

MY LGPL

May - June 2024 Newsletter



SUMMER READING STARTS JUNE 10!

We're super excited to have you at the library this summer! We have lots of fun events planned, including summer reading programs for kids and adults.

Don't miss out on your chance to collect stamps, win fabulous prizes, and read great books! Stop in at the library starting June 10 or visit lglibrary.org/summer-reading-2024 to participate.



LAKE GENEVA
PUBLIC LIBRARY

MY LGPL | All Ages

May - June 2024 Newsletter

Library Pop-up

@Stinebrink's Piggly Wiggly Tuesdays | 8:00 AM–12:00 PM

@Horticultural Hall Thursdays | 8:00 AM–12:00 PM

We're popping up all over town! Come visit Maria and check out something new when you get your groceries at Piggly Wiggly or the Farmer's Market.



Tissue Paper Flowers

Tuesday, May 7 | 6:00 PM

Have you been admiring the giant paper flowers on the library's lobby displays? Learn how to make them yourself! This simple technique uses tissue paper, pipe cleaners, and creative folding to create beautiful paper flowers for indoor decoration. All supplies provided, registration required. Recommended for ages 10 and up.

Papermaking Demonstration

Wed May 8 @10AM, Wed May 15 @5:30 PM, Sat May 18 @2PM, Sat May 25 @2PM

Help Ellen test-run our papermaking process at demonstrations throughout the month of May. We'll be cutting up rags, mixing pulp, and generally seeing what happens so that we are ready for formal papermaking classes this summer. You might get the chance to make your own test sheet of paper!

Monarch Garden Ribbon Cutting

Thursday, May 9 | 2:00 PM

You are invited to attend the grand opening of the library's new Monarch Garden situated along the library building on the lakefront. The Rotary Club of Lake Geneva, along with the library and a group of our local students will be cutting the ribbon to welcome the butterflies!

Bards & Bookwyrms II

@Horticultural Hall Sunday, June 9 | 1:00 PM–5:00 PM

The second annual Bards & Bookwyrms gaming program is here! Come join us and our collaborators at the Matheson Memorial Library for role-playing games galore at the Horticultural Hall. With offerings from fantasy to the old west and beyond, we'll have games of all kinds available. All ages are welcome!

MY LGPL | All Ages

May - June 2024 Newsletter

Teen Music Series

Tuesdays, June 11–July 30 | 5:00 PM

Every Tuesday during the summer the Lake Geneva Public Library will offer a 30 minute performance by one of our very own local, teen musicians. Come hear the exceptional talent that Lake Geneva has to offer!

Metal Detecting Program

Wednesday, June 12 | 10:30 AM

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the hobby of metal detecting? Then this event is for you! Metal detectorist Seth Tost takes us on a journey of treasure hunting and finding pieces of local history.

Chess For All

Thursdays, June 13–July 25 | 5:00 PM

Come to the library to play a game of chess. This program is open to all players ages 8–108 who enjoy the game. We have a limited amount of chess boards, so please bring one if you are able.

Indian Dancing Performance

Thursday, June 20th | 5:00 PM

Kathak is a prominent classical dance style originating from Northern India. The library will host Gauri Jog and her team of dancers for a performance. As an Indian classical Kathak dancer, choreographer, and instructor she will share her insights, guide us through a few steps and give us a performance of this exquisite dance form.

Pollinator Palooza

Saturday, June 22 | 2:00 PM

Bring the whole family for a fun afternoon of pollinator-themed activities! Celebrate the Library's new Pollinator Garden and our Wisconsin pollinators with crafts, games, and more!

MY LGPL | All Ages

May - June 2024 Newsletter

Summer Puzzle Contest

Saturday, June 29 | 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

The Lake Geneva Public Library will host 10 teams of 2–4 people for our summer puzzle contest. We'll provide the puzzles and snacks, just come ready to have some fun assembling a 500 piece puzzle. Visit lglibrary.org/eventcal to register.



MY LGPL | Youth

May - June 2024 Newsletter

Storytime with Miss Wendy

Thursdays until June 13 | 10:00 AM

Youth Librarian Miss Wendy holds Preschool Storytime every Thursday at 10:00 AM. Join us to read aloud a few books, and then enjoy themed activities and socializing. The final Storytime of every month is bilingual storytime, with books read in Spanish and English.

Storytime at the Market

@Horticultural Hall Thursdays starting June 13 | 10:30 AM

Youth Librarian Miss Wendy holds Preschool Storytime every Thursday during the summer at Horticultural Hall at 10:30 AM. Join us to read aloud a few books, and then enjoy themed activities and socializing. The final Storytime of every month is bilingual storytime, with books read in Spanish and English.



