

# COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Paddock Lake - Randall  
Salem Lakes - Twin Lakes

## September & October

Sep | Oct 2025

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### Locations & Hours

#### Salem Branch

24615 89th Street  
(262) 843-3348

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

#### Twin Lakes Branch

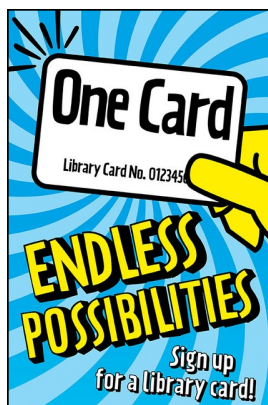
110 S. Lake Avenue  
(262) 877-4281

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.

**Closed Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day.**



### September is Library Card Sign-up Month!

#### One Card, Endless Possibilities

It may be small, but a library card packs a mighty punch. Borrow museum passes, musical instruments, and even tools from your library's collection. Take part in engaging programs like book clubs, movie nights, crafting classes, and lectures. Access technology, Wi-Fi, and career resources to support your goals, whether you're a student, job seeker, entrepreneur, or lifelong learner. It's one card with endless possibilities!



### October - Fall Into Reading Challenge

Join us for the Fall Into Reading Challenge during the month of October. This is an all-ages reading challenge to see how many minutes we can read. At the end of the challenge, we will randomly select one lucky reader to win an Amazon gift card in each age category.

- Preschool (Ages 0-5)
- Kids (Ages 6-11)
- Teens (Ages 12-18)
- Adults (Ages 19+)

Use [Beanstack](#) to track your reading. Paper logs will be available if you prefer to log your reading on paper. We look forward to reading with you in October!



### Wisconsin Science Festival - October 14-19

Join us to celebrate Wisconsin Science Festival! We'll have STEM kits that include 3-5 different activities that youth/adults can do on their own, with a family or as a group activity.

Kits are FREE and will be available October 14. Kits are limited and will be first come, first served.



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.

## Storytimes | Ages 0-5

### Baby Storytime | Ages 0-2

This is a lapsit storytime for babies and their caregivers.

Fridays | September 5, 19 & October 3, 17  
10:30am-11am | Twin Lakes

### Preschool Storytime | Ages 2-5

Join us for stories, songs and rhymes.

Tuesdays beginning September 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 beginning September 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 beginning September 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

### 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, September 9 | 4pm-5pm | Twin Lakes  
Saturday, September 20 | 10:30am-11:30am | Salem

Tuesday, October 14 | 4pm-5pm | Twin Lakes  
Saturday, October 18 | 10:30am-11:30am | Salem

### 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.

Saturday, September 13 | 10am-11am | Twin Lakes  
Monday, September 15 | 4pm-5pm | Salem

Saturday, October 11 | 10am-11am | Twin Lakes  
Monday, October 13 | 4pm-5pm | Salem

### Beginning ASL for Kids

Learn the basics of American Sign Language.

Wednesdays | September 17 & October 15 | 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 | September 22 & October 20 | 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, September 20 | Scarecrow  
Saturday, October 18 | Halloween Parachute Creatures

### Kids Subscription Book Bags

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

Wednesdays | September 24 & October 29  
Salem & Twin Lakes | Register

### 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 4-8 and their parents/caregivers, combining hands-on science and storytelling to inspire curiosity, connection, and a love of learning.

Tuesday, September 30 | 6pm-7pm | Salem | Register  
Bean Bags & Blueprints (Focus: Civil Engineers)

Tuesday, October 28 | 6pm-7pm | Salem | Register  
Nature Detectives (Focus: Gardeners)

### Artsy Kids

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

Tuesday, October 7 | 4pm-5pm | Salem | Register  
Woven Rainbow Fish

## Art Zone | Ages 12-18

Come hang out and have fun creating colorful craft projects.

