

Middle School and Teens

GET INVOLVED

Kids ages 10-13, sign up to be a Junior Volunteer. It's a great opportunity to try new things and explore the library behind the scenes!

Teens 14 and up, sign up to be a teen volunteer and join the Teen Advisory Board. We'll work around your schedule to help you get community service hours and work experience and as a member of TAB you will be able to plan and participate in fun programs, be eligible for scholarships, and get leadership experience.

To find out more about opportunities for teens, contact Jessica Dowling
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 **TEEN** 
ADVISORY
BOARD

 **FRIDAY, FEB. 11 AT 4PM**
IN THE FRIENDS ROOM

TEEN CRAFTS

January 14 at 4 pm
in the Teen Area

Come into the library and get crafty with Ms. Jessica in the Teen Area.

Youth Services Newsletter Winter-Spring 2022



Welcome to the Youth Services Department of the Matheson Memorial Library. We serve as a family gathering place focused on educating and enriching the families, children, teens, and caregivers of the Elkhorn community. Whether you are new to the area or have been visiting the library regularly, we have programs, materials, and experiences that are just right for your family.

Meet the Youth Services Staff



Jennifer Wharton, Youth Services Librarian, jwharton@elkhorn.lib.wi.us, 262-723-9143
Ms. Jennifer has been managing the youth services department since 2008 and she loves to hear from her library families with suggestions and ideas! Ms. Jennifer loves to read and recommend nonfiction, graphic novels, and chapter books and offer maker workshops on sewing, crafting, and other hands-on projects.



Jessica Dowling, Teen Services Associate

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Ms. Jessica works mainly with our middle schoolers and teens, but you can find her helping out in many areas in youth services. She runs



programs for middle schoolers and teens and supervises our junior and teen volunteers. Contact her via email or Instagram to find out more!

Terri Dellamaria, Youth Services Associate

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Ms. Terri is a frequent friendly face at our youth services and

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Sign up for email alerts, calendars, and other resources at <https://tinyurl.com/y6amnbsl> or on the library website at <https://www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us/wordpress/programs-databases/kids/>

Things to do in the Youth Services Department

WELCOME TO THE PLAY AREA AND STORYROOM

Play is an important part of every child's development, from infants to school-age children. At the library, we have many opportunities for imaginative, collaborative, and educational play. The play areas are always open when the library is open and include a kitchen, train table, interactive wall panels, and other rotating play stations.

When not in use, a sign will let caregivers know that the Storyroom is open for play. Caregivers are encouraged to take their children into the Storyroom and use the materials in the closet, which can be turned into a puppet theater. In addition to puppets, baby toys, musical instruments, and simple craft materials, we also offer toys from We Play which will be of interest to therapists and caregivers of children with special needs. Look for suggestions on their use in the pocket on the inside of the puppet theater door.

The play area is funded by the Matheson Memorial Library, Friends of the Matheson Memorial Library, EASD Parent Connections, and grants and private donations, including a Walmart Community grant in 2019.



ACTIVITY TABLE, STEAM LAB, AND LIBRARY GARDEN

Check out the activity table for coloring pages, worksheets, and hands-on activities. Ask a staff member about our fine motor skills boxes and board games, available upon request for families and groups, including adults with special needs.

Our STEAM lab materials, including Magna Tiles, Lego, Marble Runs, and more are now circulating materials. Families are welcome to use them in the library, but please make sure all the pieces are collected and returned. Families checking these materials out for home or school use will want to clean and check them before using.

Located on Court Street, the library garden is accessible from the Storyroom or from outdoors. Families are welcome to explore, taste, and touch in the garden. Ask a staff member for information on volunteering to work in the garden, or bring a picnic and hang out! You will also see Storywalks in this area from time to time and, weather permitting, outdoor programs.



Maker Workshops

Maker workshops are open to all ages, from adults to children. **Registration is required**; adults, teens, and families can sign up for a slot in a maker workshop by stopping by the library or calling 723-2678. We will be offering more maker workshops, including one-on-one sewing this semester; to find out more sign up for email updates here <https://tinyurl.com/y6amnbsl> or check out the library calendar. There will be a maker workshop, theme to be announced (probably something with paper) on February 11, 3:30-5:30.

