



Sawyer County

Agenda

Economic Development & UW Extension Committee Meeting
Monday, April 10, 2023 @ 8:30 AM
Assembly Room/Virtual Meeting

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. To view or participate in the **virtual meeting** from a computer, iPad, or Android device please go to <https://zoom.us/j/97642007840>. You can also use the dial in at 1-312-626-6799 with the Webinar ID: 976 4200 7840. Use *9 to Raise/lower hand and *6 to Unmute/mute. If additional assistance is needed please contact the County Clerk's Office at 715-634-4866 prior to the meeting. If you are on a computer, click the "Raise Hand" button and wait to be recognized. If you are on a telephone, dial *9 and wait to be recognized.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

5. MEETING AGENDA

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. At this time, members of the public will be given the opportunity to address the Committee. Please adhere to the following when addressing the Committee:
 - Comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less per individual.
 - Comments should be directed to the Committee as a whole and not directed to individual Committee members.
 - The Committee cannot respond to your comments during this time.
 - Please sign in and fill out a public comment sheet if you wish to speak on an item.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. [3.6.23 Econ.UWEX Minutes DRAFT](#)

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- a. [1\) Weiss Director's Report for 3-29-2023](#)
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14. MOTORIZED TRAIL AND NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL REPORT
15. BROADBAND UPDATE
16. HISTORICAL SOCIETY
17. DNR NURSERY PROPERTY UPDATE
18. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
19. CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS
20. ADJOURNMENT

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Mission Statement: Provide the leadership for implementation of the Education and Economic Development for Sawyer County. To provide leadership in monitoring outcomes, reviewing, and recommending for the County Board all policies related to educational and economic development initiatives of Sawyer County.

**Minutes of the March 6th meeting of the Sawyer County
Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Assembly Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- ☒ Chair: Tom Duffy
- ☒ VC -- John Righeimer
- ☒ Stacey Hessel
- ☐ Brian Bisonette - virtual
- ☐ Chris Rusk

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Kate Ross-Barido
Lynn Fitch
Donna Knuckey
Lori Baltrusis

Ariga Griboryan - virtual
Sherry Beckman - Virtual
Jim Miller - virtual
Molly Lank-Jones
Ken Pearson – Virtual
Sheldon Johnson

Call to Order – Chair Duffy called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met. Roll Call was taken. Quorum was met.

Meeting Agenda --

Public Comments –

Minutes from previous meeting – A motion was made by Ms. Hessel to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2023, meeting; second by Mr. Righeimer. Motion carried without negative vote.

Sawyer County Agricultural Fair Association Report -

University of Wisconsin-Extension Department Report –

Ms. Baltrusis advised that there was a Grazers' Conference for farming in March. The Real Colors class is scheduled again for County Staff.

Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau -

A written report was provided. Ms. Beckman included the 2022 arrival information for behavior of the consumer after they've been exposed to information from Travel Wisconsin. It shows July and June to be the busiest months of the year. The highest percentage of people who saw an ad and came to Sawyer County were from Minnesota. The average length of stay was 1.8 days; however, the maps indicate that visitors are staying in the northern part of Wisconsin longer than in the southern area. July, August, June and December had the highest Main Street activity.

Northwest Regional Planning Commission Report -

Sheldon Johnson advised that their board chair passed away last week. The household hazardous waste program dates have been set and include Saturday events from 8a-12p. The housing revolving loan fund have lots of funds available for 0% repayment loans on home improvements. A new trend looks to be finding individuals to purchase businesses that have owners ready to retire.

Economic Development Corporation Report -

Ms. Barido-Ross provided an update on events they will be holding. They have hired Dalton Hessel to highlight some local businesses. The housing project that has been underway is now waiting for news on which property is chosen. The Vibrant Spaces grant program to improve the parking lot by Frandsen Bank has not yet provided word if we have been approved. They have organized a local business social event; Andy Albarado will speak at the first one.

