

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 and resumes Monday, January 7.

Robot Time

Children are invited to experiment with our meepers, Dot and Dash, and robots during Robot Time. Robot Time is Thursday, January 10 and Thursday, January 24 (3:30-5:00) and Tuesday, January 8 (10:15-noon).

After School Experiments, Jr. & After School Experiments

.After School Experiments, Jr. is for children in grades 1-3 and will meet on Tuesday, January 8 at 3:30 pm. .After School Experiments is for children in grades 4-6 and will meet on Tuesday, January 15 at 3:30 pm. Both groups will experiment with principles of structural engineering with spaghetti engineering. This month, both groups will focus on the Art element of STEAM with origami, but the art of paper folding contains math and engineering too!

Yarn Arts

The library hosts yarn arts enthusiasts twice each month. Bring your work in progress on Wednesday, January 9 at 1:30 or Thursday, January 17 at 6:30 and join the fun!

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.

Devices Time

Looking for help with your personal electronic device? Stop by the library 2:00-4:00 pm on Monday, January 7 or 6:00-8:00 pm on Thursday, January 10 during Devices Time.

Introduction to Gmail

Would you like to create an email account and learn the basics of using Gmail, Google's free web-based email service? Plan to attend our class on Thursday, January 9 (6:00-7:30 pm) or Tuesday, January 22 (1:00-2:30 pm).

Life & Legacy Planning Seminar

Estate planning is a lifelong process, not a one-time decision. Learn the basics of estate planning documents including wills, trusts and powers of attorney. We will discuss what you should be considering in your own estate planning documents and how you can best protect yourself and your family. Presented by Attorneys Kevin Davidson and Tracy Gibson of the Estate Planning Group on Tuesday, January 15 at 6:30 pm.

Teen Book Talking

Tweens (grades 4-6) are invited to join a discussion of *Hoot* by Carl Hiaassen on Thursday, January 17 at 3:30 pm. Roy is used to being the new kid at school, but he's never lived anywhere like Coconut Grove in South Florida. He notices a barefoot boy and later joins forces with him to fight progress (in the form of fantastic pancakes) on behalf of small burrowing owls.

Teen Book Talking

Teens are invited to join a discussion of *Every Day* by David Levithan on Thursday, January 10 at 6:30 pm. The narrator of the book is “A”, a sixteen-year-old who wakes up each day in a different body. A is careful not to disrupt the lives of those he inhabits, but things change when he meets and falls in love with Rhiannon, the girlfriend of his current host, Justin. Does he dare try to find her from one day to the next? If he can find her, how will she know A? Will she believe A?

Book Talking

Join us on Tuesday, January 29 1:30 at Brillion Public Library or on Thursday, January 31 at West Haven to discuss *The Woman in the Window* by A.J. Finn. Agoraphobic Anna Fox lives alone in New York City, where she lives alone, drinks too much wine, watches classic movies, longs for her family, and observes her new neighbors—a seemingly perfect family—across the way. One night, Anna sees something happen at their home that calls into question their perfection and Anna’s sanity and grasp on reality.

All “Book Talking” titles are available at Brillion Public Library.

Book Review

Bridge of Clay by Marcus Zusak is the story of five brothers, the Dunbar boys, as recounted by thirty-something eldest brother Matthew reflecting on his youth. After their mother’s death and their father’s abandonment soon after, the Dunbar boys (all adolescents or younger) did their best to take care of each other and get by. Their semblance of normalcy (which includes the regular appearance of the family mule, Achilles, in the kitchen) is disrupted years later when their father returns looking for help building a bridge. The fourth Dunbar boy, Clay, is the only one willing to help and leaves with their father over the protests of his brothers. What follows is a compelling story of love, grief, abandonment, and reconciliation that alters protagonists and timelines yet forms a cohesive whole. Ostensibly teen fiction, this wonderfully written book is likely to appeal to adults, even those who don’t normally read young adult fiction. Readers may find it a bit disorienting and hard to follow at first, but those willing to let the stories of Matthew, his brothers, and parents unfold will find it a worthy journey. Recommended for readers who appreciate excellent metaphors, complex characters, and, like Clay, love to hear stories. 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](http://www.wplc.org). Digital versions of the book are available in the Wisconsin Digital Library: <https://wplc.overdrive.com>

Library Hours

Regular library hours are Monday 8-8; Tuesday 9-8; Wednesday and Thursday 12-8; Friday 12-6; and Saturday 9-noon.