

# April & May Newsletter

TWO HARBORS PUBLIC LIBRARY



Join us in community conversation surrounding *Where Rivers Part: A Story of My Mother's Life* by Kao Kalia Yang. See inside for details!

## ONE BOOK NORTHLAND 2025



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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**

## **Community Book Discussion: *Blue Mind***

### **Limited copies available starting April 1**

Limited copies of *Blue Mind: The Surprising Science That Shows How Being Near, In, On, Or Under Water Can Make You Happier, Healthier, More Connected, and Better At What You Do* by Wallace J. Nichols are available at the front desk starting April 1. Join us for a community book discussion of *Blue Mind* on May 27, 5:30-6:30 pm. Books are provided thanks to the Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library.

## **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.

**April 1-4**

**One Book Northland Book Discussion**

*Where Rivers Part: A Story of My Mother's Life* by Kao Kalia Yang

**Tuesday, April 1, 5:30-6:30 pm**

**For adults, Library Meeting Room**

Join us in community conversation surrounding *Where Rivers Part: A Story of My Mother's Life* by Kao Kalia Yang. Limited copies available at the front desk starting 3/1, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library.

**Poppy Poster Creation**

**Friday, April 4, 1:00-3:00 pm**

**For grades 2-12** (Youth under the age of 8 require an adult present), **Library Meeting Room**

Learn the importance of the poppy flower to our veterans and create a poster to enter into the American Legion Auxiliary contest. Drop in anytime! Poster board and supplies will be provided. Complete list of rules here: <https://tinyurl.com/poppypostercontest>. Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 109 Two Harbors.

**April 7-11**

**National Library Week!**

**April 7-11**

Stop by the Friends of the Library membership table to learn about how the Friends support the library. All Library Friends can pick up \$3 Book Bucks to be used at any Friends of the Library booksale. Memberships available for purchase at the table.

**April 7-11**

**Silent Book Club**

**Tuesday, April 8, 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.

**Twin Ports Festival of History: Archives Open House**

**Wednesday, April 9, 1:00-2:00 pm**

**For all ages, Archives Room**

Celebrate our shared history and enjoy an open house in the library's Archives Room. Staff will be present to assist with research. See full Twin Ports Festival of History schedule at <https://sites.google.com/d.umn.edu/twinportsfestivalofhistory/2025-Schedule>

**Timber! Tales with Susan Hawkinson**

**Friday, April 11, 10:00-11:00 am**

**For ages 15 and up, Library Meeting Room**

Join Susan Hawkinson as she tells the raucous and entertaining lumberjack and settler stories and the equally astounding tales of the Joyce lumber baron family from her co-authored book, *Timber Connections: The Joyce Lumber Story*, a past Minnesota Book Award finalist. This program, sponsored by Arrowhead Library System, was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund (ACHF).

# April 14-18

## **Afternoon Book Circle**

**Monday, April 14, 2:00-3:00 pm**

**For adults, Library Meeting Room**

*Brain on Fire: My Month of Madness* by Susannah Cahalan

Join us every second Monday of the month. Limited copies are available at the front desk.

## **Books and Brews**

**Tuesday, April 15, 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, April 17, 6:00-6:45 pm**

**For adults, Library Meeting Room**

"The Donor and the Borrower" by Robert Kolker

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

**April 14-18**

**All About Owls**

**Friday, April 18, 1:30-2:30 pm**

**For youth, Library Meeting Room**

We will be continuing our learning about large birds – this time discovering more about owls and what they eat! You will have the chance to dissecting a real owl pellet! Join naturalist Mic for activities and crafts for a hooting-good time.

**April 21-25**

**Volunteer Recognition Open House**

**Monday, April 21, 11:00-1:00pm**

**For adults, Library Meeting Room**

Light refreshments and lively conversation provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library

**One Book Northland Walk and Talk Book Discussion**

**Monday, April 21, 12:00-1:00 pm**

**For adults, outside Library Patio**

Join us on a gentle walk (or roll) and book talk, from Two Harbors Public Library to Agate Bay. We will discussing the One Book Northland book *Where Rivers Part: A Story of My Mother's Life* by Kao Kalia Yang. The path is 1.5 miles round-trip on mostly flat terrain. Please meet on the library patio. Alternate weather location: library archives room.

**April 21-25**

### **Community Creations**

**Tuesday, April 22, 4:30-6:30 pm**

**For all ages, Library Meeting Room**

Join naturalist Mic to unwind and create art using legally and 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.

### **Friends of the Library Meeting**

**Thursday, April 24, 5:30-6:45 pm**

**For adults, Library Meeting Room**

Learn more about the Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library at the quarterly meeting. We will hold elections for new officers. Everyone is welcome.

