

COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Paddock Lake - Randall
Salem Lakes - Twin Lakes

November & December

Nov | Dec 2025

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November 27 & December 24, 25, 31



Celebrate International Games Week November 15-22

Come try a new board game or play an old favorite. Games will be set up throughout the library at both locations for the whole week! Bring a friend or come as a group. Fun for all ages.

Locations & Hours

Salem Branch

24615 89th Street
(262) 843-3348

Mon-Thu 9am-8pm
Fri-Sat 9am-4pm
Sun Closed

Twin Lakes Branch

110 S. Lake Avenue
(262) 877-4281

Mon-Thu 10am-8pm
Fri-Sat 10am-4pm
Sun Closed

Mission Statement

The mission of our Library is to create a sense of community and to provide free access to materials and services which improve minds, enrich lives, and fulfill cultural, civic, educational and recreational needs.



Holiday Magazines on Libby

Need holiday inspiration? Check out magazines on [Libby](#), available with no waiting. Subscribe to your favorites and get notified when a new issue is added to Wisconsin's Digital Library.



Resource Highlight: SHARE Anywhere App

Our SHARE Anywhere Mobile App allows library users to manage their accounts easily on their smartphones. With the app, you can place holds, renew items, search the SHARE catalog, and even scan barcodes to discover new books at your library. Additionally, you can link multiple library cards for convenience. Find out more at yourlibraryapp.com/SHAREAnywhere. Need help getting started? Ask us at the library!



Register for programs [online](#) or contact either branch.
All Community Library programs are FREE and open to the public.
A special thank you to our [Friends of Community Library](#) for their continuous support and funding of youth programs.

Baby Storytime | Ages 0-2

This is a lapsit storytime for babies and their caregivers.

Fridays | November 14 & December 5, 19
10:30am-11am | Twin Lakes

Preschool Storytime | Ages 2-5

Join us for stories, songs and rhymes.

Tuesdays | November 4 - December 16
11:15am-11:45am | Salem

ABC Storytime | Ages 2-5

Join us for stories, songs and coloring as we focus on different alphabet letters.

Wednesdays | November 5 - December 17
10:30am-11am | Salem

Stories in Motion | Ages 2-5

Active storytime with rhymes, songs and movement. Purposeful play to grow minds and bodies. Older siblings are welcome.

Thursdays | November 6-20 & December 4-18
11:15am-11:45am | Twin Lakes

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

One of the best ways to encourage learning is to spend time sharing books every day. **1000 Books Before Kindergarten** is a free program that challenges you to read 1000 books with your child before they start school. Reading together helps develop important pre-reading skills which are key to school and learning success. Plus, sharing stories together is fun! Sign up at either branch to get started.

Kids | Ages 6-11

Paws to Read

Kids can build their reading confidence by reading to a therapy dog. Reading slots are 10 minutes and are on a first come, first served basis. Registration is not required.

Mondays | November 10 & December 8 | 4pm-5pm | Salem

Artsy Kids

Kids develop new skills and experiences while designing unique creations using a variety of materials.

Tuesday, November 4 | 4pm-5pm | Salem | Register
Egg Carton Portraits

Tuesday, December 2 | 4pm-5pm | Salem | Register
Holiday Ornaments

LEGO Club

We provide the LEGOs, you provide the creativity. Each month, we'll have a LEGO challenge where your creations will be on display in the library. Please do not bring LEGOs from home.

Tuesday, November 11 | 4pm-5pm | Twin Lakes

Saturday, November 15 | 10:30am-11:30am | Salem

Tuesday, December 9 | 4pm-5pm | Twin Lakes

Saturday, December 13 | 10:30am-11:30am | Salem

Beginning ASL for Kids

Learn the basics of American Sign Language.

Wednesdays | November 19 & December 17 | 6:30pm-7pm
Salem | Register

Readers Theater

Come and practice reading aloud and perform a variety of short skits. Learn to read lines with expression, gestures, theater volume and fluency. Memorization is not required. Parents can attend the last 10 minutes to watch the performance.

Mondays | November 17 & December 15 | 2:30pm-3:30pm
Salem | Register

Take-Home Crafts

Pick up a craft kit to complete at home while supplies last. Available at the Youth Desk at both locations.

Saturday, November 22 | Turkey Door Hanger

Saturday, December 20 | Christmas Mouse Ornament

Book Drop Science

Ages 5-8

Funded by the National Science Foundation, *Book Drop* is a free STEM storytime series from Twin Cities PBS and STAR Library Network (STAR Net). *Book Drop* is designed for kids ages 5-8 and their parents/caregivers, combining hands-on science and storytelling to inspire curiosity, connection, and a love of learning.