Treehouse Infant Group

Saturdays in May | 10:00 AM

FirstPlay® Infant Storytelling Group is an infant developmental play program that supports gentle and caring touch for optimal parent/caregiver–infant bonding and attachment. Registration required: madeline@treehouseforkids.net or 262–374–2242

MY LGPL | Youth

May - June 2024 Newsletter

The Grand Book Club

Tuesday, May 7 | 6:00 PM

Would you like to connect with your grandchildren through literature? Every month, we will delve into a selected book and gather at the library to share our thoughts over snacks. For May we will be reading *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster. Email Wendy at wfinley@lglibrary.org to get a copy of the book.



D&D at the Library

Wednesday, May 8 | 5:00–7:45 PM

Come join us in a game of D&D! Brand new to the game? Come learn! Veteran? Come play! Ages 12–17. Registration is required: visit lglibrary.org/eventcal

Youth Charcuterie Program

Tuesday, May 21 | 5:30 PM

Register now to save your spot for an opportunity create a masterpiece of cheese and snacks at the library. Lake Geneva's very own Hill Valley Dairy will be on hand to help us make a mini charcuterie board of our own! This program is tailored to children 8 yrs. and up. Email Wendy at wfinley@lglibrary.org to secure your spot.



Pollinator Puddler Craft

Monday, June 10 | 1:00 PM

Let's kick off the summer by making our helpful pollinators pals their own little water oasis for the yard!

Storybook Yoga

Tuesday, June 11 | 10:00 AM

This children's yoga program incorporates children's literature and characters into the practice of yoga. Bring a beach towel and we'll hope for beautiful weather!

MY LGPL | Youth

May - June 2024 Newsletter

Youth History Club

Saturday, June 15 | 10:00 AM

This club is geared toward kids 7-12 that love reading about history! Plan to read and discuss history books that have captured your interest. Activities can include re-enacting military battles with plastic army men, local history guest speakers, watching videos and onward from there.

TMZ Magic

Monday, June 17 | 2:00 PM

Zack uses visual magic, comedy, mentalism, escape artistry and sleight-of-hand to create memories that help make your event unforgettable! His show is GUARANTEED to entertain!

Snake Discovery

Monday, June 24 | 2:00 PM

Looking for an unforgettable hands-on experience? This program covers topics like diet, habitat, defense mechanisms and fun facts, using an assortment of props and LIVE ANIMALS! From touching lizards to holding snakes, everyone is sure to experience something new!

Smarty Pants Balloon Ocean Program

Tuesday, June 25 | 2:00 PM

Embark on an underwater adventure with Smarty Pants! Join us at the library for an amazing Science Balloon show that will leave you in awe. Discover the secrets of undersea pressure and how fish thrive in the ocean depths. The engaging Big Balloon Show is crafted to involve the whole audience actively. You won't want to miss it!

Elementary ASL Storytime

Wednesdays, June 26–July 17 | 10:00 AM

We hope you can join one of our local ASL experts, Anissa Haywood, in this fun introduction to American Sign Language for elementary aged kiddos. Each week she will read a picture book aloud and in ASL as well as engage in themed crafts or activities reinforcing the words for the week.

MY LGPL | Adult

May - June 2024 Newsletter

Restoration of the Black Point Gardens

Thursday, May 2 | 2:00 PM

Originally designed in 1901 by landscape architect Olof Benson, the gardens at Black Point have changed considerably over the last 118 years. Learn how we are invigorating the gardens while being consistent with Benson's design principles.

Mahjong Drop-in

Fridays, 2:00–4:00 PM

Bring your friends to play Mahjong at the Library! 2–4pm on Fridays. Tables and 3 Mahjong sets provided; bring your own scorecard. While new players are welcome to attend, no instruction is provided. May dates: 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31. June dates: 6/7, 6/14, 6/21. NO mahjong June 28.

Memory Café

Monday, May 13 and Monday, June 10 | 10:30 AM

A Memory Café is a social gathering for those who are experiencing early-stage dementia, mild memory loss or mild cognitive impairment (MCI), and for families, friends, or care partners. RSVP required by Friday before gathering; contact Cindy Lester [@262-210-9783](tel:262-210-9783).



Afternoon Book Club

@Bottle Shop Wednesday, May 15 and Wednesday, June 12 | 1:00 PM

Enjoy a lively and welcoming book discussion group! Our "no shame" book club welcomes everyone to attend, regardless of whether they read one page and put the book down, or are on their third reread. May 15: *Visitation* by Jenny Erpenbeck. June 12: *Funeral Songs for Dying Girls* by Cherie Dimaline.

House Research: Getting Your House to Talk

Thursday, May 16 | 2:00 PM

This illustrated slide presentation will discuss the strategies for researching the history of your house. You will learn about many of the resources available locally at libraries, historical societies, and city and county offices.

