

Brillion Public Library February Newsletter

Please note that the dates and times listed below are subject to change. Library events can also be found on the library's Facebook page. "Like" Brillion Public Library's Facebook page to follow what's happening at the library!

Storytime

Storytimes are Mondays at 6:30 pm & Tuesdays at 9:30 am. Storytime is open to all preschoolers through Kindergarten age children. Join us on Monday, February 18 at 6:30 for a special snowshoeing storytime with Louie from Brillion Nature Center! (Please RSVP to the library with your child's shoe size by noon on Monday, February 18.)

After School Experiments & After School Experiments, Jr.

Our new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math) after school programs continue this month. After School Experiments Jr. will meet on Tuesday, February 5 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, February 12 at 3:30 pm. This month, both groups will explore the science of slime!

Robot Time

Children are invited to experiment with our meepers, Dot and Dash, and robots during Robot Time. Robot Time is 3:30-5:00 pm on Thursday, February 7 and Thursday, February 28 with an additional session on Tuesday, February 12 (10:15-noon.)

Coding Club

Brillion Public Library holds a monthly coding club on the third Tuesday of the month (Tuesday, February 19, 3:30-5:00 pm). Youth in second grade and older are invited to be a part of this activity.



Drop-in Coloring

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

Teen Advisory Board

Calling all teens! We want to know how to serve you better. Teens are invited to join the new Teen Advisory Board, which will allow teens to provide input into library services, volunteer, and more! The next meeting date and time has not been finalized, so please check the library website for an updated calendar or refer to the library's Facebook page.

Yarn Arts

The library will host yarn arts enthusiasts on the second Wednesday of the month (February 13) 1:30-3:30 pm and the third Thursday of the month (February 21) 6:30-7:45 pm. Bring your work in progress and join the fun!

Computer Class – Internet Basics

Would you like to learn how to navigate the internet? Plan to attend one of the two Internet Basics classes offered at the library—Tuesday, February 19 (1:30-3:00 pm) and Wednesday, February 27 (6:00-7:30 pm). Participants will learn how to use a browser to access websites, perform Google searches, and follow links to websites.

Technology Assistance

Looking for help with your personal electronic device? Stop by the library 2:00-4:00 pm on Monday, February 4 or 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.

Library Hours

Monday 8-8

Tuesday 9-8

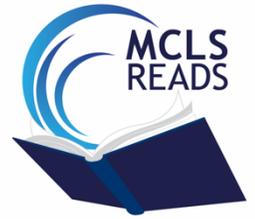
Wednesday & Thursday 12-8

Friday 12-6

Saturday 9-12

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 book discussion dates are 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, and stay tuned for additional MCLS Reads programs!



Book Talking *After Dark*

Our meeting on Thursday, February 7 at 6:30 pm features the MCLS Reads book, *The Death and Life of the Great Lakes* by Dan Egan. If you're running short on time for this month, start reading *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel, which will be discussed on Thursday, March 7 at 6:30. In the not too distant future, a global influenza pandemic wipes out much of the earth's population and the infrastructure that fuels life as we know it has been decimated twenty years later. Yet, in this dystopian reality, a desire for community and connection persists as evident in a small Shakespeare troupe traveling in the upper Midwest.

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 them?

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.

Book Talking

Join us on Tuesday, February 26 at 1:30 at Brillion Public Library or on Thursday, February 28 at West Haven to discuss *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. Cora is a third-generation slave on a Georgia plantation where she never quite fit in since her mother abandoned her to flee to the North. Cora does not suffer fools, but she suffers at the hands of others, including those of her owner's family. Given an opportunity, she flees with a young male slave who has connections to the Underground Railroad, but the road to freedom is a dangerous one.

Copies of the featured book for each group are available from Brillion Public Library.

Friends of the Library

Are you interested in supporting Brillion Public Library? Please consider joining the Friends of Brillion Public Library. The next meeting is Thursday, February 28 at 6:00 pm and welcomes new members. Contact the library or check the library website for more information.

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