Library Updates -

A written report was provided. Ms. Lank-Jones reviewed several new programs. The state free park passes program offers a one-day pass and is still available at the libraries. They received a donation and will use it to purchase four iPads. Ms. Knuckey provided an update of the Winter Library activities and programming. Winter Library received 50 free state park passes. They have two grant applications out and are awaiting word of funding. Their library board approved a \$3500 repayment for the basement loan project. They will be setting up their fund-raisers for the next year at the Friends of the Library meeting next week, and they received a large donation from a Hayward church.

Motorized Trail and Non-Motorized Trail Report -

Mr. Duffy passed out a non-motorized trail report.

Broadband Update -

A written report was provided. Mr. Albarado advised there is another planning grant for getting internet usage to all, and he will be part of the group to investigate getting access to some of the \$1.5M funds. Visions Northwest is the designated planning entity. Mr. Johnson reviewed the requirements of the BEAD program. It is a 2-year grant to spend appropriated funds once awarded. Our application to join the regional plan is due March 7th. A broadband survey should be coming to the community soon. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel; second by Mr. Righeimer to have Sawyer County join the regional group to move forward with this grant application. Motion carried without negative vote. Mr. Albarado met with Mosaic who is finishing their 2nd project, and BevCom provided a map of their project from Radisson to Couderay. Charter is working in the towns of Spider Lake, Round Lake, and Bass Lake. The west side of Sawyer County appears to have fairly good coverage.

DNR Nursery Project -

Mr. Albarado provided a map showing some of our DNR designated parcels. It is known that Sawyer County has limitations areas for housing development which is next to the trail system and industrial business area. The DNR has indicated they need the property but it does not appear to be used for seedlings at this time. Mr. Righeimer made a motion to investigate a land swap with the state legislators for housing development; second by Ms. Hessel. Motion carried without negative vote.

Historical Society -

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee will be Monday, April 10, at 8:30 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 am
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk



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Programming with Local Grade Schools

- Kim has been very busy providing nutrition education at the schools in Sawyer County. In the first quarter, she offered **Discover MyPlate**, a 6-week nutrition education series for Kindergarteners at Hayward Primary school where students learned about MyPlate, the five food groups, and trying new fruits and vegetables. The goal of the series is for students to learn about being physically active and help them to be healthier in school and at home.
- Kim also facilitated a curriculum called **Serving Up MyPlate** to second and fourth graders at Hayward Primary School and third graders at Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School. One favorite lesson for the students is when Kim uses pepper to replicate germs and shows the students how it bounces away from the soap. It's a great way for them to visualize why it is important to wash hands with soap and water!



Kim continues to offer a monthly series of nutrition lessons at the **Lac Courte Oreilles Elder Meal Site** to help Elders overcome barriers to eating healthy. The goal of the series is eating more fruits and vegetables, replacing refined grains with whole grains, reducing intake of sugar-sweetened beverages, and practicing food budgeting techniques to improve food security and availability of healthy foods.



The FoodWise team offers our popular virtual StrongBodies program to our local middle and older adults, where they exercise and learn about health and nutrition. StrongBodies participants improve strength, balance, and flexibility so they can stay healthy and socially connected.



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Heart of the North
BARRON RUSK SAWYER WASHBURN

The Heart of the North (HON) legislative group is comprised of individuals from Barron, Rusk, Sawyer and Washburn Counties. Eight youth along with adults traveled to Madison on February 2nd to meet with legislatures on issues that were pertinent to Barron, Washburn, Sawyer and Rusk counties. Youth were a part of the different committees and shared their stories of impact on some of the issues presented to the legislatures. The state budget was not presented yet and there were no bills on the floor at the time of the meetings but the group was able to share their stories and needs in **education, transportation, economic development, tourism, natural resources and public health**. Many of the youth joined later in the process which started in early Fall. Anna DeMers and Donna are meeting regularly with the youth to keep them involved and informed throughout the year and get youth input and involvement earlier in the process for 2024 Heart of the North.