MY LGPL | Adult

May - June 2024 Newsletter

Evening Book Club

@Geneva Tap House Tuesday, May 21 and Tuesday, June 18 | 7:00 PM

Book club for night owls! All the same books as afternoon book club on a different schedule and with a later meeting time. Join us for an engaging small group book discussion. May 21: *Family Lore* by Elizabeth Acevedo. June 18: *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren.

Smartphone Security

Wednesday, May 22 | 10:30 AM

Come join local smartphone security connoisseur, Tom, to learn how to protect your smartphone from thieves and similar security threats, including what tactics thieves use to take and get into stolen devices and a brand new security feature on iPhones that could safeguard your information more effectively.

Plants for Paper and Art

Wednesday, May 22 | 6:00 PM

Learn the basics of plant identification with an eye to using them in papermaking, art and crafts. Led by retired DNR naturalist Beth Goeppinger.

The Arts in the National Parks

Thursday, May 23 | 2:00 PM

Millions of visitors are drawn to our nation's national parks every year. Within its system is a unique program inviting artists to create and reside within a national park. Betsy Iversen will share her experience as a recent Artist in Residence at a national historic park, as well as information on this wonderful program.

The Political Dynamics of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Thursday, May 23 | 6:30 PM

Join Dr. Nadav Shelef of UW-Madison for a presentation on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Dr. Shelef is the Harvey M. Meyerhoff Professor of Israel Studies and Professor of Political Science. His current projects focus on understanding how homelands change and the conditions under which religious parties moderate their positions.

MY LGPL | Adult

May - June 2024 Newsletter

Plant Exchange

Saturday, May 25 and Saturday, June 29 | 12:00–2:00 PM

Find a new home for your unwanted plants or add to your existing plant collection for free! Bring any plants you'd like to rehome to the library starting Wednesday. All donated plants will be made available for free starting on Saturday at noon on the library's patio. Arrive early for best selection!

Conservation @Home

Wednesday, May 29 at 5:00 PM and Thursday, May 30 at 2:00 PM

Geneva Lake Conservancy's Conservation@Home program is a homeowner education and recognition program designed to support water conservation and land protection efforts in Walworth County. Join GLC at the library for a presentation on the program and how you can be a more environmentally friendly homeowner.

Adults' D&D

Thursday, May 30 | 5:00 PM–7:45 PM

Discover the adventures in imagination found in the game born right here in Lake Geneva—join us in a game of D&D at the Library! Ages 18+. Registration is required and space is limited: [visit lglibrary.org/eventcal](https://lglibrary.org/eventcal)



Cookie Decorating

Wednesday, June 5 | 6:00 PM

Are you interested in learning how to decorate with royal icing? Cookies from the Kitchen is offering a beginner-friendly class where you can learn various cookie decorating techniques. Unleash your creativity in this three cookie class. Recommended for ages 16+. Registration required: visit lglibrary.org/eventcal

Wedded Bliss through the Ages

Thursday, June 6 | 2:00 PM

Once upon a time, many ancient marriages were by capture, not consent. From Queen Victoria to the brides of Black Point Estate, this program looks at the traditions, superstitions, and customs influencing celebrity and society weddings, historical lakeshore extravaganzas, and local ceremonies.

MY LGPL | Adult

May - June 2024 Newsletter

Antique Appraisal with Mark Moran

Saturday, June 8 | 11:00 AM

An antiques and collectibles appraisal event featuring author and antiques expert Mark F. Moran of Iola, Wisconsin. Pre-registration for appraisal is required and is limited to one item per person; visit lglibrary.org/eventcal. Spectators are welcome to attend at any time between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM, no registration required.

Tai Chi Thursdays

Thursdays, June 13, 20, and 27 | 9:15 AM

Join Tai Chi for Health Institute certified instructor Johnny Packard on the Library patio for a simple relaxing tai chi practice with beautiful views of Geneva Lake. The program is designed and taught to be safe, effective, and accessible for all. Free and open to the public, no registration required.

The Prairie Project: One Year in the Linn Nature Preserve

Thursday, June 20 | 2:00 PM

From January 1st–December 31st, 2023, local historian and photographer Dave Desimone hiked the Linn Township Nature Preserve more than sixty times. This program will provide an overview of the nature preserve through Desimone's photographs and reflections.



Blood Drive

Friday, June 28 | 10:00 AM–2:00 PM

Share the love; give blood! Drop in between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM or pre-register at tinyurl.com/fe62xhe9. All donors receive a pint of Culver's custard and a tie dye tank top!

Events subject to change. See lglibrary.org/eventcal for most current listings.

