

KAUKAUNA PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER



Friends of the Library

Give a Gift Event

December 2nd 1:30-4:30p

The Library will have displays of books for you to purchase in honor/memory of loved ones to go in our Library collections for our community to check out. We will have a wide range of items, which will be name-plated in front of you. Enjoy refreshments and a looping presentation in the conference room during your visit. All items purchased for the Library that day are subject to regular collection management policy.

Library Foundation

Planters for a Purpose

December 7th 6:00-8:00p

Holiday planters, wreaths and trees will be available for silent auction bidding starting on November 13th.

Please register with the front desk for a bidding number. The silent auction will end on December 7th during the event at 7:15p. The event will include refreshments, music and a looping presentation in the conference room. A raffle will also begin on November 13th for a snowman tree.

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the front desk. The raffle winner will be announced during the event at 7:30p; winners do not need to be present to win.

*Enhancing people's lives
and opening doors for curious minds*

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Something to Celebrate

How do you determine what and when to celebrate? After 18 months in this new library facility, I find there is much cause for celebration. Libraries use various categories to track whether a celebration is in order (or not). Things like circulation, items borrowed, program attendance, computer usage, even website hits contribute to causes for weal or woe.

When you compare the 18 months before we moved with the 18 months since we've been here, we find a lot more reasons to celebrate than wring our hands.

Among the reasons for merriment are:

- ◆ An increase in circulation of 35,023 or 13%
- ◆ An increase in items borrowed of 11,203 or 17%
- ◆ An increase in program attendance of 12,271 or 46%
- ◆ An increase in wireless use 7,250 or 42%
- ◆ An increase in hits on our website of 15,512 or 19%

Attendance at special programs like the recent Fairy Walk also shows the community's investment in and appreciation of the Library and the programs offered here. Some 900 people gathered for that event! Even meeting and study room uses have been increasing.

I know the move has not been without difficulties and that the Carnegie Library continues to be missed, but there is no denying the Library is thriving. Numbers are not our only reason for celebration— it is people! Seeing the number of people who find this a good place to read, study or hold meetings is the cause for celebration.

What gives me cause for celebration is seeing the people who come in with friends and relatives, some of whom have lived here before, and seeing the pride on their faces. What gives me cause for celebration is seeing the response to future plans for the Interactive Learning Garden or the smiles and songs of children as they sing along with Ms. Ashley and Miss Mary.

I personally celebrate the foresight of developers and architects and City officials who value libraries when so many communities seem not to do so. I celebrate the staff who work so hard to serve so many people and who do so much that patrons never see but without whom there could be no library at all. And I celebrate you, who value free access to information and literacy.

There is so much in our society we take for granted, but so much that is worth celebrating. I hope your vision of reasons for rejoicing are rich!

Tony Wiczorek
Director

Upcoming Fall-Winter Highlights

Bright Babies Storytime runs Tuesdays at 10:30a

Wonderful Ones Storytime runs Wednesdays at 9:30a

Terrific Twos Storytime runs Wednesdays at 10:30a

Preschool Storytime (3-5 yo) runs Thursdays at 9:30a

Saturday Storytime runs 11/3 & 12/9 at 10:00a

Night Tales Storytime runs 11/15 & 12/20 at 6:00p

Hour of Code (3rd grade +) runs 11/2 & 12/7 at 6:30p

Hackerspace (4th grade +) runs 11/9 & 12/14 at 6:30p

Teen Thursdays runs Thursdays at 3:30p

Grand KaKalin Fiber Arts Group runs 11/6 & 12/4 at 6:00p

Fall Pot Holder Project 11/7 at 6:30p (For adults, registration required.)

Memory Café 11/13 & 12/11 at 2:00p

Book Discussion Group 11/14 & 12/12 at 9:30a

Lego Lab (K +) runs 11/16 & 12/21

Minecraft League (3rd grade +) runs 11/16 & 12/28

School's Out Fall Crafts 11/17 9a-5p & 11/22 9a-8p

Dream Catcher Project 11/20 or 11/27 at 6:30p (For adults, registration required.)

Friends of the Library Fall Used Book Sale runs 11/20-11/22 9a-8p & 11/25 9a-1p \$1 per bag sale

Intermediate Genealogy Workshop 11/28 at 6:00p
(Presenter Tom Duescher will take one-on-one walk up appointments starting at 3p with a presentation at 6:00p.)

Perler Bead Keychain Craft (K+) 11/29 6:30p

Friends of the Kaukauna Public Library Give a Gift Event 12/2 from 1:30-4:30p

Kaukauna Public Library Foundation Planter for a Purpose Event 12/7 from 6:00-8:00p

Froebel Star Ornaments 12/11 at 6:30p (For adults, registration required.)

School's Out Winter Crafts 12/12 & 12/27 from 9a-8p and 12/22 & 12/29 from 9a-5p

Upcycled Holiday Crafts at 1,000 Islands Environmental Center 12/12 at 6:30p

Winter Wine Glass Painting 12/13 at 10:00a (For adults, registration required.)

Holiday Singalong 12/13 at 6:00p

Star Wars Day at the Library 12/28 from 9a-8p

10:30a Movie: *Star Wars: Clone Wars*

1:00p Movie: *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*

4:00p Star Wars Team Trivia

6:00p **Star Wars Author John Jackson Miller!**
presentation and book signing

ALL LIBRARY PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE!

For more information on programs, please call (920) 766-6340 ext. 2 or visit <http://kaukaunapubliclibrary.org>.

Little Free Pantry

We have a large Little Free Pantry, so if you need some food items to get you or your family through the week, stop in during regular business hours and take what you need! The pantry is located in the riverside corner of the adult nonfiction collection. We also accept nonperishable food donations.



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