Monday, [September 8](#) | 6pm-7pm | Twin Lakes | [Register](#)  
Yarn Wrapped Letters

Monday, [October 6](#) | 6pm-7pm | Twin Lakes | [Register](#)  
Bean Mosaic Art

## Homeschool Art Classes | Ages 8-14

### Introduction to Elements of Composition in Art

Element: Unity Artist: Piet Mondrian

Dutch artist Mondrian is best known for his mastery of compositional unity in his abstract paintings. Students will create an abstract art piece using their initials on black paper adding primary and neutral colors.

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

Element: Form Artist: Salvador Dali

Salvador Dalí was a Spanish artist, filmmaker, author, and critic who was known for Surrealism in art forms. Known for his meticulous technique and bizarre imagery, Dalí's work blurred the lines between reality and illusion. Students will work with clay to create a surreal creature.

Thursday, [October 9](#) | 10am-11:30am | Salem | [Register](#)

## Let's Make French Toast on a Stick! | Ages 8-14

Kebabs for breakfast or dinner? Sure! Students will learn how to use a whisk, practice skillet safety while flipping French toast and then add sliced toast and fruit to a skewer for a fun meal.

Tuesday, [September 16](#) | 4pm-5pm | Twin Lakes | [Register](#)

## Homeschool Book Club | Ages 8-12



### Book Club Kick-Off!

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.

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



*The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate

Wednesday, [October 15](#) | 2pm-3pm  
Salem | [Register](#)

## Teen Subscription Book Bags | Ages 12-18

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

Wednesdays | [September 17](#) & [October 22](#)  
Salem & Twin Lakes | [Register](#)

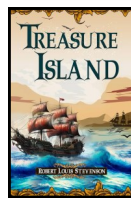
## Teen Book Club | Ages 12-18

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](mailto:jgomoll@communitylib.org) for more information.



*The Call of the Wild* by Jack London

Tuesday, [September 23](#) | 4pm-5pm  
Salem | [Register](#)



*Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson

Tuesday, [October 28](#) | 4pm-5pm  
Salem | [Register](#)

## Let's Make Breakfast Sundaes! | Ages 8-14

Want to eat dessert for breakfast or dinner? Join us as we practice slicing fruit, learn how to make a sweet sauce, and enjoy a healthy yogurt sundae.

Tuesday, [October 21](#) | 4pm-5pm | Twin Lakes | [Register](#)

## Constitution Day Display

Constitution Day is on September 17. Learn about civics and the signing of the U.S. Constitution through our display. Pick up a free copy of the U.S Constitution, while supplies last.

September | Salem & Twin Lakes

## 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

September 3 & October 8

5:30pm-7:30pm

Salem | Register

Mondays

September 15 & October 20

5:30pm-7:30pm

Twin Lakes | Register



## Campfire Sing-Along with S'mores

Join us for a sing along on the front lawn after the library closes! Local guitarist Tom Stecker will be leading us in some fun songs while we make s'mores by the campfire. Please bring your voice and your own lawn chair or blanket. Event is weather permitting.

Friday, September 19 | 6pm-7pm | Salem | Register

## Tasty Pages Cookbook Club

Ages 12-Adult

Join us for a fun and delicious gathering where we explore a new cookbook, prepare dishes from its pages and share them with fellow food lovers. This is a potluck-style event where each participant will prepare a dish at home and bring it to share. Recipes are chosen from the featured cookbook, which can be reviewed at the Help Desk (a copy will be available to browse but cannot be checked out). For more details or to RSVP, email [dbeck@communitylib.org](mailto:dbeck@communitylib.org). We can't wait to see what culinary creations you bring to the table!

Saturdays | September 20 & October 18 | 1:30pm-3pm

Salem | 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, September 25 | 6pm-7pm | Salem | Register



## Animals of the World - Racine Zoo

Who shares the savanna with lions? Who can be found hiding in the undergrowth of a rainforest?

Learn how animals survive and thrive in different areas around the globe and meet some from all over the world!