Additional Learning Opportunities

Global Collaborative Series with Barron, Burnett, Rusk, Sawyer and Washburn counties was a success! There were four - three part series of hands on activities for youth offered virtually. The goal was to ensure youth have opportunities to explore, learn, and connect with people to learn new skills and to have a sense of belonging. Donna taught the Global Animal Science part of the series. She invited expert guests to speak on crops and feed for livestock. Also included in this series was guest presenter, Otto Wiegand, and his experiences on working with dairy management in Kenya. If families schedules interfered with attending the series, the sessions were recorded so that access to the sessions could be done on their own time.

2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH 6:30 PM VIA ZOOM SARA WALDRON, AND YOUTH PUTTING THE ART IN STEM EXTRA COST FOR SUPPLIES 3RD AND OLDER Explore the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math with ART using the design process and various art mediums. We will explore art, where it originated, and how it relates to STEM. January 9: Art Bot- create a one-of-a-kind artbot using a motor, switch, battery and lots of creativity. February 13: Hexangles- learn about Hexahexagon paper sculpture, art patterns and color theory to create beautiful art. March 13: The Science central govt. painting.	4TH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH 6:30 PM VIA ZOOM BETH RANK & JULIE YEZEK GLOBAL FOODS 3RD AND OLDER The United States is sometimes considered a melting pot or mosaic salad of cultures as people came to the US bringing with them their culture, religion, stories, celebrations and traditions. We will explore where comfort foods like hot chocolate, penicillin, and noodles originated from. January 23: History of Hot Chocolate February 27: Dicker up with Penicillin March 27: Ugg Noodles
3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH 6:30 PM VIA ZOOM MARY BIG MOUNTAIN GLOBAL REACH 3RD GRADE AND OLDER Want to have die-in to join a global student event from your home computer? A ticket in this event will transport you into an international arena. Join in to learn about different cultures, countries and languages while representing our US culture to other participating countries. Each month, Zoom in to have the chance to discuss how our US culture is different from (and also similar to) the cultures of 2 to 5 International Reach Ambassadors - learn more about these Reach ambassadors here. January 17 February 21 March 21	3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH 6:30 PM VIA ZOOM DONNA KNUCKEY ANIMAL SCIENCE 3RD GRADE AND OLDER Let's explore and learn about different types of livestock around the world and discuss how culture, economic, social, and geographic factors influence people's food choices. We will also speak with Otto Wiegand, world traveler and livestock specialist who will share about his travels abroad and farming practices in other countries. January 26: Livestock Farm Animal Around the World February 23: Food, Land & People March 23: Livestock Specialist & World Traveler Otto Wiegand

First Quarter 2023

4-H is Expanding!

Enrollment: 2020-2021 = 43 people, 12 new members
2021-2022 = 32 people, 10 new members
2022-2023 (current) = 44 people, 21 new members

There are new families joining monthly to the program. Donna has been working on connecting 4-H with the LCO community. There are 4 LCO youth and 2 adults that will be attending the 4-H National Conference in April in Washington, D.C.

Grants for new opportunities!



UW Extension Sawyer County has *been granted the opportunity* to employ an AmeriCorps Intern, *beginning September 1, 2023!* Details are still being determined, but this is an exciting opportunity for continued expansion of 4-H in Sawyer County.



UW Extension Rusk County has been awarded a grant to send 4-H youth to the "Greatest Airshow on Earth" in Oshkosh, Wisconsin for one day on **July 25, 2023**. Sawyer youth may also be able to participate in this opportunity this summer!

Upcoming Sawyer County Positive Youth Development!

Summer Camp: Upcoming activities-4-H summer camps are being coordinated at this time. There will be a three day, two night camp at Trails End in Bruce. Sawyer County camps with Rusk County for the overnight camp. There will also be two day camps for youth that will be offered in Hayward and Winter. Both camps are open to ALL youth.