Tuesday, November 25 | 6pm-7pm | Salem | Register
Crater Creators (Focus: Astronauts)

Tuesday, December 16 | 6pm-7pm | Salem | Register
Echoes & Obstacles (Focus: Zoologists)

Kids Subscription Book Bags

Bags include two library books, a craft, a fun item and a treat.

Wednesday, November 26 | Salem & Twin Lakes | Register

Kids | Ages 6-11

Kids Holiday Crafting | Ages 6-11

Join us as we create holiday crafts to give as gifts or to keep.

Monday, [December 22](#) | 1pm-2:30pm | Twin Lakes | [Register](#)

Movie and Popcorn | Ages 3-Adult

Join us to watch the movie *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* and enjoy popcorn.

Tuesday, [December 23](#) | 2pm-3pm | Salem | [Register](#)

Tweens & Teens | Ages 8-18

Art Zone | Ages 12-18

Come hang out and have fun creating colorful craft projects.

Monday, [November 3](#) | 6pm-7pm | Twin Lakes | [Register](#)
Gratitude Junk Journal

Monday, [December 1](#) | 6pm-7pm | Twin Lakes | [Register](#)
String Art Festive Tree

Homeschool Art Classes | Ages 8-14

Elements of Composition in Art

Element: Movement Artist: Edgar Degas

A master impressionist, Degas is known for capturing the essence of movement in his artwork. Students will create a multimedia sculpture depicting movement.

Thursday, [November 13](#) | 10am-11:30am | Salem | [Register](#)

Element: Rhythm Artist: Claude Monet

A French impressionist painter, Monet used rhythm in his work through the repetition of elements to produce a flowing effect. Students will create an arrangement of holiday trees using pastels and acrylic paint.

Thursday, [December 11](#) | 10am-11:30am | Salem | [Register](#)

Let's Make Monster Pumpkin Pie Pudding! Ages 8-14

Students will use a whisk to make pudding, a hand blender to make homemade whipped cream and add brownie bits to create a fun snack with a twist!

Tuesday, [November 18](#) | 4pm-5pm | Twin Lakes | [Register](#)

Teen Subscription Book Bags | Ages 12-18

Bags include two library books, a craft, a fun item and a treat.

Wednesday, [November 19](#) | Salem & Twin Lakes | [Register](#)

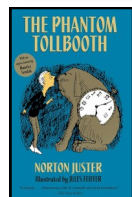
Homeschool Book Club | Ages 8-12

Join us as we discuss genre categories, play a game and have a snack. Books for the following month will be available to check out.



The Lost Library by Rebecca Stead

Wednesday, [November 19](#) | 2pm-3pm
Salem | [Register](#)

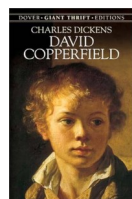


The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Jester

Wednesday, [December 17](#) | 2pm-3pm
Salem | [Register](#)

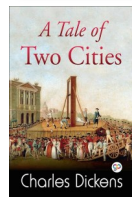
Teen Book Club | Ages 12-18

Join us for a monthly book discussion and pizza! New members welcome. Copies of the book will be available at the book club or email Jeannie at jgomoll@communitylib.org for more information.



David Copperfield by Charles Dickens

Tuesday, [November 25](#) | 4pm-5pm
Salem | [Register](#)



A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens

Tuesday, [December 16](#) | 4pm-5pm
Salem | [Register](#)

Let's Make Cornflake Reindeer Cookies! Ages 8-14

Students will learn how to make, taste and then take home these fun and easy no-bake Christmas treats.

Friday, [December 19](#) | 2pm-3pm | Twin Lakes | [Register](#)

Dremel IDEA 4-hour certificate 3-D class offered by the FAB LAB | Ages 12-Adult

On completion of this **self-paced 4-hour class**, you will receive a certificate of completion valid for 4 hours of Professional Development credits and hands on learning. Students will get certified in the basics of setup, functionality, operation, troubleshooting and essential design software. Laptops will be provided.

Saturday, [November 1](#) | 9am-1pm | Salem | Register



Display: Virtual Museum of Geology's Traveling Display

The Virtual Museum of Geology's

Traveling Display consists of a selection of geological specimens representing the wonders of the natural world. The display, which has been traveling for over 7 years, gives viewers a further understanding of mineral varieties and the creation of fossils. It also inspires the hobby of geological collecting and introduces other geology topics.

November | Salem Lobby

Minerals, Fossils & Crystals

Join geologist and paleontologist Jason Rehorst of the [Virtual Museum of Geology](#) for a program about minerals, fossils, and crystals! During the course of the program, Mr. Rehorst will teach attendees how to build and maintain a rock collection, talk about the geological history of Wisconsin and what fossils can be found nearby, and explain how the Ice Age shaped the landscape of Wisconsin for thousands of years. Attendees will examine and handle various fossils and minerals.