SCULPEY CLAY

January 12, 3:30-5:30pm

Sign up for half-hour sessions working with Sculpey clay, then take your creations home to bake. We'll have tools, inspiration, and advice to make your own miniature clay creations. This workshop is great for all ages, from preschool to adults.

CANDLEMAKING

January 28, 3:30-5:30

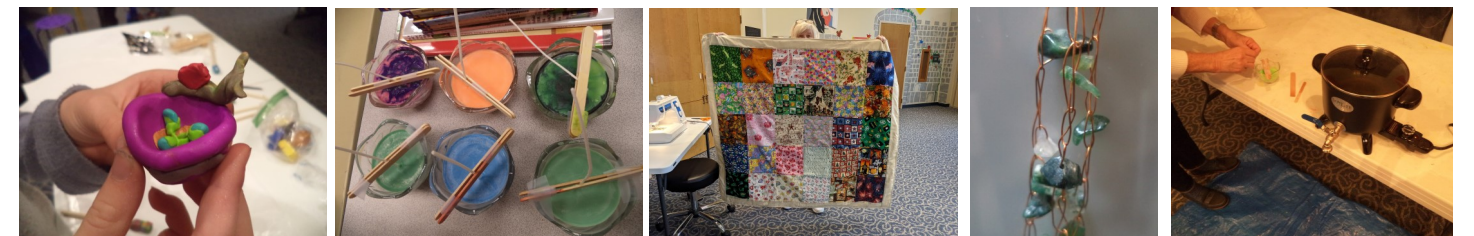
Register for up to an hour spent making your own colorful candles. All materials will be supplied. There will be hot wax, so young children must be supervised.

BEADING

February 23, 3:30-5:30

With a rainbow of beads, wire, string, and jewelry tools we'll help you create your own beaded creations. We'll have projects available from crocheted wire to simple strung beads and plenty of inspiration and ideas for you to try. Attendees who do NOT have the following skills must be accompanied by an adult:

- Ability to wait patiently for assistance.
- If not able to handle sharp tools, wire, etc. attendees must stay at the tables with child-safe projects.



BEGINNER SEWING

January 18, 9:30am-11:30am, 1:30pm-3:30pm
January 22 and February 19, 9:30am-11:30am

Sign up for a 30 minute slot and learn the basics of machine sewing, including how to thread a machine, sew seams, and create a simple project. All ages and abilities are welcome, but if you do not have the following skills yet, please bring an adult with you:

- The ability to wait patiently for assistance.
- Sufficient motor skills to safely operate a sewing machine (control the pedal and guide material through)

School-Age Clubs and Activities

BOOKANEERS

February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5
4:30pm

Be a Bookaneer and get started on an exciting quest! Emerging and beginning readers are invited to a book club just for them with hands-on activities, age-appropriate book discussions, and read-alouds.



AQUANAUTS

February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3
5:30pm

You've started your journey with the Bookaneers, now dive deeper with the Aquanauts! Kids ages 9-12 are invited to a book club with activities, discussion, and diving into chapter books of all genres.



POKEMON CLUB

2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month
4-5pm



Are you a fan of Pokemon? Bring your friends for an hour of crafts, cards, and movies in the Community Room. We'll spend the first half playing and crafting and then watch some classic Pokemon shows. Kids are welcome to bring their own cards to play or share, but staff cannot supervise trading.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

Mondays Jan 10, Feb 14, April 11, May 9 @ 6:30
Thursdays, Jan. 27, Feb. 24 @ 6:30pm

Get your dice and come join the library for Dungeons and Dragons! We welcome all ages and experience, however kids younger than 8 must have an adult with them. Don't know how to play? We'll teach you!

Future Thursday dates are under discussion and will depend on attendance.

MEET THE REPTILES

Friday, February 4 at 10am in the Community Room

Welcome to the wild world of reptiles! Learn about these fascinating creatures and get up close and personal with a variety of cool creatures with reptile educator Cheyenne Gravley. Live animals will be present and all ages are welcome.

Donations will be collected to benefit Fellow Mortals Wildlife Hospital



LIBRARY ON THE GO

Has your child brought home a book with the green bus logo? It's a Library on the Go book! There are no due dates, fines, or library cards required to borrow these books and they can be returned to any library at any time. Library on the Go is a grant-funded outreach program.