- **2023 Summer Academy:** This academy will happen in Madison from June 19-22, 2023. This new Positive Youth Development program will help youth discover pathways to their future. Bus transportation will be provided statewide for youth participants for Summer Academy. Youth currently in grades 7-10 will be able to register for Summer Academy when registration opens from April 1-30. There will be 7 content tracks for 2023 Summer Academy, with youth able to select their track and get an engaging experience in their content area. The 7 tracks for 2023 are Agriculture & Animal Sciences, Arts & Communication, Culinary & Health, Human Services, Leadership & Civic Engagement, Trades, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math! Mary will be presenting on the Leadership track. On this website, you will find detailed information about all 7 exciting career tracks being offered. <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/summer-academy/>





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National Pollinator Week June 19th-25th! National Pollinator Week is an annual event celebrated internationally in support of pollinator health. It's a time to celebrate pollinators and spread the word about what we can do to protect them. Kevin is planning statewide and local activities for consumer audiences (home gardeners) for National Pollinator Week in collaboration with local, regional and state partners. This effort is designed to increase knowledge and awareness of pollinators, pollinator habitat, and adopt practices that increase habitat and mitigate pollinator decline.

Kevin continues with a series of personal conversations, direct teachings, emails, and telephone consultations with FoodWise Educators, High School Family and Consumer Education Teachers and students, Tribal elders and community members, Aging & Disability Resource Center Nutrition Directors, and Food Shelves staff and volunteers to help them learn and understand the benefits of eating healthy local foods, and how local foods can be grown in community or home gardens to supplement food purchases and provide needed accesses to fresh nutritious vegetables.



Diane Miles – able to join, even with a bottle-fed lamb!

The **Northwest Wisconsin Graziers Network** is a group of farmers and agribusiness that promotes livestock production through managed grazing and encourages farmer-to-farmer networking and sponsors on-farm educational events and conferences. With assistance from Extension, this organization conducted their bi-annual conference on Saturday, March 4th. The meal was catered by Celebrations at the Gables, a local rural business. This conference has a strong tradition of an informative and friendly networking environment to learn about grazing planning, bale grazing, finishing lambs on pasture, grazing ecology, predator control with sheep and a wolf management update. It is

open to new farmers, part-time or full-time operators, low-income startups, graziers or non-graziers. Several agency and commercial exhibitors were available to network with throughout the day.

Topics such as: Developing & Using your Grazing Plan, Bale Grazing Benefits, Finishing Lamb on Quality Pasture, Grazing Ecology Case Studies, Wetland Restoration and Grazing, Predator Control in Sheep & Goats and Wolf Management Update were presented and discussed. Video recordings can be found on Youtube -

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSEldKRQ9cr8DTtB_m-ggqA





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Ariga teamed up with state-wide other UW Madison, Extension colleagues and offered a basic grant writing workshop for local governments, businesses, and organization members and staff. The goal of this effort is for people to learn how to find, write and apply for grants so that they can carry out the activities of their organization, business, or government unit.

Ariga continues to coach local organizations on grant writing and program development including non-profits, local governments and private individuals who need assistance for funds. Grant co-authoring was offered various times to a local non-profit that received funding for their organization including \$7,500, \$6,500 and a \$15,000. In addition, Ariga continues offering grant review to local organizations and partnered with Matt Kures, the Community Economic Development Specialist with the Community Development Institute, UW-Madison Division of Extension to provide demographic and statistical data for a local organization to apply for a significant amount of funding.

Currently, a Grant Writing Course is being offered in partnership with Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University. The course has 18 participants from various local organizations, including staff from the Sawyer County, Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University, residents from Wisconsin as well as states including PA, GA and MA. This course is generally offered twice a year, reaching roughly 45 participants from tribal, non-tribal and nation-wide audiences. A follow up survey is being created to assess the success of this course for the past 4-5 years. This will be a research partnership with the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University to evaluate the impact of this course on the organizations, individuals and governments.

"Ariga, I want to say a big thank you for this excellent class! Your explanations are so thorough and meaningful. It is clear that you both have depth of knowledge. This is making this old educator's heart sing."

