Youth Programs FALL 2026

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. (60 min.)

Mon, Oct 12	Bangor Library • 4:30 PM
Mon, Oct 19	West Salem Library • 4:30 PM
Tues, Oct 20	Holmen Library • 4:30 PM
Thurs, Oct 22	French Island Library • 4:30 PM
Sat, Oct 24	Onalaska Library • 12:30 PM

GINGERBREAD JAM R

Enjoy a mini story time with songs, movement, and a gingerbread hunt—and decorate your own gingerbread cookie! **Registration opens 11/2/26.** (45 min.)

Mon, Nov 30	Bangor Library • 4 PM
Tues, Dec 1	West Salem Library • 6:30 PM
Thurs, Dec 3	Holmen Library • 4 PM
Fri, Dec 4	Onalaska Library • 4 PM
Sat, Dec 5	Onalaska Library • 9:30 AM or 11 AM
Thurs, Dec 10	French Island Library • 6:30 PM
Sat, Dec 12	Holmen Library • 1 PM

R *This symbol indicates that registration is required.*

LIFE-SIZE CANDY LAND

Travel through colorful game pathways, meet familiar Candy Land characters, and complete sweet-themed challenges along the way. This drop-in program is great for all ages.



Onalaska Library
Mon, Dec 7 • 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Tues, Dec 8 • 10 AM - 1 PM
Wed, Dec 9 • 1 PM - 4 PM

SIAS SATURDAYS

PINT SIZED POLKAS

Rediscover the fun of reading to the sounds of Mike Schneider's happy polka music! Great for all ages, but especially for kids through grade 5. (45 min.)

Onalaska Library • Sat, Nov 21 • 12:30 PM

THE MAMMOTH HUNTERS

Join Sean "The Mammoth Hunter" for an exciting, hands-on journey into Wisconsin's Ice Age past. (60 min.)

Onalaska Library • Sat, Dec 19 • 10 AM

Program funding for Sias Saturdays is provided by the Ben and Floyde Sias Library Trust Fund.

STORY TIMES

Join us for story times full of books, movement, songs, and fun. Approximately 20-25 minutes.

LIBRARY LEARNERS R *Registration recommended.*

Ages 3 - entering grade 1, but all are welcome.

Sept 14 - Oct 9 and Oct 26 - Nov 25

Mondays	Bangor 10:15 AM Onalaska 6:30 PM
Tuesdays	West Salem 6:30 PM
Wednesdays	Holmen 10:15 AM
Thursdays	Onalaska 10 AM French Island 6:30 PM
Fridays	Onalaska 10 AM West Salem 10:15 AM

TINY TALES

Ages 0-36 months, but all are welcome.

Sept 14 - Oct 8 and Oct 26 - Nov 23

Mondays	Onalaska 10 AM
Thursdays	Holmen 10:15 AM

ALL-AGES HMONG STORY TIME*

Experience an interactive and engaging bilingual story time, featuring Lisa Yang of Western Technical College. Attendees can look forward to Hmong picture books, hands-on activities for fun and language learning, and free snacks. (60 min.)

Onalaska Library • Mon, Oct 26 • 6:30 PM

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TWEEN & TEEN PROGRAMS

TWEEN BOOK CLUB

Tweens in grades 4-6 meet for fun book chats, snacks, and surprises. No assigned reading, pick any book you want within the monthly genre, and come share what you discovered! *Snacks provided by HyVee.* (60 min.)



First Wednesday of the month
Holmen Library • 4 PM
West Salem Library • 3:30 PM

TEEN BOOK CLUB

No assigned books, just read a book within the selected genre. *Snacks provided by HyVee.* (60 min.)

First Wednesday of the month
Onalaska Library • 3:30 PM

TEENS LEADING CHANGE (TLC)

Teens Leading Change gives teens in grades 6-12 a greater voice in designing teen spaces and services at the library, and a larger role in accelerating positive change. New members welcome. *Snacks provided by HyVee.* (60 min.)

Last Wednesday of the month
Onalaska Library's Youth Services Room
3:30 PM

TEEN TIME

Teens in grades 6 thru 12... are you looking for a place to recharge? Enjoy some snacks? If you're into hands-on projects, music, new teen books, or just chilling out, drop in the library and join us for Teen Time! Free pizza!

Fri, Oct 16	Holmen Library • 3 PM - 4:30 PM
Thurs, Oct 22	West Salem Library • 3 PM - 4:30 PM
Fri, Oct 23	Onalaska Library • 3 PM - 4:30 PM

FINALS DE-STRESS DROP-IN

West Salem teens can drop in to the library during finals week to de-stress, study, and unwind with relaxed activities in the Community room.

West Salem Library
Wed, Dec 16 • 9:30 AM - 3 PM
Thurs, Dec 17 • 9:30 AM - 3 PM
Fri, Dec 18 • 9:30 AM - 1 PM



DRIFTLESS ECO EXPLORERS

Enjoy nature walks, stories, and activities designed to foster eco-literacy and fun for all ages. Explore two local trails as fall sets in. Weather permitting. (~45 min.)

Meet at 11 AM ...

Outside Holmen Library
Wed, Sept 16, Oct 7, Nov 11

Great River Landing (101 Irvin St, Onalaska):
Fri, Sept 18, Oct 9, Nov 13

Events Website

Scan the QR code to visit our Events website for program details and registration.

SEPTEMBER IS ...
LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

Sign up for your first library card and be entered into a grand prize drawing for a $25 Toppers gift card. Adults receive a coupon for a free car wash at Mister Car Wash. Kids receive a library card lanyard. While supplies last. (Teachers, book your fall class visits now to get library cards into your students' hands.)



OCTOBER MINI READ

Complete a reading challenge and win a prize! Pick up the challenge at any of our locations beginning Oct 1.

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