### **Teen StickTogether Paint by Pixel**

**Friday, April 25, 2:00-3:00 pm**

**For teens 12-18, Library Meeting Room**

“Paint by numbers” but with pixel stickers! The image starts as a mystery – just a blank canvas – and builds as everyone ‘sticks together.’ All supplies are provided for this free drop-in craft.

### **Resource Spotlight: ChiltonLibrary**

ChiltonLibrary provides free 24/7 online access to repair, maintenance, and service information for popular cars, trucks, vans, and SUVs. Visit our website’s online resources page to access this free resource. <https://www.twoharborspubliclibrary.com/online-resources/>

# April 28-May 2

## **Nature Poetry**

**Tuesday, April 29, 5:00-6:30 pm**

**For all ages, Library Meeting Room**

Open mic night, but without a microphone. Join Gooseberry naturalist Mic in the Two Harbors Public Library meeting room to listen to community members read nature poetry. Feel free to bring a poem you have written, or a poem to read. If you don't have a lot of experience with poetry, this is a fun way to try it out, and to engage with others in conversation about the natural wonders of our world.

# May 5-9

## **Cricut Show and Tell**

**Tuesday, May 6, 5:30-6:30 pm**

**For adults, Library Meeting Room**

Curious how a Cricut machine works? Join us for a basic tutorial on how to use a Cricut cutting machine. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Two Harbors Public Library.

## **Teen/Tween Diamond Painting**

**Friday, May 9, 2:00-3:00 pm**

**For ages 8-18, Library Meeting Room**

Create stickers with big gems! Use the diamond painting stylus to place gems on stickers. We have sparkly unicorns, dragons, kittycorns, and more. All supplies are provided for this free drop-in craft.



# May 12-16

## **Count Week Volunteers Needed**

We need volunteers to count people coming in the library. We have hour-long slots available from May 12-16. Sign up at the front desk or online via our website by May 12.

## **Afternoon Book Circle**

**Monday, May 12, 2:00-3:00 pm**

**For adults, Library Meeting room**

*The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

Join us every second Monday of the month. Limited copies are available at the front desk.

## **Silent Book Club**

**Tuesday, May 13, 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.

## **Resource Spotlight: Novelist**

Find your next great read with Novelist. Novelist lets you search for books based on mood, pacing, characters, and more. You can also look for author and book read-a-likes. Visit our website's online resources page to access this free resource.

<https://www.twoharborspubliclibrary.com/online-resources/>

## **Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale**

**Thursday, May 15, 8:00-10:00 am Members only;**

**10am-6:00pm all shoppers welcome**

**Friday, May 16, 10:00am-6:00pm**

**Saturday, May 17, 10:00am-3:00pm \$7 Bag Sale**

**For all ages, Aspirus Lake View Conference Center**

Support the Friends and fill up your shelves -- lots of

treasures await you at the spring book sale! Member

exclusive special for the sale: Get \$5 off your purchase of \$15

or more OR Buy two bags, get the 3rd bag free on Saturday

**May 12-16**

### **Short and Sweet Book Club**

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**For adults, Library Meeting Room**

“Ugly Duckling” by Hans Christian Andersen

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

### **Moth Dance Party**

**Friday, May 16, 1:30-2:30 pm**

**For youth, Library Meeting Room**

Celebrate spring with a neon dance party! We are celebrating the beautiful and unique aspects of moths. Join Naturalist Mic for an exciting program! Participants are encouraged to wear white or colors that will glow under UV light. All youth must be accompanied by an adult. Programs are in partnership with Parks and Trails Division of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

**May 19-23**

**Going to Bartalina: Charlie Maguire\***

**Monday, May 19, 10:00 am-11:00 am**

**For all ages, Library Meeting Room**

With unequaled authenticity, songwriter and folksinger Charlie Maguire brings a program of songs and stories to mark important maritime anniversaries in 2025.

**Books and Brews**

**Tuesday, March 20, 6:00-8:00 pm**

**For adults, Castle Danger Brewery Taproom**

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**Friends of the Library 25 Cent Sale**

**Thursday, May 22, 12:00-5:00pm**

**For all ages, Library Meeting Room**

Bargain hunters rejoice - all items will be twenty five cents at this special Friends of the Library sale!

**Teen Advisory Group**

**Friday, May 23, 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.

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**May 26-30**

**The library will be closed Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.**

**Blue Minds Book Discussion**

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**For adults, Library Meeting Room**

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**Book Tasting**

**Thursday, May 29, 4:00-5:00 pm**

**For adults, Library Meeting Room**

Join us for a book tasting! We'll have stations set up each showcasing a different genre. Learn about new genres and subgenres that we have available through the library.

**Coming in June...**

Summer Reading Program for all ages will start in June! Read to win prizes. Online or paper participation options available. The theme is **Level Up at Your Library!**

