



February & March Newsletter

TWO HARBORS PUBLIC LIBRARY



Mission: We are a cornerstone of the community dedicated to fostering lifelong learning, connection, and inclusivity.

Vision: We envision a welcoming space where everyone will feel empowered to explore, create, and embrace learning.



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Mondays, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Tuesdays, 11:30 am – 7:00 pm

Wednesdays, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Thursdays, 11:30 am – 7:00 pm

Fridays, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

**TUMBLE
BOOK
LIBRARY**



Looking for quality books for the children in your life? Try TumbleBook Library, with ebooks and read-alouds for children of all ages, easily accessible on your device! Visit our website to get started with these free no-wait children's books! Just click on TumbleBook Library: <https://www.alslib.info/>

Reoccurring Weekly Events

Storytime

10:30-11:00 am, Wednesdays

For Children and their Caregivers, Children's Area
Enjoy a few stories and a craft or activity.

The Teacher Is In: Adult Education Office Hours

9:30 am-12:00 pm, Wednesdays

For Adults, Library Meeting Room

Visit with Deann about completing your GED, gaining basic computer skills, increasing reading, writing, and math abilities, improving your English language skills, preparing for college, and more.

Game Day for Adults with Community Partners

1:00-3:00 pm, Wednesdays

For Adults, Library Meeting Room

Chess, cribbage, cards, and more! Adults are invited to a drop-in game afternoon. Light refreshments will be provided. We are excited to present this series in collaboration with Community Partners.

Winter Frolic Coloring Contest

All Entries must be at the Two Harbors Public Library by closing at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 6. (No entries in the book drop box, please!) Pictures are available at the library and online at twoharborswinterfrolic.com.

Each category will have a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prize. There will also be one Grand Prize winner of a one-night stay at Northern Rail Traincar Inn! This prize will be selected through a random drawing of all entries!

Age brackets are as follows:

- Ages up to 3
- Ages 4 through 6
- Ages 7 through 11
- Ages 12 through 15
- Ages 16 and up



BookPage
MONTHLY BOOK REVIEW MAGAZINE

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEYS

Romance legend Loretta Chase wraps up the Difficult Dukes series, plus 3 rom-coms you'll fall for, including *Change of Heart* by Falon Ballard.

ALSO INSIDE

- IBI ZOBI**
Ibi Zoboi on the Caribbean folklore that shaped her fantasy debut
- WE DO NOT PART**
Nobel laureate Han Kang's transcendent new novel
- IMANI PERRY**
Imani Perry on the importance of the color blue in Black culture

The February issue of **BookPage**® is now available!

Winter Reading Program

Don't forget to sign up for the 2025 Winter Reading Program!

Sign up on Beanstack or grab a paper log from the front desk. This year we are doing Bingo and you keep track of minutes and activities. Anything you read from January 1 to February 28 counts. You can earn a prize when you get your first Bingo and a blackout Bingo. And if you get a blackout you are also entered into a prize drawing for a special Two Harbors Public Library hat!

Thank you to the Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library for their financial support of the Winter Reading Program.

February 3-7

Shelley Getten Author Visit

Friday, February 7, 10:00-11:00 am

For Adults, Library Meeting Room

Local author will share insights and inspiration from her latest book, *Of Cows and Crows: Poems*. While addressing a ten-year period of life on a farm in Central Minnesota, *Of Cows and Crows* was written over the course of the last three decades. It is not only a coming-of-age tale set in rural pastures and meadowlands of the farm, but a depiction of how a deep connection to the land can be instrumental in healing the wounds of our shared humanness.

February 10-14

Afternoon Book Circle

Monday, February 10, 2:00-3:00 pm

For Adults, Library Meeting Room

NEW TIME!

Morning Book Circle is now Afternoon Book Circle! Our first ABC book is *The Book of Joy* by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Limited copies are available at the front desk. As an optional activity, members of the ABC are bringing a list of the most impactful books in their lives. Come to learn and discuss!

Silent Book Club

Tuesday, February 11, 6:00-7:00 pm

For Adults, Upstairs Fireplace Area

Join us on the second Tuesday of the month! Drop-in, relax, and read your book quietly with other people upstairs in the original Carnegie Library area.

Nature Poetry Open Mic Night

Thursday, February 13, 5:00-6:00 pm

All Ages, Two Harbors Public Library Meeting Room

Open mic night, but without a microphone. Join Naturalist Mic in the meeting room of the Two Harbors Public Library for nature poetry reading. All ages welcome and coloring activities will be available. Consider bringing a favorite poem or one of your own to read.

February 17-21

The Library is closed Monday, February 17th for Presidents' Day.

Community Creations

Tuesday, February 18, 4:00-6:00 pm

All Ages, Library Meeting Room

Come join Naturalist Mic unwind and create art using ethically harvested natural items such as pinecones, feathers, and more! Materials provided and you can take home your art. Feel free to bring items from home. All ages welcome.

