What's Happening @ Your Library

What's Happening @ Your Library includes information on upcoming library events. Get your copy at the library, by mail and by e-mail, and online at www.ecpubliclibrary.info. To subscribe to the newsletter, ask questions, or comment, please stop by Information and Reference at the library, call 715-839-5004, e-mail librarian@eauclaire.lib.wi.us, or visit www.ecpubliclibrary.info.

January 2015

LIBRARY HOURS
Mon-Thurs 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Fri 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sat 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sun 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Sept. 7 – May 17)

PHONE NUMBERS
Information & Reference 715-839-5004
Circulation & Renewals 715-839-5003
Youth Services 715-839-5007

Curl Up and Read

2015 Winter Reading Program
January 5–February 28

Read three books and write a short book review to enter the drawing to be held March 4.
Participants must have a library card in good standing.
Return all bookmarks to the library no later than February 28.
All prizes need to be claimed by March 20.
Prizes include four all-day passes to Action City; gift certificates for Dessert First, Cousins Subs, and Moneatzas; and cozy scarves to show off your love of the library.
Contact Information & Reference for details.

Holiday Hours

Wednesday, December 31 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Thursday, January 1 CLOSED

Adult Craft Project

Saturday, January 10
10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Reference Area

Step 1
Stop by Information & Reference to pick up a free canvas bag.

Step 2
Personalize your bag with fun winter-themed stamps.

Step 3
Load up your bag with great books to read for the Curl Up and Read program.

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Programs and Events

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Mystery Readers
Tuesday, January 6 • 10:15 a.m. • Red Cedar Room
Book for discussion is After I’m Gone by Laura Lippman.

Discovering the American Kestrel
Wednesday, January 7
7:30 p.m. • Eau Claire Room
Learn to identify kestrels and about the American Kestrel Nest Box Monitoring Program started by Beaver Creek Reserve. Presented by Alice Droske, Beaver Creek Reserve volunteer and federally licensed bird-bander.

Tech Tuesdays - Reference area
January 13 • 2–4 p.m.
January 20 • 6–8 p.m.
Stop by for FREE personal training on your e-reader, iPad, or tablet. Get answers to questions about how your device works and how to load things onto it.

What’s It Worth?
Antique & Collectible Appraisal Event
Saturday, January 17 • 10:15 a.m.– 1:15 p.m.
Eau Claire Room
Appraisals by reservation only. Observers are welcome. To schedule a 4-minute appointment, call 715-839-4834. Space is limited! Guest appraiser is Mark Moran, former senior editor of Antiques and Collectibles Books for Krause Publications in Iola, Wisconsin.

Categories of objects for appraisal may include:
- Fine art
- Furniture
- Ceramics
- Glassware
- Vintage photographs
- Advertising
- Carvings
- Quilts
- Weathervanes
- assorted toys
- Metalware
- Clocks
- Costume jewelry

Excluded items:
- All weapons, including swords and knives (folding knives are acceptable)
- Coins and paper money
- Beanie Babies
- Fine jewelry, including precious gems
- Pocket and wristwatches
- Most musical instruments

Questions about items not covered here may be submitted in advance to moranm1953@gmail.com to determine if appropriate.

Language Learning @ Your Library: Pronunciator Workshop
Thursday, January 15 • 6–7 p.m. • Chippewa Room
Get a jump on your New Year’s Resolutions! Learn how to use our new FREE language learning database. This workshop will show you how to get started, teach you how to use the database, and offer tips and hints.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS...

Beekeeping in the Chippewa Valley
Tuesday, February 3 • 7 p.m. • Eau Claire Room
You may have heard a lot of buzz about honeybees. Learn about modern issues including urban beekeeping and colony collapse. Presented by Drew Kaiser, Vice President of the Chippewa Valley Beekeepers Association.

Tawula Game Day
Sunday, February 15 • 1–4 p.m. • Eau Claire Room
Learn how to play the Tawula—the Turkish version of Backgammon—just in time for the 1st Annual Backgammon (Tawula) Tournament hosted by U.W. - Eau Claire McIntyre Library on February 21 and 28.

Clearwater Edible Book Festival
Saturday, February 21
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Eau Claire Room
Register for individual adult, teen, family, or library staff category. Registration deadline is February 13.