"Thank you so much for the invaluable information and your time."



Real Colors is scheduled to be offered to Sawyer County staff and employees in Fall of 2023. The **Real Colors** training is a tool that is being utilized by various organizations to boost collegiality, provide organizational development and build effective teams. Effective teams usually boost productivity and efficiency and lead to successful project completions.

The class offered to Sawyer County employees in March 2023 did not meet the participants minimum number. It is crucial to meet the minimum number of the participants for this class to make a successful workshop with all colors being represented. This helps the participants understand other colleagues' colors and strengths for effective usage of this temperament tool.

First Quarter 2023

Strategic Planning Course – Coming Soon!



Virtual Strategic Planning Course
For individuals, businesses or organizations
Join us to learn how to conduct a Strategic Plan for your organization. The course includes hands on practice and exercises.

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Cost \$63
1 Academic Credit
offered through Lac Courte Oreilles
Ojibwe University

4 SESSION- COURSE
April 17, 24, 26 and May 01
08:30 AM - 12:30 PM

REGISTER NOW

The link will be sent to you through your email after you registered

For More Information 715 638 3295
<https://sawyer.extension.wisc.edu>

Strategic Planning Course will be offered on April 17, 24, 26 and May 1. This course has been developed in partnership with the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University and is open to all Sawyer County's residents, organizations and governments. We will expand our customer reach to the State of Wisconsin and nationally.

This is a first time pilot course, offered with the goal to teach those who are interested in conducting a strategic plan as a consultant, personnel of local and/or government organizations. The workshop will be interactive with real life examples and exercises.

The course consists of 4 sessions with 4 hours each with 1 Academic Credit through the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University.

The sessions will focus on:

- Introduction to Strategic Planning
- Mission, Vision and Values of Organizations
- Identification of Goals, Action Plan
- SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) Analysis

Facts on benefits of strategic planning:

- It makes organizations proactive rather than reactive
- Instills a shared sense of responsibility
- Increases operational efficiency among leadership
- Improves staff satisfaction and retention
- Helps manage expectations and build trust



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Other Ways Extension is Serving Sawyer County:

Raising a Thinking Child

A 6-session evidence-informed program for parents, caregivers, educators, and human service professionals where they learn communication skills that help young children think for themselves. The goal is to improve children's prosocial behaviors such as problem solving and positive peer relationships and reduce problematic behaviors such as impulsivity. Research indicates that teaching skills related to critical thinking, impulse control, problem solving, and conflict resolution set a foundation for prevention of school problems, juvenile delinquency, and substance use.



Connecting Children and Parents in Justice-involved Families



The **Literacy Link** brings evidence-informed literacy and learning opportunities to young children with parents or caregivers involved in local correctional systems. We partner with jails, criminal justice organizations, libraries, and others to: foster healthy family relationships by promoting positive, literacy-focused interactions between children and their justice-involved parents and caregivers and promote language and literacy skills in children by creating literacy rich experiences in jail and justice settings that extend into the home.

When parents are incarcerated, children suffer due to the stress of separation along with social and economic disruption in the family. These stressors can impact school success and mental and physical health, which has a ripple effect on neighborhoods, schools and communities. Making Reading Memories is a strategy of The Literacy Link program which connects children with their justice-involved parent to strengthen the parent-child relationship, reduce family stress and build children's early literacy skills. The program provides an opportunity for parents in jail to attend a workshop on interactive reading and create a video recording of themselves reading a book to their child. The book and video are then sent to the family for the child to view at home.

Find out more about Literacy Link [here](https://theliteracylink.extension.wisc.edu/)
<https://theliteracylink.extension.wisc.edu/>

A program for justice-involved families where parents in jail are video recorded reading storybooks, which are then shared with their children at home. The goal is to reduce the trauma of separation, strengthen family relationships and at the same time increase children's exposure to books and reading.



