

The Library Buzz

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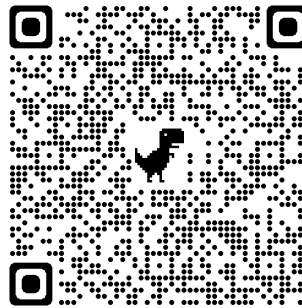
Mission Read: To the Library and B E Y O N D

The theme for 2024 Summer Reading is **Mission Read: to the library and beyond!** Strap in and get ready to blast off into space. Get ready for an exciting summer with your Wood River Library! Go boldly where no summer reading has gone before and participate in reading goals and weekly events. Earn yourself a prize along the way!

The benefits of summer reading are clear. National research from Dominican University finds that students who participate in public library summer reading programs scored higher on reading achievement tests at the beginning of the next school year than those who did not participate.



Scan the QR code
to register!



May 1

Register for Summer Reading Challenge

May 27

Library Closed - Memorial Day

June 1

First day to log reading for Summer Reading Challenge

June 6

Summer Reading Kickoff Party

June 19

Library Closed - Juneteenth

Closed Memorial Day

The library will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.



Blood Drive



ImpactLife will be holding their quarterly blood drive in their Donor Bus at the Wood River Public Library on Monday, May 6 from 3:00-6:00pm. To schedule an appointment, scan the QR code on the flyer, email holly@woodriverlibrary.org, or go to bloodcenter.org/group and enter group #10325.

If you donate blood between May 1-31, you will receive a t-shirt, a gift card, or you can give your donation to Best Friends Animal Society.

Monday, May 6 | 3:00-6:00

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Adult Events and Activities

Cook Book Club

Join Kristen for our newly created Cook Book Club. We will be choosing a recipe to bring from the cookbook Damn Delicious by Chungah Rhee.

Stop by, make a copy from our cookbook, and choose your recipe to bring!

Thursday, May 9 | 6:00

Spice Club

Spice up your life with the Wood River Library's SPICE CLUB. This month's featured spice is **CORIANDER**.

Recipes this month are:

- **Creamy Coriander Chicken**
- **Deli Style Pasta**
- **Mexican Pulled Pork Tacos**

While supplies last!



Yoga with Emily

Take a moment midweek to breathe and find your calm with beginner yoga. Yoga is led by certified yoga instructor Emily Zipprich and designed for those just starting out. This hour long class will help you decompress and get ready for the rest of the week.

Cost is \$5; please bring a yoga mat. No registration required. **No class May 1 or 8.**

Wednesdays | 4:30



Senator Harriss Office Hours

Senator Erica Harriss, senator in the 56th district, will host office hours at the Wood River Public Library on Tuesday, May 7 from 10:00am-12:00pm. Either Senator Harriss or a staff member will be on site for you to ask questions, voice your concerns, or just chat.



Tuesday, May 7 | 10:00

Chair Exercise



Start your week off with a good workout. Chair exercise is a no impact workout designed to increase mobility and range of motion.

Classes are free and open to anyone 18 and older. Lead by certified instructor Kelly Mensman. **No class May 27.**

Mondays at 10:00

Teens and Young Adults (6th-12th grade)

Teen Craft Night

Teens are welcome to join us at the library for Melted Crayon Keychain making.

Kristen will provide all necessary supplies to create fun and interesting keychains for you to hang on your keys, backpack, or rearview mirror. No registration required.



Monday, May 20 | 6:00

Teen Homeschool Hangout

Calling all teen homeschoolers to join us for a fun-filled board/card game event at the library! Bring your strategic skills and a competitive spirit for an exciting day of games, laughter, and friendly competition. We will have board games, card games, and the Nintendo Wii!



Friday, May 10 | 1:00

Teen Night: Hunt a Killer Mystery Box



True crime fans, this event is for you! Join Kristen in playing an immersive murder mystery game. The box is filled with clues and physical items such as autopsy reports, witness statements, and more. Do you have what it takes to solve a murder?

For students in 6th-12th grades.

Monday, May 30 | 5:00

Children's Events

Zillah the Comfort Dog

Friends of all ages are welcome to get snuggles from Zillah, our certified comfort dog. Many read to her and all love on her. Zillah is here the second Tuesday of each month and joined by her handlers from Lutheran Church Charities.



May 14 | 3:00

Sun Catcher Painting



Stop by the library for a fun spring project! We will be painting Sun Catchers! Different styles will be available. This free event is for K-5 students.

All material will be provided by the library.

Saturday, May 18 | 11:00

Children's Events

Homeschool Hangout



Calling all young home schoolers for a STEAM-tastic adventure at the library! Join us for a fun-filled STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) activity day designed just for you. Explore the wonders of learning through hands-on experiments, creative projects, and exciting challenges. It's a fantastic way to make new friends while discovering the magic of STEAM in a playful and engaging way. Come ignite your curiosity with us! Two age groups to join: K-2nd and 3rd-5th.

May 22 | K-2nd & May 29 | 3rd-5th
10:30

WeeJam

End your week with a dance party! Every Friday morning you can dance with Miss Lindsey in the bubbles. WeeJam lasts approximately 30 minutes and includes a sticker at the end. Best for kids 5 and younger.

No WeeJam on April 26 or May 3.

Fridays at 9:30



Messy Hands

Lets get messy at the Library! Kids 2-8 are welcome to come create a fun Father's Day project. This free event will be drop in style. Come any time between 10:00 and 11:00. No registration is required. Best to wear clothes you don't mind getting messy!

Saturday, May 11



Toddler Tales

Wednesday, May 8 | 10:00

Miss Lindsey is back for another month of toddler story time. May's theme will be **sports**. Enjoy a fun story, craft, activity, and snack! Best for ages 18-36mo with a caregiver.



Roll-n-Read

Tuesdays at 9:00

Join us for this unique event only offered by the Wood River Library!

Through a collaboration with the Wood River Parks & Recreation Department, Miss Lindsey will read

stories and offer open tumbling time.

Roll-n-Read lasts 30 minutes and is free for anyone. No registration is required. Available for kids 5 and younger. Adult caregiver must accompany the child at all times. Last day of Roll-n-Read is May 14.

Event takes place at Wood River Recreation Center (655 N. Wood River Ave.)



Family Events

Paint & Take Flower Pots

Enjoy this fun, free family event! Stop by between 12:00-2:00pm to paint a flower pot and celebrate Spring! Our Program Coordinator will also have seeds to take with you as well.

Free for all ages. No registration required.
First come, first served.



Saturday, May 11 | 12:00

Lego Family Build Day

Get to creating on Lego Family Build Day. Drop in anytime between 1:00-2:00 and build with library provided Legos. Creations will be displayed for the month for all to see.

All ages are welcome, however those 8 and younger must stay with an adult at all times.



Saturday, May 25

PokemonGo Meet Up

Join the Wood River Public Library on Thursday, May 16 between 5:00-7:00pm for a PokemonGo Get Together! This is for all ages, anyone that enjoys Pokemon, and a fun meet up where those that have the PokemonGo app can come together to catch, trade, and battle Pokemon!

This is a FREE event! No registration or residency required. For more information, call Kristen at (618-254-4832) or email kristen@woodriverlibrary.org



Thursday, May 16 | 5:00-7:00



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Family Game Night: Minute to Win It



Join us for Family Game Night: Minute To Win It style. Our Program Coordinator Kristen will pit family vs family for mini games and a chance to win prizes!

Call the library to register and make this a fun, family game night!

Monday, May 13 | 6:00