

All Madison Public Libraries will be closed
**Wednesday, Jan 1 and Monday,
January 20**

Children and Teens Family Fun Night

Board games, coloring pages, and puzzles the whole family can enjoy!

Friday, January 3, 6 pm

Chess Club

Open to all ages and skill levels (children under 8 years old must be accompanied by an adult). Lessons begin promptly at 6pm and last 45 minutes. From 6:45-8 pm, it's time to hone your skills and have some fun playing chess!

Monday, January 6, 6 pm.

Fabulous Free Friday Films: Dora and the Lost City of Gold

Having spent most of her life exploring the jungle, nothing could prepare Dora for her most dangerous adventure yet— high school. Accompanied by a ragtag group of teens and Boots the monkey, Dora embarks on a quest to save her parents while trying to solve the seemingly impossible mystery behind a lost Incan civilization. [PG]

Friday, January 10, 6 pm

Donuts with Dad

Saturday morning fun with stories, songs, crafts, and snacks, especially for dads and their kids. Moms, Grandparents and other super important people welcome, too!

Saturday, January 11, 10 am

Bubblatron

Join Maker Educator Quincy Millerjohn for some real tool tinkering. Learn basic handtool skills and safety with saws, drills, hammers, and nails to piece together your own Bubbler robot (boat? car? toy? contraption? Whatever you can dream up!) from wooden blocks, dowels, wire and hardware. Ages 7 and up. **Note:** This program includes sharp tools, ages 10 and under will require close caregiver supervision.

Registration required.

Saturday, January 11, 2 pm



Stories & Sculpting: A Preschool Storytime

Preschool Storytime plus sculpting! We'll start with some books, songs, and an app of the week, then explore different methods of creating sculptures each week. Be sure to wear clothes that can get messy! For children ages 3-5, siblings welcome.

Wednesdays starting January 15, 10 am

AnjiPlayDate

Come experience Anji Play! In this weekly award-winning program, kids play while adults observe. At the end of play, kids can create play stories to share their play with others. This educational approach, rooted in children choosing their own play, was created in Anji County in China and Madison Public Library is a pilot site for developing a library Anji Play model. Messy clothes recommended. Open to all ages. *There will be no program on 11/28.

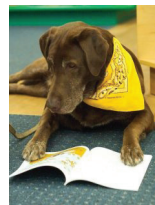
****Note: this event takes place at the Lussier Community Education Center, 55 S. Gammon Rd.****

Thursdays* starting January 16, 9:30 am

Read to a Dog

The Alliance of Therapy Dogs generously provides reader-dogs, especially trained to be gentle, good listeners. Bring a favorite book (or find one at the library!) and read aloud to a furry friend. Time slots available on a first come, first served basis. (No pre-registration available).

Thursday, January 23, 4 pm



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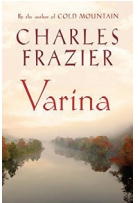
Events for Children, Teens and Adults
January 2020



Events for Adults

Thursday Book Club

Join us on the first Thursday of each month to discuss a variety of types of books, from fiction to nonfiction, and enjoy themed snacks! This month we are discussing *Varina* by Charles Frazier. Her marriage prospects limited, teenage Varina Howell agrees to wed the much-older widower Jefferson Davis, with whom she expects the secure life of a Mississippi landowner. Davis instead pursues a career in politics and is eventually appointed president of the Confederacy, placing Varina at the white-hot center of one of the darkest moments in American history—culpable regardless of her intentions. The Confederacy falling, her marriage in tatters, and the country divided, Varina and her children escape Richmond and travel south on their own, now fugitives with “bounties on their heads, an entire nation in pursuit.”



January 2, 2 pm

Mindful Movement

Join fitness and mindfulness coach Venus Washington to explore the mind/body connection. Especially designed for seniors, but open to any adult interested, Venus will help you start wherever you are on your fitness journey. Be prepared for movement, but at a level that's right and safe for you.

Registration opens 2 weeks before each session. Please register for each class separately.

Tuesday, January 7 and January 21, 10 am

About Our Events

FREE, FREE, FREE! There is no charge for events and classes. Registration is required for some events and classes. Register online at madisonpubliclibrary.org or call the library. Children under the age of 7 should be accompanied by an adult at all times.

NewBridge Film Days

Wednesdays*, 1:30 pm

Movies are free and open to the public.