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SAWYER COUNTY

First Quarter 2023

April 2023
Hayward Lakes VCB Marketing Report

2022-2023 Sport Show List

Sport Show	Vacation Guides Distributed
Wisconsin State Fair Milwaukee	1000
St Paul Ice Fishing Show	400
Chicagoland Fishing Show Schaumburg	600
La Crosse Sport Show	500
WI Fishing Expo Madison	525
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel	454
Northwest Sport Show Minneapolis	375
Wisconsin Sport Show Eau Claire	250

5 Star Advertising distributed our guides to 6 shows; Snowmobile Show – Milwaukee, Chicagoland Fishing, Travel, & Outdoor Expo – Schaumburg, IL, Fishing & Tackle Expo – Bradley, IL, La Crosse Sport Show – La Crosse, WI, Wisconsin Fishing Expo – Madison, WI and Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Sports Show

Changes for 2023-2024 sport show season:

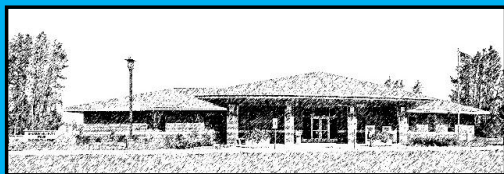
Add-Wisconsin Ice Fishing Expo in Oshkosh (was postponed in 2023 rescheduled for December 2023)

Removed in 2023: MN Golf Show-unable to find volunteers and MN Sportsmen's Show in St Paul no longer doing

Average cost \$1.47 per vacation guide (to mail the VG is \$ 2.38 from Hayward)

HLVCB pays for booth rental and electric. Volunteer pays for lodging, food & gas.





SHERMAN & RUTH WEISS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

DIRECTOR'S REPORT BY MOLLY LANK-JONES

March 28, 2023

LIBRARY LINGO

Like other business arenas, the library world uses many acronyms. To help people get acquainted with the terminology, here are some of the most common acronyms used by libraries. *Trustee Essentials: A Handbook for WI Public Library Trustees*, p.TTD-1 is the source of the definitions.

ALA-American Library Association.

Automation-Use of a computer system for such tasks as circulation, cataloging, acquisitions, and interlibrary loans.

BadgerLink-Program supported through the Dept. of Public Instruction, Div. for Libraries and Technology. Its goal is to provide WI residents with increased access to electronic information sources *free of charge*, in cooperation with the state's library community.

Cataloging-The process of describing an item in a library's collection and assigning a classification (call) number to it to make it easier to find in the library.

Chapter 43-The chapter of *Wisconsin Statutes* governing the establishment and operation of public libraries and library systems.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL)-A transaction by which library material is loaned by one library to another outside its system for the use of an individual patron.

NWLN-Northern Waters Library Network refers to the consortium of NWLS member libraries that share the same library automation system.

NWLS-Northern Waters Library Service is a joint agency of Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Sawyer, Vilas, and Washburn Counties. It is a federated public library system which includes as members all 29 public libraries in the eight participating counties. Collectively NWLS and its member

libraries provide public library service to the 155,000 residents of the eight-county area.

OPAC-Online public access catalog. Refers to a computer-based library catalog that takes the place of the old manual card catalog.

Resident Population-The total number of residents that live within the library's legal service jurisdiction; that is, the governmental unit(s) establishing the local library.

Service Population-The municipal population plus an estimated value for an additional service area population.

WISCAT-Wisconsin Catalog. The statewide database of holdings contributed to by WI libraries of all types. This is used when library staff need to interlibrary loan an item for a local patron because local libraries do not own it.

WLA-Wisconsin Library Association.

APRIL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

The library holds many programs and events for the public and library staff. The programs are free and open to everyone.

