

November Displays & Exhibits

The Art Wall - Hope Ozolins

The library is showcasing the work of fiber artist Hope Ozolins. She has worked with many mediums throughout her life. Ms. Ozolins spent 10 years in the Navy as a graphic artist where she received the foundation for organizing and expressing her art on a personal level. About 15 years ago, she started to play with fabric. This technique allows her senses to explode with all the amazing colors and textures that are being produced today. She started to create fabric collages about 8 years ago. She is fascinated by the process of finding colors and prints that could express her mind: Images from her travels, landscapes, seascapes, and everything beautiful in the world.



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Books & Beyond

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

November Highlights



Circulation Case - Sheep & Lambs Collection

We are displaying a partial sample of the sheep and lamb collection that belongs to friend of the library Hope Schaefer-Kemps.



Lobby Case - VFW Post 2126 Menasha

VFW Post 2126 Menasha is honoring two of its members. Their medals and other documents will be on exhibit this month.



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.

November Spice of the Month - Nutmeg

Nutmeg, intense and aromatic, often evokes nostalgic warmth for the holiday season. Its culinary range goes well beyond eggnog and pumpkin pie; however, and provides a host of health benefits from consuming just a small amount. Enjoy a free sample and grab a newsletter starting November 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 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
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@MenashaLibrary

The library will be closed on Thursday, November 23 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
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, November 17, 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.

Friends of the Elisha D. Smith Public Library Used Book Sale

- Wednesday, November 1 - Noon - 5:00pm
Friends of the Elisha D. Smith Public Library Pre-Sale (Sign-up before or at the book sale. Membership - \$10.00 per year.)
- Thursday, November 2 - Noon - 7:00pm
Open to the Public
- Friday, November 3 - 11:00am - 5:00pm
- Saturday, November 4 - 10:00am - 4:00pm
Bag Sale (\$5 per paper bag)
- Sunday, November 5 - 1:00 - 5:00pm
Free Day



International Game Day at Your Library

Saturday, November 11, from 1:00 - 4:00pm

Enjoy an afternoon of games, prizes, and snacks as we celebrate International Game Day at the Library. We will have games of all types including: card games, table top games, video, and computer games. Participants can also compete in our 2nd Annual Mario Kart Tournament!



Black Friday unSale

Friday, November 24, from 1:00 - 6:00pm

Forget waiting in lines, fighting with shoppers, and spending your hard-earned money. Join us in SMITHworks and create your own meaningful holiday gift item such as craft soap, bookmarks, craft candle, printed tote, shadowbox, laser ornament, winter scene and resin coasters. Limit 2 items per person. Supplies are limited.



In the Children's Room

Preschool Playdate

Thursday, November 2 & 16, at 10:00am

Preschoolers and their caring adult are invited to stop in and play at the library.



Drop In Craft Friday

Friday, November 3 & 17, 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.



November 3 - Sticker Art



November 17 - Finger Painting

Fall Family Story Time

Tuesday, November 7 & 14, at 10:00am

Enjoy 30 minutes of books, music and rhymes in our fall family story time series. Geared for preschoolers, but the whole family is welcome.

Baby Story Time

Thursday, November 9, at 10:00am

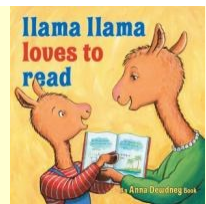
Join us for baby story time at the library. This story time is geared for babies 0-2 and their caregivers; siblings are welcome to join! No registration necessary.



In the Children's Room . . .

Check Out:

Wonderbooks
Launchpads
Family Travel Kits
STEM Kits for Teachers/Day Cares
Audiobooks
Music CDs
1,000 Books before Kindergarten Program



Animated Talking Picture Books

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

Teen Zone

Teen Volunteer Council

Tuesday, November 7, 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.

Community Living Room—Teens

Wednesday, November 8, from 3:30 - 6:30pm

This is a healing space to be seen, heard, and valued just as you are. All teens are welcome to this non-clinical, non-judgmental, safe space for talking through your life challenges. There is no cost, and it's completely confidential. Trained listeners will be present. Ages 13-18.

Comic Book Club

Saturday, November 11, at 10:00am

Pick up a free copy of *Superman Man of Tomorrow v1 Hero of Metropolis* at the Reference Desk. Read the second half of the book, chapters 11-15. Then join us on to discuss the book. If you like, join in some simple role playing games after the discussion. Ages 10 through adult. Supplies limited.

