

WHAT'S NEW AT BRILLION PUBLIC LIBRARY

Storytime

Storytime is offered twice a week with a Monday session at 6:30 pm and a Tuesday session at 9:30 am. Storytime is open to all preschoolers through Kindergarten age youth.

Board Game Afternoon

What's a great way to spend an afternoon when the kids are off from school? Join us at the library on Friday, November 30 (1:00-5:00) and roll the die, spin the wheel, and make your way around the many game boards that will be available to play. All ages are invited to participate.

After School Experiments & After School Experiments, Jr.

After School Experiments Jr. will meet on Tuesday, December 4 at 3:30 pm and is for children in grades 1-3. After School Experiments is for children in grades 4-6 and will meet on Tuesday, December 11 at 3:30 pm. Both groups will experiment with principles of engineering and physics with catapults.

Creativebug

Creativebug is an instructional DIY online resource created by JoAnn Fabrics that is available to library cardholders free of charge. The site is linked on the library homepage, and you can login from home with your library card and PIN. The video tutorials provide instruction for a wide range of handicrafts sure to please (and tempt) all who give it a try. This new service is provided by our consortium, Manitowoc-Calumet Library Service. Please contact the library with any questions.

Toys for Tots Collection

The library is a collection point for Toys for Tots again this year. Toys for Tots accepts new, unwrapped toys, which can be dropped off at the library through December 13, not December 14 as previously stated.

Tween Book Talking

Tweens (grades 4-6) are invited to join a discussion of *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein on Thursday, December 20 at 3:30 pm. Mr. Lemoncello, a billionaire game-maker, builds a library for his hometown, which hadn't had a library in twelve years, and invites twelve, twelve-year-old children to a special lock-in with a special challenge (escape from the library using only resources from the library) with a tantalizing prize: become a spokesperson for Mr. Lemoncello's game company!

Teen Book Talking

Teens are invited to join a discussion of *One of Us is Lying* by Karen McManus on Thursday, December 13 at 6:30 pm. Five students from different social strata (the brain, the beauty, the athlete, the criminal, and the outcast) serve detention on a Monday afternoon, but Simon (the outcast) dies after going into anaphylactic shock. His death is ruled a homicide and the other four students in detention become the prime suspects. After all, what are the odds it could be anyone else?

Book Talking After Dark

Adults are invited to join a discussion of *The Martian* by Andy Weir on Thursday, December 6 at 6:30 pm. Astronaut Mark Watney is stranded on Mars knowing that NASA and his crew think he is dead. He has no means of making contact, but then again, he does not have enough supplies to survive until this hypothetical rescue could arrive. Armed with nothing more than his knowledge of engineering and botany, resourcefulness, and an abundance of gallows humor, Mark is intent on defying the considerable odds and surviving. Fans of the 2015 film adaptation starring Matt Damon are sure to enjoy the all-access pass to the mind of Mark Watney that only the book can provide.

All "Book Talking" titles are available at Brillion Public Library.

Genealogy Program

“Do I Have Viking Ancestry?” is the topic of the genealogy program on Wednesday, December 5 at 1:00. Speaker Dean Wallace will share his experiences and expertise.

Book Review

In *Louisiana’s Way Home* by Kate DiCamillo, former supporting character Louisiana Elefante takes center stage in this standalone story about the power of writing things down and finding one’s way home. Twelve-year-old Louisiana is awakened by Granny in the middle of the night and told that “the day of reckoning” has arrived, and they flee into the night. Granny’s dental emergency and lack of funds leave them stranded in the small town of Rickford, Georgia. Louisiana longs to return home and her best friends, but Granny proves to be a formidable obstacle. She’s found an ally in Burke, a boy with a pet crow and a resourceful streak, but can she make it home? This charming story, which takes place in 1977, tackles difficult emotional territory with grace that doesn’t underestimate young readers and is sure to generate sympathy along with occasional bouts of laughter. The book references her previous work *Raymie Nightingale*, which is also highly recommended, but the books are independent of each other. To place a hold on the book, you may contact the library at 920-756-3215 or access the online catalog from the library’s [website](#). Digital versions of the book are available in the Wisconsin Digital Library: <https://wplc.overdrive.com>

Book Basket Silent Auction

It’s time for the Book Basket Silent Auction, an annual fundraiser for the Friends of the Library! There are eighteen baskets available for bidding, and there’s a basket sure to delight a special person on your nice list. Stop in to check out the baskets and make your bid. The auction ends at noon on Saturday, December 15. Thank you for your support of the Friends!

Fill the Shelves

Brillion Public Library strives to serve the community by providing access to materials that educate, enrich and entertain, and we are asking for your help! In the coming weeks, you may notice empty space on the shelves as we begin removing outdated materials, starting with the children’s non-fiction. Please consider making a financial contribution to Fill the Shelves, a library fundraiser ending on December 28. All contributions will be used to purchase materials to update the library’s collection, starting with children’s non-fiction. We are grateful for the community’s ongoing support of the library’s mission.

Library Hours

Monday 8-8; Tuesday 9-8; Wednesday and Thursday 12-8; Friday 12-6; and Saturday 9-noon.