



Youth Programs

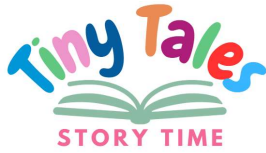
Winter/Spring 2026



Visit our website at lacrossecountylibrary.org, call 608-399-3390, or watch social media for program updates and information.

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Story Times are 20-30 min. and geared for the ages listed. Registration for Library Learners is encouraged but not required and is available on our website lacrossecountylibrary.org. NOTE: Children registered for Story Time in fall 2025 are automatically registered for Story Time in winter/spring 2026.



Ages 0-36 Months

Jan. 5-Feb. 12 and
Mar. 9-Apr. 23

Onalaska: Mon. at 10:00 am
Holmen: Thu. at 10:15 am

Bilingual Story Time



Ages 3 and up

Sat., Jan. 10
Sat., Feb. 14

Sat., Mar. 14
Sat., Apr. 11
Onalaska: 11:00 am



Ages 3-6 Years

Jan. 5-Feb. 13 and
Mar. 9-Apr. 24

Bangor: Mon. at 10:15 am
Campbell: Thu. at 6:30 pm
Holmen: Wed. at 10:15 am
Onalaska: Mon. at 6:30 pm
Thu. at 10:00 am and
Fri. at 10:00 am
West Salem: Tue. at 6:30 pm and
Wed. at 10:15 am

Stuffed Sleepover

Fri., Feb. 13
drop off between
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Bangor

Drop off your stuffed animal at the library between 1p-5p for a night full of adventure.

Return the next day to see what your stuffie discovered in the library. Plus, enjoy a breakfast snack to go.

Geared for children ages 2-12. One stuffie per person.



Registration required and begins Mon., Jan. 12.



Winter Fun at Clearwater Farm

Sat., Feb. 7 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Warm up with winter stories and crafts in the education building, and chill out with the animals and gardens outside.

Author Visit

How a Book is Made with Mary Schams

Join local author Mary Schams to learn how a book is made. Practice some hands-on story boarding to get started on your own book. We'll have yummy snacks on hand to fuel your creativity! Registration is required and begins Mon., Dec. 15. Best for ages 8-12.

Sat., Jan. 17
11:00 - 11:45 am
Onalaska

Manifest, Disrupt, and Build: A New Way to Find Balance, Purpose, and Momentum as a Family

Join occupational therapist Becca Mattie to learn how to break old patterns, reconnect with your values, and build systems that support both you and your family in the new year. Explore how understanding regulation—yours and your child's—can help you stay grounded and connected. No registration required. Geared for adults but all ages welcome.

Wed., Jan. 21
6:00 - 6:45 pm
Onalaska

Author Visit

A Long Way to Find a Home: George Edwin Taylor as a Child with Darrell Ferguson

Darrell Ferguson from the Enduring Families Project (EFP) visits the library to share his nonfiction children's book. This story time is a family-friendly occasion that highlights early African-American settler history in La Crosse. No registration required. All ages welcome.

Sat., Jan. 24
10:00 - 10:45 am
Onalaska



FROG AND TOAD STORIES

Presented by Wisconsin Family Theater. Based on the classic children's books by Arnold Lobel. No registration required. Best for ages 3-8.

*Sat., Jan. 31
10:00 - 10:45 am
Onalaska

JUST FOR TEENS

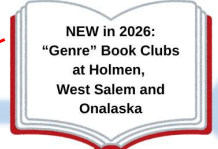


Teens Leading Change (TLC) gives teens in grades 6 - 12 a greater voice in designing library teen spaces and services. New members welcome. No registration required.

Last Wed. of every month

3:30 - 4:30 pm
Onalaska

Program created and developed by TLC members!



Teens in grades 6 - 12... If you're into hands-on projects, music, new teen books, or just chilling out, drop in for Teen Time. No registration required.

Fri., Jan. 23
Th., Apr. 2
3:00 - 4:30 pm
Holmen

Fri., Jan 16
Fri., Mar. 20
3:00 - 4:30 pm
Onalaska

Fri., Jan. 23
Fri., Mar. 13
3:00 - 4:30 pm
West Salem



Teens in grades 6 - 12! Bring your friends, play BINGO, eat pizza, and win prizes. No registration required.