Time Machine Tuesday—Make a Tree

Tuesday, November 14, from 3:30-5:00pm

Gather in the Teen Zone for a hot beverage and a treat while we repurpose old greeting cards into trees. We will also make ornaments for our adopted trees! Registration required. Ages 10 and up.

Adventures in Art with Sketchy Jessi

Tuesday, November 21, 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 with 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, and more. Items 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.

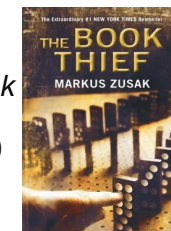
All of these classes are FREE using your library card.

@ Your Library in November

Fiction Book Discussion

Thursday, November 2, at 10:00am

This month's book discussion title: *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. Request a hold by calling the Circulation Desk at 920.967.3680 or emailing reference@menashalibrary.org.



Fabric Collage Workshop

Monday, November 6, from 5:00 - 7:30pm

If you have basic sewing machine skills, learn to create an artistic fabric collage. Our Artist in Residence Hope Ozolins will provide the instruction to express yourself with fabric, color and textures. Space Limited. All materials provided. Sewing machines available but feel free to bring yours with a free motion foot.

Free Legal Assistance Clinic

Tuesday, November 7, 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.

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This is a healing space to be seen, heard, and valued just as you are. Parents of teens are welcome to this non-clinical, non-judgmental, safe space for talking through your life challenges. There is no cost, and it's completely confidential. Trained listeners will be present.

BadgerCare Plus Renewals

Thursday, November 9, 9:00-Noon & 4:00-7:00pm

Health insurance navigators from Partnership Community Health Center will help explain your coverage options.

International Game Day at Your Library

Saturday, November 11, from 1:00 - 4:00pm

We have board, card, video, and computer games. The Mario Kart Challenge is back along with other opportunities to win fun and unique prizes. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be provided. All ages welcome.

Botanical Illustration Workshop

Sunday, November 12, from 1:30-3:00pm

Learn to draw and paint botanical illustrations using watercolor and ink with local artist Hannah Therese of Little Lady Artist. Instruction and supplies are provided. Registration required. Space is limited.

Monday Matinee - Barbie

Monday, November 13, at 2:00pm

Today we will be viewing *Barbie* (©Warner Brothers, Rated PG-13, 1 hour 54 mins, Comedy). Barbie suffers a crisis that leads her to question her world and her existence.



SMITHworks Creative Writing Group

Monday, November 13, from 6:30 - 8:00pm

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

Memory Café

Wednesday, November 15, at 1:30pm

This program is hosted by the Fox Valley Memory Project. Memory Cafés welcome those experiencing early-stage dementia, mild memory loss, or cognitive impairment as well as family/friends of those affected.

The Traveling Plate is Back!

Friday, November 17, at 4:30pm

Jenni Dreyer is taking over the lead as your Traveling Plate host. Jenni brings with her over a decade of experience in both cooking and nutrition. This month's recipe will be Pot Stickers! All ingredients and supplies will be provided. Registration is required. Space is limited. To register, contact the Reference Desk at 920.967.3690.



Date Night: Grown Up Storytime

Friday, November 17, at 7:30pm

Tight Barrel Distillery, 225 Main Street

Join your friends from the library and the Menasha Parks and Rec Department at Tight Barrel Distillery for some beverages and fun. The evening includes a special story time just for grown-ups! Guest readers will present some interesting picture books created just for grown-ups. Sign-ups are encouraged but not required. Register at: <https://menasha.recdesk.com/Community/Program>

Find Your Ancestors

Saturday, November 18, 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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Monday Matinee: Cinema Classics

Monday, November 27, from 1:30 - 4:00pm

Come at 1:30pm for pizza and conversation! Movie begins at 2. Today we will be viewing 1969's *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* (©Twentieth Century Fox, Rated PG, 1 hour 52 min). Directed by George Roy Hill. Nominated for the Academy Award Best Director and Best Picture. A seriocomic account of the exploits of two affable real-life outlaws trying to make a living at the turn-of-the-20th century, but discovering that banks and railroads are getting harder to rob, especially with a relentless superposse closing in on them.



FREE Pizza, courtesy of Parker John's BBQ & Pizza!