Monday, [November 10](#) | 6pm-7pm | Salem | Register

D&D for New & Experienced Players Ages 12-Adult

Come and play Dungeons & Dragons. No worries if you don't have experience, we'll show you how to play. If you're an experienced player, we'll make sure things are exciting for you as well.

Wednesdays
[November 5](#) & [December 3](#)
5:30pm-7:30pm
Salem | Register

Mondays
[November 17](#) & [December 15](#)
5:30pm-7:30pm
Twin Lakes | Register

Family Game Night

Come and learn a new game or play an oldie but goodie. Fun for the entire family. Some games will be available for check out.

Thursday, [November 20](#) | 6pm-7pm | Salem | Register



Hoo's Woods Raptors! | Ages 6-Adult

The [Hoo's Woods Raptor Center](#) will present an educational, meaningful and fun experience with three raptors, including a bald eagle. **For the safety of the large birds, the program is not geared for kids under 6 yrs old.**

Saturday, [November 22](#) | 11am-11:45am | Salem | Register

Christmas Caroling at the Library!

Gather with friends and family to sing along to beloved Christmas carols lead by local guitarist Tom Stecker and Jen the Elf! Christmas cookies and hot chocolate will be served.

Saturday, [December 6](#) | 2pm-3pm | Twin Lakes | Register

Stranger Things Night | Ages 12-Adult

Spend an evening in the Upside-Down with crafts and activities celebrating the fifth and final season of the hit show *Stranger Things*. Listen to '80s music while we make buttons and friendship bracelets, test your knowledge with trivia and more!

Monday, [December 8](#) | 6pm-7pm | Salem | Register

Movie and Popcorn | Ages 8-Adult

Join us to watch the movie *Elf* and enjoy popcorn.

Wednesday, [December 10](#) | 6pm-7:30pm | Salem | Register



Santa and Mrs. Claus are Coming to the Library!

Santa and Mrs. Claus will share a holiday story followed by an opportunity to have a picture taken with them. Attendees will also write a letter to Santa and make a craft. To assure seating, please register for all attendees.

Saturday, [December 20](#) | 1pm-2pm | Salem | Register

Adults

Personalized Picks!

Looking for something new? Staff will recommend 3-5 titles based on information you provide. Email info@communitylib.org to register.



Blood Drive

Give the gift of life this holiday season. Hosted by the [Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin](#).

Appointments are encouraged. Please sign up with the Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin on their website.

Monday, [November 10](#) | 10am-2pm | Salem | Register

Google Forms

Join us for a hands-on program where you will learn how to use Google Forms to keep track of information from your daily life, such as gas mileage and car maintenance. To participate, please bring your Google email and password.

Wednesday, [November 12](#) | 1pm-2pm | Twin Lakes | Register

Monday, [December 15](#) | 1pm-2pm | Salem | Register

Cookie Swap

Get ready to sweeten up your December with the Twin Lakes Library's Cookie Swap! Bring your holiday spirit and four dozen homemade cookies. You'll leave with a delightful assortment of cookies. Remember to bring a container for your cookies and don't forget to email or drop off your recipe before December 1. We look forward to seeing you and sharing some holiday cheer!

Rules

- Cookies should be homemade.
- Bring a total of four dozen cookies.
- Arrange your cookies in a basket or on a platter.
- Bring a large container to carry your cookies home.
- Email your cookie recipe to dbeck@communitylib.org or submit a copy at the Information Desk. This helps us create a cookie recipe booklet for everyone.
- Please register as soon as possible and specify your cookie type to ensure a variety of treats.

Monday, [December 8](#) | 1:30pm-3pm | Twin Lakes | Register

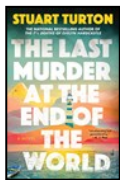
Page Turners: A Year in Review

Celebrate a year of reading with us! Bring your favorite book that you read in 2025 (or just the title!) and join fellow book lovers for a fun evening of sharing, superlatives, and conversation. We'll swap recommendations, play a few lighthearted games, and enjoy some cozy refreshments. You'll leave with a list of new titles to read in 2026!

Tuesday, [December 9](#) | 6pm-7pm | Salem | Register

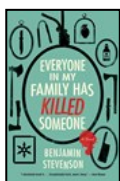
Make Mine a Mystery Book Club

Join us to discuss our monthly mystery book. Visit the Information Desk for a copy.



The Last Murder at the End of the World
by Stuart Turton

Wednesday, [November 19](#) | 1pm-2pm | Twin Lakes

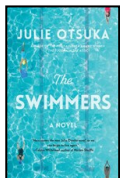


Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone
by Benjamin Stevenson

Wednesday, [December 17](#) | 1pm-2pm | Twin Lakes

Afternoon Book Club

Join us for a book club that reads a variety of topics and genres. Visit the Information Desk for a copy.