Wed., Feb. 11
3:30 - 4:30 pm
Holmen

Th., Feb. 12
3:30 - 4:30 pm
Onalaska

Wed., Feb. 18
3:30 - 4:30 pm
West Salem



Dungeon Masters 101 A three-part sequential series, including a How-To Guide to D&D (session one), Building Out Narrative and Adventure Settings (session two), and Best Practices and Demo Playthrough (session three). Registration required and begins Mon., Feb. 2. For grades 6 - 12.

Tues., Mar. 3
3:30 - 5:00 pm
Holmen

Tues., Mar. 10
3:30 - 5:00 pm
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Story Time locations, dates and times listed on reverse side.



Bilingual Story Time



"Giddy-up to the library for some outdoor story time fun with Rocking N Ranch. Hear a story and feed me a tasty snack."
(outdoor horse visit, weather permitting)

Mon., Apr. 20 Bangor at 10:15 am
Sat., May 2 Onalaska at 10:00 am



Feb. 2 - 28
Read books in February, and visit us at the library for fun reading challenges and prizes.



Mar. 2 - 28
Write and submit a haiku poem in March for display on our outdoor Story Strolls in May.



Apr. 1 - 25
How has the library impacted your life? In honor of National Library Week in April, tell us your story for a chance to win a \$50 Barnes & Noble gift card.

LEGO® at the Library

Kids of all ages are welcome at our Lego® brick building events. Have fun free-building, or be inspired by our suggested theme. No registration required.

Mon., Feb. 16 4:30 - 5:30 pm Campbell and West Salem	Mon., Feb. 23 4:30 - 5:30 pm Onalaska	Mon., Mar. 2 4:30 - 5:30 pm Bangor and Holmen
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Author Visit

Aldo Leopold's Shack: Nina's Story with Nancy Nye Hunt

Wisconsin author Nancy Nye Hunt will share her children's book, the story of a family's efforts to restore their worn-out farm, the Shack, along the Wisconsin River. Told through the eyes of the oldest daughter, Nina, new generations learn about her family's adventures caring for the land. Preschoolers will enjoy a craft while older youth and adults experience a hands-on exploration of Nancy's writing process. No registration required. Great for all ages.

Wed., Mar. 25
3:30 - 4:00 pm
Onalaska



BIGGER Bang Bubbles

Absolute Science is back! They'll wow us with smoke bubbles, helium bubbles, fire bubbles, and more! No registration required. All ages welcome.

***Sat., Feb. 21**
10:00 - 10:45 am
Onalaska

*Funding provided by the Ben and Floyde Sias Library Trust Fund in partnership with La Crosse County Library.

Driftless Eco Explorers

Spring into story on the trail with La Crosse County Library! We'll enjoy some late-winter weather and warm our hearts with activities that foster eco-literacy, wonder, and fun. No registration required. All ages welcome. (weather permitting)

Wed., Mar. 11 11:00 - 11:45 am Meet at Holmen Library	Wed., Mar. 18 11:00 - 11:45 am Meet at Great River Landing (101 Irvin St., Onalaska)
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Messy Kids Art

Join us for messy, handmade fun at the library. We'll celebrate care of Earth and each other with nature and recycled art projects inspired by the children's novel *Wildoak* by C.C. Harrington. Registration required and begins Mon., March 9. Best for ages 7 and up.

Wed., April 8 4:30 - 5:30 pm Onalaska	Tues., April 14 4:30 - 5:30 pm West Salem
Wed., April 15 4:30 - 5:30 pm Bangor and Campbell	Wed., April 22 4:30 - 5:30 pm Holmen



Sat., May 2 is FREE COMIC BOOK DAY! (while supplies last)



UNEARTH A STORY™

2026 Summer Library Program runs June 1 - July 25. More details to come.

Dig into a good book and explore wonders of the past!

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Instrument "Petting Zoo"

Ever wonder what it would be like to play a musical instrument? You'll get your chance when this fun instrument "petting zoo" visits the library. Kids get to try out a variety of string instruments with the support of musicians from La Crosse Symphony Orchestra and Leithold Music. No registration required. All ages welcome.

Sat., May 9
10:00 am-12:00 pm
Onalaska



Join us for special Story Times presented by the Coulee Region Humane Society. Hear stories, learn about wildlife babies, and meet a wild animal friend. No registration required. Geared for ages 3-7.

Mon., May 4
6:30 - 7:00 pm
Onalaska



Wed., May 13
10:15 - 10:45 am
West Salem