Library hours:

Monday, Friday, Saturday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Newsletter



Friends of the Lake Geneva Library

Annual Meeting Notice

All members are invited to the Annual Meeting and Program on May 15th in the Smith Room of the Library. The Business Meeting to elect the slate of officers will begin at 5:30. At 6:00 pm, we will interview Lake Geneva Artist and Graphic Designer Neal Aspinall.

Door Prizes and Refreshments

Aspinall was born and raised in Lake Geneva, WI. He enjoys an impressive list of clients that include local, national, and international brands. Neal's art includes logos, posters, icons, illustrations, portraits, & private commissions, and animated TV commercials. His numerous awards includes: American Society of Illustrators Annual, Communication Arts Illustration Annual, Graphics Magazine, Print Regional Design Annual, POPAll Gold Medals (POP industry), & the Art Institute of Colorado Hall of Fame.

Slate of Officers and Directors 2024-2025

President	Nina Ruskey
Vice President	Donald Kennedy
Secretary	Mary Ellen Phelan
Treasurer	Henry Hertl
Director	Larry Kundert
Director	Susan Tumminello
Director	Irene Ward
Director	Phil Neimeyer
Director	Katelyn Guest
Director (new)	Duane Lafrenze
Trustee Rep	Chris Brookes
Emeritus (new)	Linda Boilini
Emeritus	Lynelle Graham
Emeritus	Peg Williams
Emeritus	Chris Brookes

New Director Biography

Duane Lafrenz I have been a resident of Lake Geneva for 52 years. After retiring from Walworth County Department of Health and Human Services as a Clinical Social Worker, I continue part-time at the Lake Geneva Wellness Clinic.

Giving back to the community has always been important to me. Beside being a life member of Kiwanis, I presently serve on the Executive Board of Tree House. I have been involved with the Lake Geneva Library for several years. I have been a member of the Board of Trustees serving as Vice President and President. I was also on the Foundation Board. Presently, I am a member of the Strategic Planning Committee and a StoryCorps facilitator. Being an avid reader, the library has been my "second home".

Have you visited the FRIENDS Book Shop?

StoryCorps and More!

The StoryCorps partnership with the Lake Geneva Public Library added 106 oral history stories to the Library's local history collection. And we're not done yet. Moving forward, we will continue to record independently and add conversations to the Lake Geneva page in the StoryCorps archive and the local history collection.

To browse the collection and listen to a recording, go to the Library webpage <https://lglibrary.org/> scroll down to "Listen to Lake Geneva Recordings" or go directly to <https://archive.storycorps.org/> and search the "Community Voices of Lake Geneva".

To make a recording appointment, contact Chris at storycorps@lglibrary.org

Chris Brookes, Lead Facilitator

Letter from the President

Book Donation Policy

The Friends of the Lake Geneva Library had a fun and productive year. Here are some of our activities and ways your membership dollars were used to support the library.

- * Helped the 2023 Summer Reading Program kickoff by making "Friendship Bracelets" with Miss Wendy and the children.
- * Supported children and adult programming.
- * Sold used books from our outdoor carts and our inside BookShop
- * Funded billboard marketing to boost new library cards.
- * Purchased the little library "ebike" that is used for events around town and to reach out to the local community.
- * Made ornaments with a group of friends and later decorated our Christmas tree for the Geneva Lake Museum's annual Parade of Trees.
- * Created a Facebook page that can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofthelakegenevapubliclibrary>
- * Organized and presented a new speaker program called, "Iconic Entrepreneurs of Lake Geneva," from October through March of 2024.

Our volunteers are innovative and dedicated to promoting our wonderful community resource. We hope you will consider joining the Friends of the Lake Geneva Library.

Nina Ruskey - President, Friends of the Library

We accept: Adult and children's hard cover and paperbacks, music CDs, audio books, DVDs and Blue-rays.

We cannot accept: textbooks, encyclopedias, computer or technical manuals over two years old, records, VHS tapes, magazines, or professional journals.

We also must refuse dirty, musty or damaged items.

Mission Statement

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- * to maintain an association of persons interested in the Lake Geneva Public Library,
- * to strengthen community support for the library,
- * to cooperate with the library in facilitating the expansion of library services and programs,
- * to interpret the needs of the library to the community,
- * and to encourage gifts, endowments, and bequests to the library.

New Memberships and Renewals are due at the time of the Annual Meeting.

Drop this completed form and your method of payment at the Circulation Desk
or, mail to The Library, 918 W. Main St., Lake Geneva, WI 53147

Make checks payable to: Friends of the LG Public Library. Memberships and Donations may be tax deductible under Sec. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; please consult your tax advisor.

New or Renewal Membership Form

Membership Levels

Name: _____

\$15 _____ Individual/Annual

Address: _____

\$25 _____ Family Annual

City/St/Zip: _____

\$60 _____ Business/Group

Phone: _____

\$150 _____ Life Member

Email: _____

\$ _____ Additional Contribution