The Swimmers
by Julie Otsuka

Thursday, [November 20](#) | 1pm-2pm | Salem



The Wishing Game
by Meg Shaffer

Thursday, [December 18](#) | 1pm-2pm | Salem

Arts & Crafts

Thanksgiving Pie Banner

Join us to make a fun decoration featuring the traditional dessert of Turkey Day -- pie. These pumpkin, pecan and berry pie slices are crafted from felt and look good enough to eat.

Tuesday, [November 11](#) | 1:30pm-2:30pm | Twin Lakes
[Register](#)

Acorn Garland

Say goodbye to turkeys for Thanksgiving decor! Create a beautiful book page and fabric fall garland featuring acorns.

Thursday, [November 13](#) | 6pm-7pm | Salem | [Register](#)

DIY Gift Shop: Handmade for the Holidays

Looking for a thoughtful handmade gift this holiday season? Join us for a cozy crafting session where you'll create three simple and creative gifts: a hot cocoa jar mix, a personalized bookmark, and a set of decorative coasters. All supplies provided—just bring your creativity! You'll leave with unique, ready-to-gift items perfect for family, friends, or a little treat for yourself.

Monday, [December 1](#) | 6pm-7:30pm | Salem | [Register](#)

Folded Book Page Christmas Tree Scene

Upcycle a book into a charming holiday "scene-in-a-book" by folding some of its pages, adding Victorian-style silhouette cut-outs and other embellishments.

Tuesday, [December 9](#) | 1:30pm-2:30pm | Twin Lakes | [Register](#)

Winter Wooden Hoop Decoration

Join us to create a simple and rustic decoration for a cozy winter.

Thursday, [December 11](#) | 6pm-7pm | Salem | [Register](#)

Take & Make

Pick up a craft kit to complete at home, while supplies last.

Book Page Wreath

Create a wreath out of old dictionary pages to decorate your home.

Saturday, [November 8](#) | Salem & Twin Lakes

Holiday Card Making

Spread a little handmade cheer this season and create your own festive cards at home! Each kit includes supplies to design several unique cards—perfect for sharing warm wishes with family and friends.

Saturday, [December 13](#) | Salem & Twin Lakes

Thanksgiving

WORD SEARCH

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FALL

GATHER

HOLIDAY

PILGRIMS

PUMPKIN

CORN

FEAST

THANKFUL

TURKEY

CORNUCOPIA

FAMILY

GOBBLE

GRATITUDE

PIE

NOVEMBER

PLYMOUTH

STUFFING

THANKSGIVING

CRANBERRIES

POTATOES

TRADITION



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Paddock Lake - Randall
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WEBSITE communitylib.org

E-MAIL Info@communitylib.org

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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**The Board meets on the fourth
Monday of each month at 5:30pm
unless otherwise noted.**

November 24 Twin Lakes Branch

December 15 Salem Branch

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

LeeAnn LoCicero

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

New Year's Day | January 1

Memorial Day | May 26

Independence Day | July 4

Labor Day | September 1

Thanksgiving Day | November 27

Christmas Eve | December 24

Christmas Day | December 25

New Year's Eve | December 31



FRIENDS of Community Library

The Friends of Community Library is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, dedicated to the support of the Library. Through annual memberships and several yearly and ongoing book sales, the Friends raise money for youth programs and other services that enhance the Library and benefit the community.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Friends of Community Library is to:

- Build a strong membership of enthusiastic Friends dedicated to furthering the purposes of the library.
- Supplement what cannot be provided by the Library's budget with funds, materials, equipment and services.



The FOCL Board has vacancies and we would like to fill them. The only requirement for Board Membership is that you must be a current member of FOCL.

If you are interested, please submit a brief letter of intent with some personal background and interests. Send your letter to:

focl.salemlakes.twinlakes@gmail.com

Book Sale - Twin Lakes Branch

Thursday, November 6

3pm-7pm

Friday, November 7

10am-3:30pm

Saturday, November 8

10am-2pm

Become a
member
at the
door!

\$9 Bargain Bag Sale - \$2 Off for Members

Friends Membership

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Yes, I would like to volunteer: _____

Make checks payable to: Friends of Community Library

24615 89th Street

Salem, WI 53168

Friends Use Only

Date Pd: _____ Entered Membership/Email/CC: _____

Annual Membership

(Jan - Dec)

New _____ Renewal _____

☐ \$10.00 | Individual

☐ \$15.00 | Family

☐ \$100.00 | Individual lifetime

☐ Other donation \$ _____

Annual Business Membership

☐ \$100.00

☐ Other donation \$ _____

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