- **StoryWalk® Books.** Soon to be back on the Library Nature Trail for Spring.
- **Library is Lending FREE Hotspots!** They are available to Sherman & Ruth Weiss Community Library cardholders 18 years of age or older and have a card in good standing. For more information, just call or visit the library.
- **Free one-day Wisconsin State Park Passes.** The DNR has approved participating libraries to continue the pilot project through December 2023. The one-day passes are valid for free admission for one vehicle at any state park, forest, or recreation area where admission is required. This program comes from a collaboration with the DNR, Wisconsin DPI, the Wisconsin Library Association, and participating libraries.
- **Our library assembled a wide variety of STEM Kits** and added them to our collection through a grant shared with the Vaughn Public Library in Ashland. STEM kits make learning science, technology, engineering, and mathematics more fun.
- **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten.** An ongoing program that encourages parents and children to read together to help prepare children for success in kindergarten. Sign up next time you and your child are in the library!
- **New online apps FREE at NWLS member libraries:** Creativebug-thousands of award-winning art and craft video classes, Transparent Language-100+ languages at your fingertips, Kanopy-stream thousands of movies with your library card; 24-hr access to New York Times and New York Times - Cooking. To access the apps, go to <https://weisscommunitylibrary.com/online-resources/>.
- **3/1-4/7. For children. Check out a book** and receive an egg for a small spring surprise. Ann.
- **4/1-4/26. Northwoods Invasive Species** contest posters drop off location for WI students. Contact Jonna Jewel at jjewel@co.oneida.wi.us/. Molly.

- **4/1-4/30. April is National Poetry Month.** Stop in to see our display of poetry books by local and international authors. Ann.
- **4/3. New Scavenger Hunt:** Find all the “earths” in the library! Ann.
- **4/3. Black Out Poetry Take n Make** for teens and adults. Ann.
- **Date TBA. Visit to Hayward High School** for Black Out Poetry program. Ann.
- **4/3, 12 noon-2 pm. HLF Donor Appreciation Committee Meeting.** Molly.
- **4/4. Ann on WHSM Radio.**
- **Voting Day!**
- **4/4, 4/11, 4/18 4/25, 10 a.m. Storytime with Nina** of Northwest Connection Family Resources.
- **4/4, 1-2 pm. Libby Online eBooks webinar.** Molly, Betty, Janet, Katie.
- **4/5, 1 pm. NWLS Marketing Meeting.** Ann.
- **4/4, 4-6 pm. Rescheduled Anime’ Art Class.** Agnes.
- **4/6. PBS Grant Meeting, Zoom.** Ann.
- **4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27. 10 am-12 noon. In Gauge Crafters Club.** Members meet in the Children’s Room or Meeting Room. All are welcome.
- **4/7, 10:30 am. Spring Fun for children and their families,** including a short video, crafts, and more. Presented in partnership with Superior Community Credit Union. Ann.
- **4/10, 8:30 am Economic Development/UW Extension Committee Meeting.** Molly.
- **4/10, 5:30 pm. Jennifer Petit, owner of River & Rain Apothecary** on 3rd St. in Hayward, presents the program SALTs. Learn the benefits of dry salt therapy (Halotherapy) for respiratory and skin health and of using different salts in your bathing routines. Mix up your own bath salts to take home for a relaxing, rejuvenating soak. Ann.
- **4/11, 2 pm. Helping Staff Feel Safe** webinar. Molly
- **4/11, 12 noon. BadgerLink: Inspire Summer Reading** webinar. Ann.
- **4/11, 4:30-6 pm. Library Board Meeting.** Molly.
- **4/11, 6-7 pm LEGO Club.** Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Ann.
- **4/13, 1 pm. Ryan Dowd Homelessness De-escalation** webinar. Ann and Molly.