Books and Brews

Tuesday, February 18, 6:00-8:00 pm

For Adults, Castle Danger Brewery Taproom

Book lovers will gather the third Tuesday of the month in the taproom and discuss what we're reading. Castle Danger will give you \$1 off your first drink if you show them your book on Books and Brews night.

Short and Sweet Book Club

Thursday, February 20, 6:00-6:45 pm

For Adults, Library Meeting Room

Adventure of the German Student by Washington Irving

Join us every third Thursday of the month. We'll have copies at the front desk of a new and free-to-take reading.

February 17-21

Naturalist Presents: Take a Deep Dive into Lake Superior
Friday, February 21, 1:30-2:30 pm

For Youth, Library Meeting Room

Take a dive into the deep waters of Lake Superior. Join Naturalist Mic in the meeting room that will be turned into an underwater adventure. We will learn what senses fish use to navigate such a big body of water. Bring your love for the lake and bring a friend. All youth must be accompanied by an adult.

February 24-27

Winter Sowing Activity with Jadell

Thursday, February 27, 5:00-6:30 pm

For All Ages, Library Meeting Room

Winter sowing is a low maintenance seed starting method that utilizes the local environmental conditions to germinate seeds. Seeds are planted in containers left outdoors through the winter, to germinate in spring. It is one of the easiest ways to grow your own plants, and anyone can do it! All materials are provided.

Fun Fact!

Patrons checked out 64,909 items from the Two Harbors Public Library in 2024.

How many will you check out this year?



March 4-7

From Darkroom to Digital: 50 Years of Photography With Marlene Wisuri

Friday, March 7, 2:00-3:00 pm

Do you want to gain some insight into photographic trends of the last 50 years and what goes into the making of a photo book? Join us for an illustrated presentation by local photographer and author Marlene Wisuri. *Marlene Wisuri is a fiscal year 2024 recipient of a Creative Individuals grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board. This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.*



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ABC is discussing *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Limited copies are available at the front desk.

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Party Video Games with Jackbox

Monday, March 17, 2:00-3:00 pm

For Teens 12-18, Library Meeting Room

Join us for party games! Use one of our devices or use your own smart device to connect. We'll be playing a bunch of fun different games that include trivia, drawing, music, and roleplaying! This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library.

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Lego Architecture

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For Ages 9-18, Library Meeting Room

Do you love Legos? Teens and Tweens can join us as we work on Lego Architecture kits. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required.

Short and Sweet Book Club

Thursday, March 20, 6:00-6:45 pm

For Adults, Library Meeting Room

Overlooked No More: Karen Wynn Fonstad, Who Mapped Tolkien's Middle-earth

Join us every third Thursday of the month. We'll have copies at the front desk of a new and free-to-take reading.

Youth Program with Gooseberry Naturalist Mic

Friday, March 21, 1:30-2:30 pm

For Youth, Library Meeting Room

Join us for a program aimed at youth that focuses on our natural environment. Come and learn something new about nature!

Youth under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

March 24-28

Puzzle Swap

Thursday, March 27th, 12:00-7:00 pm

For Adults, Library Meeting Room

Bring a gently used puzzle to the library's front desk during regular hours the week from March 17-25 and receive a ticket for a new puzzle for each puzzle donated. Spend your tickets March 27 12:00-6:00: 1 ticket = 1 puzzle. Free puzzles from 6:00-7:00.

March 24-28

Teen Advisory Group

Friday, March 28, 2:00-2:30 pm

For Teens ages 12-18, Library Meeting Room

Calling all teens! Help design library programs, earn volunteer hours, and make your voice heard.

One Book Northland

For 24 years, the One Book project has brought Northland communities together to share a love of reading and connect through stories. This year's One Book Northland selection is "Where Rivers Part: A Story of My Mother's Life" by Kao Kalia Yang, a memoir that chronicles the harrowing and heartbreaking journey of Tswb (pronounced Chew) from civil war-torn Laos to the United States. Copies of the book will be available at the front desk beginning March 1. Thank you to the Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library for their financial support!

Save the date for THPL book discussions:

April 1, 5:30-6:30 pm, Library Meeting Room

April 21, 12:00-1:00 pm, Walk and Talk: Meet at the library, walk to Agate Bay

Stay tuned for additional programming around the Northland.

Two Harbors Public Library

2025-2028 Areas of Strategic Focus

Access:

- Ensure all have easy access to library resources to accommodate their schedules and preferences.**
- Support readers through personalized materials recommendations.**
- Improve archive resources and research experience by having relevant and valued information available.**

Arts:

- Offer creative programs focused on artistic expressions for all ages.**
- Host a public artist to help steer and promote collaboration projects.**
- Launch collaboration projects between library and local arts community.**

Atmosphere

- Create a welcoming and comfortable environment with spaces for reading, studying, and socializing.**
- Design welcoming outdoor spaces for patrons to use.**
- Improve patron, staff, and building safety and security.**
- Own our role as the most welcoming place in the community.**