SCHEDULE:
9 – 10 a.m.
10 a.m. – 12 noon
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.
11 a.m. – 12 noon
12 – 12:30 p.m.
12:30 – 1 p.m.
Deliver entries to lower level entrance
Public viewing and voting
Storytime and crafts for kids & families
Judging of entries
Vote counting and light refreshments
Presentation of awards

Enter your creation of reading-inspired food!

For more information on programs, visit us online at www.ecpubliclibrary.info, stop by Information & Reference at the library, call 715-839-5004, or send an e-mail to librarian@eauclaire.lib.wi.us.
Family Winter Reading Program
January 5–February 28

Pick up a game card in Youth Services and get started! Win a family book bag and enter to win a grand prize of a one-night staycation at the Plaza!

Kickoff Program: Family Craft & Activity Session
Saturday, January 10 • 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. • Youth Services
Crafts, puzzles and board games for kids and families.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is designed to help parents prepare their children for one of life’s big milestones: kindergarten. An excellent way to get your child ready to learn is to read to them. Children who have not yet started kindergarten are invited to stop by the Youth Services desk to register for this program and pick up their first reading log.

ARTmobile Storytimes
Saturdays, January 10 & February 7
1–4 p.m. • Youth Services Program Room

It’s time to get creative! Visit the ARTmobile for an art-based storytime that will inspire young artists. Storytime begins at 1 p.m., followed by art activities with staff from Eau Claire Regional Arts Center Artmobile. For all ages.

Winter Storytimes
January 12–April 11
Youth Services Program Room

No registration is required, but we ask that you follow our age recommendations.

Bouncing Babies • Wednesdays • 10:15 a.m. (20 min.)
For pre-walkers starting at birth.

Little Movers • Thursdays • 10:15 a.m. (20 min.)
For babies who love to move.

Lap Tots • Mondays • 10:15 a.m. (20 min.)
For one- and two-year-olds transitioning from baby to toddler.

Toddler Tales • Tuesdays • 10:15 a.m. (20 min.)
For two- and three-year-olds and a parent or caregiver.

Preschool Storytime • Fridays • 10:15 a.m. (30 min.)
For preschool children.

Family Storytime • Saturdays • 10:15 a.m. (30 min.)
For ages two to six, but can be enjoyed by the entire family.

JUST FOR TEENS

Teen Winter Reading Program
January 5–February 28

For teens 10 and older. Stop by Youth Services to pick up a winter activity Bingo card. Complete a Bingo and turn it in to enter a raffle drawing to win The World’s Largest Gummy Bear!

Teen Regression Session
Monday, January 26 • 1–3 p.m. • Young Adult Lounge

Relax and regress into the best years of your life: Preschool and Kindergarten! The event features Lego challenges, Play-Doh, and finger painting! No registration required.

For more information on these programs, please stop by Youth Services on your next visit to the library, call 715-839-5007, e-mail ysstaff@eauclaire.lib.wi.us, or check out the website for kids at www.ecpubliclibrary.info and select “Kids.”
In the Gallery

Head vs Heart • November 30–January 6
Exhibit by Brenda Brousseau
Brenda began beading decades ago after her grandmother took her to an exhibit of Native American beadwork and bought her a child’s loom from the gift shop. Art to Brousseau is a continuation of her spirituality, and that journey has formed the basis of her work.

A Gift of Days: Memories of Ireland
Exhibit by Rebecca Crowell
January 11–February 12

Slide Talk and Artist Reception • Thursday, January 15
6–6:30 p.m. • Slide Talk • Eau Claire Room
Rebecca will talk about her work and her time spent in Ireland.
7–8:30 p.m. • Artist Reception • 2nd Floor Gallery

There is a kind of travel that opens a channel between inner and outward experience--involving intention, intuition, and being aware of each day's offerings. Rebecca Crowell explores this idea with abstract work from her recent painting fellowships in County Mayo, Ireland.

Wisconsin ArtsWest 36
February 22–April 3, 2015

Entry deadline is January 6!
Submission forms are available at area public libraries and university art departments. Submission forms are also available on the library’s website at www.ecpubliclibrary.info. ArtsWest entries must be submitted in digital format on CD or DVD, via online submission form or as an e-mail attachment by January 6, 2015. Anastasia Shartin, visual arts director at The Phipps Center for the Arts in Hudson, Wisconsin, will serve as the juror.