Saturday, September 27 | 11am-11:45am | Twin Lakes | Register

## Rambunctious Reptiles - Racine Zoo

What do we have in common with a reptile? What is different? Discover what makes reptiles stand out in the animal kingdom and how important they are while meeting some of the warmest cold-blooded reptiles! Presented by the Racine Zoo.

Saturday, October 4 | 11am-11:45am | Salem | Register



## Gateway Technical College FAB LAB Open House

Hobbyists, tinkerers, engineers, artists, inventors and everyone in between are welcome to come and learn about the Fab Lab's 3D printers, vinyl cutter, milling machine, 3D scanner and laser engraver which is used to manufacture nearly anything you can think of. If you can dream it, you can learn how to make it in the Fab Lab. Check out the 3D printers and additional equipment. Talk with John Zehren, Gateway's Fab Lab Coordinator and receive helpful resources to begin your next adventure!

Saturday, October 11 | 10am-2pm | Salem

## 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

## Color Craze | Ages 6-Adult

Do you like coloring in between the lines? Join us for an hour long coloring session. It will be a color-rific time!

Thursdays, October 23 | 6pm-7pm | Salem | Register

## Bling Your Own Book | Ages 12-Adult

Would you like to make your favorite hard covered book even more fabulous? Bring it along and join us in adding some bling to it. We will have jewels and glue available. Must be a personal book and NOT a library book.

Saturday, October 25 | 1pm-2pm | Twin Lakes | Register

# Adults

## Personalized Picks!

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

## Afternoon Tea with Jane Austen

Ages 12-Adult

Join us for two delightful afternoons celebrating Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*.



### Book Discussion

Join us to discuss Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* while enjoying tea and light refreshments. Visit the Information Desk for a copy.

Wednesday, September 3 | 1:30pm-2:30pm | Salem | Register



### Movie and Discussion

Join us to view and discuss the 2005 movie adaptation of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* while enjoying tea.

Wednesday, September 10 | 1:30pm-4pm | Salem | Register



## Wisconsin's Gangster Past with Chad Lewis

Put on your zoot suit and follow in the footsteps of America's most infamous gangsters as they turn Wisconsin into their personal crime vacationland. Filled with deadly bank robberies, explosive shootouts, brutal murders, and daring kidnappings, this presentation lets the audience discover the grisly locations where gangster history will never die.

Monday, September 15 | 6pm-7pm | Salem | Register

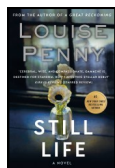
## From Grocery to Gorgeous

Learn how to transform grocery store flowers into stunning, professional-looking arrangements. Whether you're hoping to brighten your home this fall, create a heartfelt gift for the holidays, or simply enjoy the creative art of floristry, Andrea Persman from [Larkspur & Leo Artisan Floral Design](#) shows you how to get the most out of affordable blooms. Discover expert tips for selecting the best flowers, preparing and caring for them, and using simple techniques to take your arrangements from basic to beautiful.

Tuesday, September 23 | 6pm-7pm | Salem | Register

## Make Mine a Mystery Book Club

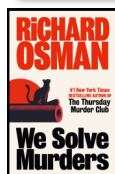
Join us to discuss our monthly mystery book. Visit the Information Desk for a copy.



### Still Life

by Louise Penny

Wednesday, September 17 | 1pm-2pm | Twin Lakes



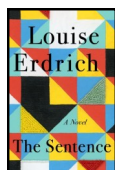
### We Solve Murders

by Richard Osman

Wednesday, October 15 | 1pm-2pm | Twin Lakes

## Afternoon Book Club

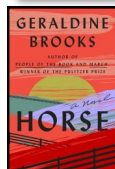
Join us for a book club that reads a variety of topics and genres. Visit the Information Desk for a copy.