- **4/13, 10 am. WI DPI presents Thinking Like a Scientist STEM** webinar. Ann.
- **4/14. Shakespearean actor Ron Scot Fry** performs “To Be or Not to Be,” 3 performances at Hayward Middle School and High School. Ann.
- **4/14. NWLS Library Directors Retreat** at Cable Community Center. Molly.
- **4/17. Earth Day Take-N-Make** for children. Ann.
- **4/17, PBS Grant Program** for Children. Ann.
- **4/18, 8:30-10 am Northern WI ILS Consortium Exploration (NICE) Team Meeting.** Molly.
- **4/18, 5 pm Hayward Library Foundation Meeting.** Molly.
- **4/23-4/29. National Library Week.** Prize drawings daily and more at the Hayward Library. Also, the Passport Program kicks off on 4/24. Visit 10 or more libraries in the Northern Waters Network for a chance to win prizes such as gas cards, WI travel books, road trip supplies and more. Ann.
- **4/24, 5:30 pm. Making Jewelry with Metal Washers & More.** Agnes, Ann, & Molly.
- **4/25, 4-6 pm. Anime’ Art Class.** Library staff member Agnes Bearheart Smith teaches a free art class for tweens an teens. Munchies included. Agnes.
- **4/26. ~10 am. Public budget hearings** with the legislature’s Joint Finance Committee members in Minocqua. Ann and Molly.
- **4/27. WI Science Festival** webinar. Ann.

PHOTOS FROM LIBRARY’S “WINTER STREET SCENE” TAKE N MAKE KIT

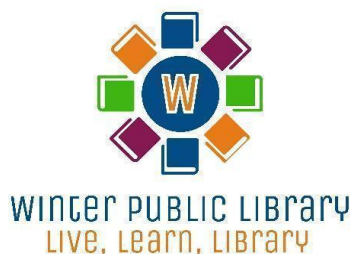
“Thank you for all the fun projects you provide!”

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WINTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Mission Statement: The mission of the Winter Public Library is to provide quality materials and services which fulfill the education, information, cultural and recreational needs of the entire community in an atmosphere that is welcoming, respectful and businesslike.

Library Calendar of Events:

(This list changes as more programs and/or events are being planned throughout each month)

April

3rd-Winter Library Board meeting
4th-StrongBodies program @ 9:00 a.m.
4th- Story Hour @ 4:00 p.m.
6th-StrongBodies program @ 9:00 a.m.
10th-UW-EX and Econ Committee @ 8:30 a.m.
11th-StrongBodies program @ 9:00 a.m.
11th-Story Hour @ 4:00 p.m.
13th-StrongBodies program @ 9:00 a.m.
13th-Programming presentation at Winter School
18th-StrongBodies program @ 9:00 a.m.
18th-Director Retreat in Cable
20th-StrongBodies program @ 9:00 a.m.
25th-StrongBodies program @ 9:00 a.m.
27th-StrongBodies program @ 9:00 a.m.

State Park Passes

Because we were part of the pilot program this winter and filled out the survey at the end of the pilot, we are able to keep and distribute the remaining passes. Library patrons may use this one day pass at any State Park. We will distribute passes until they are gone.

New York Times Access

Library card holders can access the New York Times site while connected to the network system or they can receive a 24 hour free pass to access the site from home.

Creativebug (craft video classes)

Library card holders can access free crafting videos and classes by accessing the Creativebug site using this link:

<https://www.creativebug.com/lib/nwls>

Kanopy

A digital streaming service for films, TV shows and documentaries. Library cards are needed to access this service.

NWLN Passport Program

Patrons will be invited to visit a variety of libraries in the NWLN system (and beyond!) throughout the spring and summer, collecting a stamp at each library they visit. If they visit 10 different libraries, they'll receive an entry form for a prize drawing and could win gas cards,

road trip supplies, Wisconsin-themed travel books, and more!

Kajeet Hotspots

Winter Public Library has two hotspots funded by the ECF (Emergency Connectivity Funds). Since the program started, our hotspots have been on reserve and checked out continuously. This has been a very popular service that offers internet access to those that normally would not be able to connect to the internet.

Friend of the Library

The Friends of the Library has fundraising events planned for the summer. There are eight different fundraisers for the library that are being planned around local events.

Upcoming activities:

National Library Week

Gardening program for the Library Community Garden

Summer Youth and Adult programming

Outdoor Family Movie Nights