THE LIBRARY REACHES OUT

We love to be out and about in the Elkhorn community! If you are interested in having the library visit your school or class, be present at an event, or have a Library on the Go visit, let us know. We also offer field trips and in-library programs for local schools and other community groups. For more information, please contact Jennifer Wharton.



FINE-FREE CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT MATERIALS

Children's and teen materials, owned by the Matheson Memorial Library, do not accrue overdue fines. Borrowers will be billed for materials which are six weeks overdue and patrons will be unable to check out materials until the overdue items have been paid for or returned.

Materials belonging to other libraries may still accrue fines. For more information, check out the website or ask!



PAWS TO READ

Mondays, 4:15-5pm, in the Storyroom

Join some special furry friends and volunteers from the Lakeland Animal Shelter and take a "paws" for a story!



Read and Grow

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Our year-round reading program for kids will be resuming in January with updated materials, new incentives, and a new interactive wall decoration. Check in at the youth services desk to find out when it's ready and start reading with your little one!



Programs with Ms. Pattie

Pattie Woods, EASD Parent Connections, Program Co-ordinator, woodpa@elkhorn.k12.wi.us
Ms. Pattie offers programs at the library for ages birth to five as well as resources for parents and caregivers.

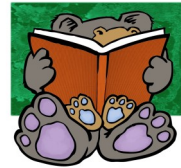


STORYTIMES



Family Storytime **Wednesdays at 10am**

Join Pattie Woods for half an hour of stories, songs and movement, followed by an activity. Target audience is 18 to 36 months and their caregivers, but all ages and abilities are welcome.



Lapsit, **Thursdays at 10am**

Join Ms. Pattie for half an hour of stories, songs, and discoveries followed by open playtime. Target audience is infants up to 18 months but all ages and abilities are welcome.

Storytimes run **January 12—May 26. No storytimes spring break, March 30-31.**

FAMILY EVENTS

Foodie Friday, **Friday January 21, February 25, March 18, 10-11am**

Make some healthy snacks at Foodie Friday!
Join Pattie Woods from Parent Connections EASD and learn about healthy food, test-taste some goodies, and learn to make healthy snacks. This program is for ages 0-5 and their families.

Family Literacy Night, **Thursday January 13, 6-7:30pm**

Do you love literacy? Celebrate reading with crafts and other activities with the Jackson Elementary reading specialists and 4K staff and meet local authors Laureanna Raymond-Duvernell and Austin Allyn.

Three year old party, **Wednesday, March 23, 9-10:30am**

Do you have a child turning 3 between Feb 1 and June 30? Contact the EASD District Office at 262-741-9140 by the Wednesday before the party to register and celebrate your child's birthday with the early childhood team! (Family storytime will be provided in the Storyroom by library staff for all ages as usual.)

A VALENTINE FOR YOU

Saturday February 12, 10:30am

Ages 0-5 and their families and caregivers are invited to celebrate Valentine's Day with our annual party! Crafts, cookies, treats and more with Pattie Woods from EASD in the Community Center at the library.

Programs for Families

WINTER WIGGLERS

January 19, February 16, March 16, at 10am



No 4k today? Keep your mind - and your muscles - jumping! Join Ms. Terri in getting your winter wiggles out with movement, interactive stories, and more. Families with children of all ages are invited to this active storytime.

FAMILY CONCERT WITH MR. BILLY

March 24, 6pm at the Elkhorn Area Middle School

Bring the kids, grandkids, and all your friends for a rockin' good time with Mr. Billy. Get ready to dance, sing, and shimmy with old favorites and new tunes. Sponsored by the Matheson Memorial Library and EASD Parent Connections.



A DAY ON THE FARM

April 20, 10am-12pm



You are invited for a day on the farm! Get ready to meet some real farm animals, try out some tasty treats, and discover new and fun activities around every corner in the library.

Sponsored by EASD Parent Connections, Step Ahead 4K, Lakelands Little Learners 4K, Little Bear Learning Center 4K, and the Matheson Memorial Library.

STORY CELEBRATION

Saturday May 7, 10:30am

It's Children's Book Week! All ages are invited to join us in a party to celebrate our favorite children's books. From Eric Carle to Mo Willems, Pete the Cat to Fancy Nancy, you'll find crafts, treats, and games galore for the whole family.

STAY TUNED

Coming soon: **Grow a Story, May 18, at 10am**

Coming soon: **Summer reading kickoff, June 4**