### The Sentence

by Louise Erdrich

Thursday, September 25 | 1pm-2pm | Salem



### Horse

by Geraldine Brooks

Thursday, October 30 | 1pm-2pm | Salem

## Chair Yoga

September is National Yoga Awareness Month, an entire month dedicated to raising awareness around the practice of yoga and its many health benefits. Join us for an hour of chair yoga and deep relaxation with [Trillium Yoga Studio](#). Wear comfortable clothing.

Wednesday, September 24 | 1pm-2pm | Salem | Register

## Book Buffet and Bingo

Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month and join us for a delightful book buffet where you browse a curated selection of books from a variety of genres while enjoying treats and coffee. You'll be able to get out of your reading comfort zone, socialize and share recommendations with other attendees and play bingo for a chance to win some bookish prizes!

Friday, September 26 | 10:30am-12pm | Salem | Register



# Adults

## Internet Safety: Avoiding the Common Pitfalls

Learn to identify common threats including phishing, malware, viruses and misinformation. Use one of our laptops or bring your own device.

Monday, [September 29](#) | 1pm-2pm | Salem | [Register](#)  
Wednesday, [October 22](#) | 1pm-2pm | Twin Lakes | [Register](#)

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## Cold Cases & Conversation

Step into the shoes of an armchair detective in this interactive true crime discussion series. You'll receive a curated cold case "dossier" prepared by library staff—complete with victim profiles, timelines, witness statements, suspect lists, and key pieces of evidence from real unsolved cases. Together, we'll examine the facts, discuss theories, and try to answer the ultimate question: Who did it? This program is perfect for fans of true crime podcasts, documentaries, and forensic shows. No special knowledge required—just curiosity and a willingness to dive deep into the mystery.

Monday, [September 29](#) | 6pm-7pm | Salem | [Register](#)

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## The Golden Era of Steam Yachting: Geneva Lake and its Sailors

Presented by [Black Point Estate & Gardens](#) Lead Interpreter Michael Rehberg. Geneva Lake has a long history of pleasure crafts on its waters. Introduce yourself to examples of more than fifty, mostly private, steam yachts, popular from the 1870s to the 1930s on Geneva Lake. This program will include details about the boat builders, their owners and their mansions (of course!).

Tuesday, [September 30](#) | 6pm-7pm | Twin Lakes | [Register](#)

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## Crystal Bowl Sound Bath Meditation with Marian McNair

Relax deeply and allow the healing sounds of the crystal bowls help you bring about a state of calm and peace. Crystal bowl sounds are an ancient healing art and are a form of vibrational medicine. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat.

Thursday, [October 2](#) | 1:30pm-2:30pm | Twin Lakes | [Register](#)

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## Foster Parent 101

Kenosha's [Community Impact Program \(CIP\)](#) is shedding light on fostering in our community. Learn more about foster care and how you can make a lasting impact on a child's life. Whether you're ready to foster or simply want to learn more, your support can help provide safe, nurturing homes for children who need them. For more information, call 262-654-1004 x 3 or visit <https://www.psgcip.com/>.

Saturday, [October 4](#) | 10am-11am | Twin Lakes

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## Celebrating Jane Austen with Regency Era Letter Writing

Step into the world of Jane Austen by writing your own Regency-era letters using quill pens (or modern pens) and elegant stationery. Immerse yourself in the art of letter-writing, a key form of communication in Jane Austen's time and express your creativity while learning historical customs.

Wednesday, [October 22](#) | 5:30pm-7pm | Salem | [Register](#)

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## Storytime for Adults

Escape into a fall themed creative afternoon with our Adult Storytime event! Join us as we dive into *The Tell-Tale Heart* by Edgar Allen Poe, followed by a hands-on craft activity.

Wednesday, [October 29](#) | 1:30pm-3pm | Salem | [Register](#)

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# Arts & Crafts

## Fall Woodland Display

Create a unique autumn-themed decoration, using velvet-topped mushrooms and felt acorns on a slice of wood.

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

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## Wood Bead Indian Corn

Back by popular demand! We will craft Faux-Indian-Corn from wood beads and cornhusks. Each participant will make one ear to take home for their fall decor.