Refreshments will be served.

January 8: *Viva Las Vegas*

January 15: *Selma*

January 22: *The Hustle*

January 29: *Shaft*

Alicia Ashman Darn Yarn Group

A club for crocheters, knitters, and other fiber-crafters. It's a great place to meet with other crafters, learn about different techniques, share your own work, and just commune in general with other creative souls.

1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

Job Assistance

Need advice from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development/Job Service? Sign up for a 30 minute or 1-hour appointment.

You'll get one-on-one help applying for unemployment benefits, resume writing, job search strategies, interview skills, and more.

January 9 and January 23, 1 pm – 4 pm

Mystery in the Morning

Join us for a civilized discussion of murder and mayhem! This month we are discussing *Little Girl Gone* by Gerry Schmitt. On a frozen night in an affluent Minneapolis neighborhood, a baby is abducted from her home after her teenage babysitter is violently assaulted.

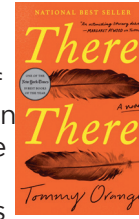
The parents are frantic, the police are baffled, and, with the perpetrator already in the wind, the trail is getting colder by the second.

Monday, January 13, 10 am



All Books Considered

All Books Considered welcomes all adults to join us for casual, yet stimulating discussion of all kinds of books. Bring your book, your opinion and an open mind. This month we're discussing *There There* by Tommy Orange. Tommy Orange's wondrous and shattering novel follows twelve characters from Native communities: all traveling to the Big Oakland Powwow, all connected to one another in ways they may not yet realize. Among them is Jacquie Red Feather, newly sober and trying to make it back to the family she left behind. Dene Oxendene, pulling his life together after his uncle's death and working at the powwow to honor his memory. Fourteen-year-old Orvil, coming to perform traditional dance for the very first time. Together, this chorus of voices tells of the plight of the urban Native American—grappling with a complex and painful history, with an inheritance of beauty and spirituality, with communion and sacrifice and heroism. Hailed as an instant classic, *There There* is at once poignant and unflinching, utterly contemporary and truly unforgettable. **Thursday, January 16, 7 pm**



Fabulous Friday International Films: *Maraviglioso Boccaccio*

In the 13th century, 10 children escape an outbreak of the Black Death and seek shelter in the countryside. To pass the time, each child tells a story that helps them cope with the uncertainties of life..

Friday, January 17, 6 pm

Get a Library Card

Your free library card opens up a world of resources. Bring photo ID and official proof of current residence to any public library to get a library card. Parents must sign permission for children 15 and younger. Visit madisonpubliclibrary.org/get-a-card for more details.

Ukulele in Community

Find community through music! Cell phones aren't the only small devices connecting people these days. Ukuleles are transcending borders, genres, and generations.

Madison's thriving ukulele culture includes a 1200-member club called Madison Area Ukulele Initiative (MAUI). MAUI members will be available to help beginners learn to play in a free, 2-hour workshop and sing-along. Bring a ukulele or try one of the instruments available at the event. **Registration opens 1/4. Saturday, January 18, 2 pm**

Fabulous Friday Features: *Shazam!*

We all have a superhero inside of us—it just takes a bit of magic to bring it out. In 14-year-old Billy Batson's case, all he needs to do is shout out one word to transform into the adult superhero Shazam. Still a kid at heart, Shazam revels in the new version of himself by doing what any other teen would do—have fun while testing out his newfound powers. But he'll need to master them quickly before the evil Dr. Thaddeus Sivana can get his hands on Shazam's magical abilities. [PG-13]

Friday, January 24, 6 pm.

Madison's Polish Heritage Club Presents Author Ronald Berger

To commemorate January 27th, International Holocaust Survivors Day, the Polish Heritage Club of Madison along with the Alicia Ashman Public Library, present Ronald J. Berger, author of *Children Save Yourselves*.

Saturday, January 25, 10 am

Fifth Friday Poetry Featuring Jeffery Glover

Featuring local poet, Jeffery Glover, author of "9 Lively Cat Tales and Other Pet Poems." Jeffery is the winner of a Robert Frost Foundation national poetry award and an outstanding leader in education award. He creates delightful tales in verse for all ages. His collections of rhyming stories are in turn whimsical and witty, humorous and heartwarming, serious, and just plain fun. After Jeffery's reading, you are welcome to read a poem of your own.

Friday, January 31, 6 pm