

KAUKAUNA PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER



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

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Fun Library Facts:

All Library programs are FREE! Libraries cannot charge for programs!

We have an outdoor book return! It's located on the northwest corner of the building on Thilmany Rd (look for it near our mailbox on the sidewalk).

We have lower level parking on the riverside of the building— which is located on the opposite side of our front entrance. Just look for the door marked Library!

We have annual used book sales courtesy of our Friends group in May and November.

We have notary publics on staff! Call ahead to schedule an appointment.

We can proctor tests! Call ahead to schedule an appointment.

We are opening a Little Free Pantry in May! It will be located in our adult nonfiction area. **We will be having a Food for Fines drive in May to stock our new pantry.**

Celebrating One Year At Our New Location

The Kaukauna Public Library officially re-opened its doors on February 29, 2016. One year ago. It seems an appropriate time to pause and look back on that year.

It didn't take long to realize that people were in fact using the Library much differently than at our previous location. Perhaps that isn't surprising given the fact that, despite its charm and history, the Carnegie Library had no meeting rooms, no study rooms, and with only four study tables, very limited places for patrons to sit and read or spread out their work.

But in the year we've been operating at our new location: our door count has increased by more than 6,000, circulation is up 5%. Study and conference rooms have been used more than 500 times. Computer usage has increased 8% and wireless usage is up 41%. Program attendance continues to rise, an increase of 18% for youth programs and 40% for adults. We have issued more than 1,200 new Library cards and have had more virtual traffic than ever on our website and social media pages. But perhaps most indicative of the community's acceptance of the new facility is the 336% increase in volunteer hours put in at the Library, that's more 1,100 hours of volunteer assistance we truly needed.

To be sure, the first few months have been trying on staff with the extra patron usage and learning the workflows of a new building. And while the new technology has helped, 60% of our

check outs have been through the self-check machines for example, the extra patronage has limited some staff from time at their regular duties. Despite that, our material collection increased still by more than 1,300 titles.

But it's not about numbers. It's about people and having them feel at home with and proud of their new Library. And it's also about the re-birth of a building as cherished and memorable, a part of our community and history, as the Carnegie Library was. And it's about the farsightedness of our elected officials who believe in a bright future and the future of libraries.

Speaking of our future, expect to see some progress on our Interactive Learning Garden this spring and summer!



The move to a better and more suitable location has not only increased Library business, but has brought new life to a cherished landmark and has given a new source of pride to the community.

-Tony Wiczorek, Library Director

Upcoming Summer Event Highlights

- Give a Gift Library Fundraiser*** 5/20 from 2-5p
- Bubble Wonders*** 6/13 from 1:30p-2:15a & 6:30-7:15p
- Live Animals with Nature's Niche*** 7/13 from 2:30-3:30p & 6:30-7:30p
- Summer Storytime (Ages 0-5) Wednesdays*** 6/14-8/9 (No class 7/5) from 9:30- 10:00a
- Baby Storytime (Prewalkers) Wednesdays*** 6/14-8/9 (No class 7/5) from 10:30- 11:15a
- Night Tales Storytime & Play (Ages 0-4)*** 6/14-8/9 (No class 7/5) from 6:00-7:00p
- Disney Princess Singalong*** 6/15 from 10:00-10:45a
- Toddler Dance Party*** 7/11 from 6:00- 6:45p
- Toddler Dance Party Repeat*** 7/20 from 10-10:45a
- Nature Helpers Preschool Edition*** 7/25 from 10:00-11:00a
- Disney Singalong*** 8/3 from 10:00-10:45a
- Nature Helpers*** 6/15 & 8/23 from 1:30-2:30p
- Why You Should Love Bees!*** 6/19 from 1:00-2:00p
- Lego Lab*** 6/15, 7/20 & 8/17 from 6:30-7:15p
- Pony Bead Bracelets*** 6/23 from 1:30-2:30p
- Color and Fold Origami*** 6/29 from 6:30-7:30p
- Fabric Decorating*** 7/14 from 1:30-2:30p
- Crazy Hair Planter*** 7/27 from 1:30-2:30p
- Painting Party: Child & Adult Edition*** 8/8 from 6:30-7:30p (Registration required)
- DIY Spinner Toy*** 8/10 from 1:30-2:30p
- Perler Beads*** 8/11 from 1:30-2:30p
- Hackerspace (Grade 4 and up)*** 6/8, 7/13, 8/10 from 6:30-7:15p
- Hour of Code (Grade 3 and up)*** 6/20, 7/18 & 8/15 from 1:30-2:30p
- Minecraft League (Grade 3 and up)*** 6/22, 7/27 & 8/24 from 3:00-4:00p and another session from 4:00-5:00p (Registration required)
- Pizza & Prose (Grade 5 and up)*** 6/14, 7/12 & 8/9 from 5:00-6:00p
- Candy Sushi (Grade 5 and up)*** 6/20 from 6:30-7:00p
- FrankenStuffy (Grade 5 and up)*** 7/18 from 6:30-7:15p
- Balloon Shooter & Target Practice (Grade 5 and up)*** 8/15 from 6:30-7:15p
- Library Art Lab Mondays*** 6/12-8/7 (No art on 7/3) 9a-8p
- Poolside Crafts**** 6/21, 7/12, 7/26 & 8/9 from 3:00p-3:30p at the Kaukauna Municipal Pool*
- Outdoor Movie Nights*** 7/10, 7/24, 8/7 & 8/21 activities starting at 7:00p, movie at dusk
- Solar Storytime & Eclipse Viewing*** 8/17 from 12:00p-1:30p (Program outside)
- Fairy Walk**** 8/28 from 5:00-7:30p at 1,000 Island Environmental Center*
- Memory Café*** 6/12, 7/10 & 8/14 from 2:00-3:30p
- Book Discussion Group*** 6/13, 7/11 & 8/15 from 10:00-11:00a
- KaKalin Fiber Arts Group*** 6/5, 7/3 & 8/7 from 6:00-7:00p
- Vintage Greeting Card Basket*** 7/17 from 6:30-7:30p (Registration required)
- Beaded Snowflake*** 7/31 from 6:30-7:30p (Registration required)
- Painting for Beginners*** 6/26 from 6:00-8:00p (Registration required)
- Who Was H.B. Tanner?*** 6/27 from 6:30-7:30p
- Food Preservation: Can I or Can't I*** 6/12 from 6:00-7:00p
- Mosaic Workshop*** 8/17 & 8/24 from 11:00a-12:00p (Registration required)
- Beginner Genealogy Tutorial*** 7/25 from 6:00-7:30p
- Birdscaping with Native Plants*** 8/16 from 1:30-2:30p



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