25 at 1:30pm** to decorate the tree together.

### Gather Round Tree Decorating

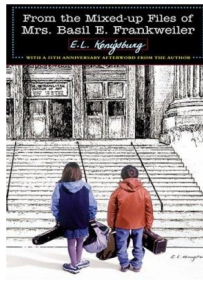
**Friday, November 25, at 1:30pm**

We will meet in the Teen Zone, gather up our homemade ornaments, and walk together to Main Street, Menasha to decorate our "adopted" tree. Afterwards, we will return to the library for some hot beverages.

### Last Tuesday Teen Book Club

**Tuesday, November 29, at 4:00pm**

Cozy up in our Fireside Room as Melissa and Cindy begin reading *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg. Receive your free copy to keep so you can finish the book on your own. Then, return December 27 for a discussion and some delicious fun!



## Travel Brochures

Looking for a Wisconsin get-a-way? Pick up and keep travel brochures from all around our state located just left of the reference desk.

## 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 available FREE using your library card—<https://sql.winnefox.org/research/alpha.asp?lib=men>

## @ Your Library in November

### Free Legal Assistance Clinic

**Tuesday, November 1, 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, November 3, at 10:00am**

This month's book title: *Where the Forest Meets the Stars* by Glendy Vanderah. Request a hold by calling the Circulation Desk at 920.967.3680 or email us at [reference@menashalibrary.org](mailto:reference@menashalibrary.org).



### NaNoWriMo Write-Ins

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### Monday Movies

**Monday, November 7, at 2:00pm**

Today we will be viewing *The Lost City* (©Paramount, rated PG-13, 92 minutes, Action/Comedy). When an eccentric billionaire kidnaps introverted novelist Loretta Sage to locate the ancient city featured in her latest book, Loretta's charming yet vapid cover model, Alan, vows to prove his real-life heroism matches his fictional alter-ego and embarks on a harebrained mission to rescue Loretta.



### Floral Illustration & Watercolor Workshop

**Monday, November 7, at 6:30pm**

Learn the basics of floral illustration with artist and educator Hannah Kuplack. Supplies will be provided. Registration opens November 1st.

### The Traveling Plate: A Cooking Series

**Friday, November 11, at 4:30pm**

Teens and adults: Come learn how to make spanakopita, a Greek savory spinach pie, with us in November! All ingredients and supplies will be provided. Registration is required and will open on November 1. To register, contact the Reference Desk at 920.967.3690.



### SMITHworks Creative Writing Group

**Monday, November 14, 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.

### Memory Cafe

**Wednesday, November 16, 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. Today's topic: Bare Bones Brewery will share information about kinds of beer and beer brewing.

### Winter Sowing Workshop: Native Plants

**Thursday, November 17, at 6:00pm**

Winnebago Waterways will be hosting a winter sowing workshop in November. During this workshop you will learn how to create mini greenhouses to grow native plants. These plants will be used by participants, shoreline property owners and part of a fundraiser. Supplies will be provided.



A program for the whole family-with a presentation by Dr. Katie Reed, Winnebago Waterways Program Coordinator. Space and supplies limited. Please **RSVP** at [www.fwwa.org/2022sow](http://www.fwwa.org/2022sow)

### Find Your Ancestors

**Saturday, November 19, at 9:00am**

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

### International Game Day @ the Library

**Saturday, November 19, from 12:00 - 4:30pm**

Would you like to play a game? Board games, video games, computer games; we have it all. Race a member of the Menasha Police Department for a chance to declare yourself Mario Kart Champion. Play your friends in a game of darts on a league dart board supplied by our friends at Amusement Devices Inc! If that's not enough, we will have multiple prize drawings and free pizza – in fact this whole event is absolutely free!

### Monday Movies

**Monday, November 21, at 2:00pm**

Today we will be viewing *Where the Crawdads Sing* (©Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, rated PG-13, 125 minutes, Drama/Mystery). A woman who raised herself in the marshes of the Deep South becomes a suspect in the murder of a man with whom she was once involved.



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