

## 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.

### Snowshoeing Storytime with Louie

Join us on Monday, February 18 at 6:30 for a special snowshoeing storytime with Louie of Brillion Nature Center! Please RSVP to the library for this program (756-3215) with your child's shoe size to help everyone have the right fit!

### Robot Time

Children are invited to experiment with our meepers, Dot and Dash, and robots during Robot Time. The next sessions are 3:30-5:00 pm on Thursday, February 7 and Tuesday, February 12 (10:15-noon.)

### After School Experiments

After School Experiments is for children in grades 4-6 and will meet on Tuesday, February 12 at 3:30 pm and explore the science of slime!

### Drop-in Coloring

Why let the kids have all the fun? People of all ages are invited to stop in the library any time after 10:00 am on Tuesday, February 12 to take time to color and relax! Coloring sheets for all ages and skill levels and coloring supplies will be provided.

### Devices Time

Looking for help with your personal electronic device? Stop by the library 2:00-4:00 pm on Thursday, February 14 during Devices Time.

### Volunteer Opportunity

The Brillion Library is looking for a volunteer to come in and take care of the Library's plants. Volunteering can be done anytime during library hours. If you are interested, contact Rachel at the Brillion Public Library.

### MCLS Reads

MCLS (Manitowoc-Calumet Library System) Reads is a new community-wide reading initiative that encourages residents of Manitowoc and Calumet counties to read this year's book, *The Death and Life of the Great Lakes* by journalist Dan Egan—and join the discussion. After establishing a portrait of the Great Lakes as they would have been experienced by the first European explorers, Egan traces the history of the development of the Great Lakes in terms of navigation, shipping, recreation, and fishing. Noteworthy topics include non-native species that have invaded the lakes and water diversion. It's an informative and compelling story of nature, science, human intervention, and unintended consequences. MCLS Reads programming kicks off at our library during our regularly scheduled Book Talking *After Dark* discussion on Thursday, February 7 at 6:30. Future discussions held at the following dates and times at Brillion Public Library: Tuesday, March 12 at 1:30, Saturday, April 6 at 10:00, Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30, and Monday, May 13 at 1:30.

Stop by the library to check out a copy today!

### Teen Book Talking

Teens are invited to discuss *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter* by Erika Sánchez on Thursday, February 14 at 6:30. Fifteen-year-old Julia Reyes has never lived up to her immigrant parents' expectations for a good Mexican daughter. In their minds, she's angry, ungrateful, immodest and too American. They certainly would not support her dream of

leaving Chicago to attend college. After the sudden death of her older sister, Olga, who embodied the “perfect daughter,” the pressure only increases. Julia discovers Olga had secrets of her own, but what good can come from unearthing more?

### Tween Book Talking

Tweens (grades 4-6) are invited to discuss *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin on Thursday, February 21 at 3:30. The death of an eccentric millionaire results in the gathering of a group of strangers, each of whom is an heir. The heirs are paired off and given four one-word clues. The winning pair will inherit Westing’s fortune if they can solve the mystery of his murder, which Westing was convinced would be committed by one of the heirs.

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

### Book Review

*Harbor Me* by Jacqueline Woodson is a testament to the power of sharing our stories and listening to others’ stories. The six kids featured in the story know their sixth-grade class in their public school in Brooklyn is special and that they do not learn the same way the other kids do. Their teacher stuns them by giving them one hour at the end of each Friday to talk amongst themselves without adult supervision. Perplexed, they wonder what they are supposed to talk about, and their teacher leaves it up to them to decide what each of them needs to discuss. Through sharing their struggles, hopes, fears, and dreams, they find common ground despite their varied circumstances and learn how to support and harbor each other. It’s a beautifully written story of connection and friendship between diverse characters that is sure to resonate with tweens and teens.

### Library Hours

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