Tuesday, [October 7](#) | 1:30pm-2:30pm | Twin Lakes | [Register](#)

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## Felted Bird with Pop Up Art School

Presented by Pop Up Art School. Needle felt a bird with red accents perched on a real branch. Perfect for beginners and experienced crafters alike, this workshop offers a creative and relaxing way to explore needle-felted wool. You'll gain the basic skills of needle felting, walking away with a finished piece and the confidence to continue your felting journey independently.

Wednesday, [October 8](#) | 1pm-2:30pm | Twin Lakes | [Register](#)

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## Craft & Calm

Autumn is the perfect time to reflect on change and the art of letting go. We'll begin with a guided gratitude meditation, grounding ourselves in the present moment. Then, we'll move into a creative practice: coloring autumn mandalas—beautiful, nature-inspired circular designs that capture the rich colors, symbols, and spirit of the fall season. To deepen the experience, we'll create personal reflection journals, writing about what we're grateful for and what we're ready to release this season.

Monday, [October 13](#) | 6pm-7pm | Salem | [Register](#)

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## Take & Make

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

## Wine Cork Pumpkin

Celebrate Fall! Create a unique and festive cork pumpkin to decorate your table.

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

## Fairy Garden Door Painting

Invite your favorite fairy inside through a magical hand-painted door!

Thursday, [October 16](#) | 6pm-7pm | Salem | [Register](#)

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## Mindful Lines: Reverse Coloring for Inner Calm

Slow down, breathe, and reconnect with your inner stillness through the gentle art of reverse coloring. In this meditative practice, the page is already filled with flowing colors — your role is to respond with intuitive lines. There's no right or wrong way to draw; simply let your pen follow the patterns, shapes, and movements that emerge from the colors. As you trace, outline, or doodle, you'll enter a state of relaxed focus, making this a perfect mindfulness exercise to reduce stress, quiet the mind, and spark creativity. No art experience needed — just a willingness to be present.

Thursday, [October 23](#) | 2pm-3pm | Twin Lakes | [Register](#)

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## Craft Supply Swap

Get ready for holiday crafting and refresh your supplies at our Craft Supply Swap! Donate your craft supplies in usable condition, then visit the swap to pick up new supplies. Please do not donate unusable or opened paint items.

Donate items between October 13-23 at either library branch and receive an early bird ticket to return Saturday, October 25 at 9:30am to get first dibs. Open to the public at 10am.

Saturday, [October 25](#) | Salem

9:30am | Early bird ticket holders

10am-3pm | Open to the public

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## Fall Spices

Fall evokes images of colorful leaves, chunky sweaters, and the crisp scent of fresh air. It's a time when the aromas of comforting food fill our homes, inviting us to indulge in the warmth of the season. Our Fall Spice Kit celebrates this change, offering two carefully selected spices, recipes that highlight their flavors, and a list of fall book recommendations. Perfect for cozying up in the kitchen and embracing the magic of autumn.

Saturday, [October 11](#) | Salem & Twin Lakes

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Katie Bjorkman | President  
Bill Barhyte  
Kathery Czischke  
Molly Day  
Elinor Decker  
Kevin Fitzgerald  
Beth Hendrix  
John Poole

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

September 22 Twin Lakes Branch  
October 27 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](mailto:focl.salemlakes.twinlakes@gmail.com)

**Friends of Libraries groups have their own national week of celebration!  
October 19-25, 2025**



The Friends mission is to build a strong membership of enthusiastic Friends dedicated to furthering the purposes of the library and to supplement what cannot be provided by the Library's budget with funds, materials, equipment and services. The Friends pledge \$5,000 annually to the Library to support youth programming and have also purchased exterior signage and funded the Library's Strategic Plan project. The Friends hold several books sales per year and a jewelry sale. They also accept books and monetary donations.

**Support our Library and become a Friend!**

## 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**We are a 501©(3) organization.**