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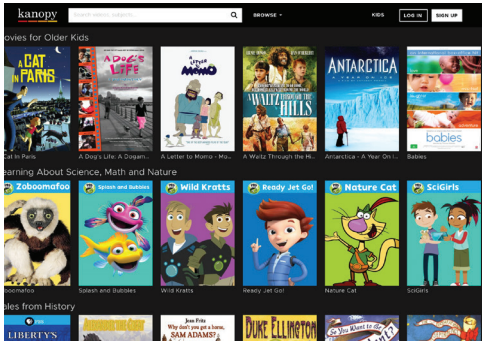
# LIBRARY NEWS



## NEW STEM KITS AVAILABLE

Our collection of Kids STEM Kits continues to grow with the addition of new kits designed for kids ages 4+ on birding, coding, color, earthquakes, geography, magnets, space, telling time and more.

Browse the collection near the first floor checkout area or at [www.meadpl.org](http://www.meadpl.org).



## CUT YOUR STREAMING BILL

Are your streaming subscriptions getting too expensive?

Mead offers streaming access to thousands of TV shows and films - except ours are free.

Use your library card to log into Kanopy and check out the selection of more than 30,000 critically-acclaimed movies, inspiring documentaries, award-winning foreign films and more.

And check out the selection of TV shows and movies streaming for free on Hoopla.



Monarch2Go



Download on the  
App Store

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Google Play

## STORE YOUR LIBRARY CARD ON YOUR PHONE

Did you know you can store your library card digitally on your phone using the Monarch2Go app?

There's no need to remember your library card during your next visit – just log into the app to access your barcode and then scan it at any self-checkout machine at Mead.

Even better, family members can link their accounts together on the app and

manage everyone's accounts – and cards – in one place.

Instead of managing multiple log-ins, you can track everyone's holds and reserve/renew items in one spot, and leave everyone's library cards at home as you can scan each of your family's cards from your phone when you check out.

The app is available for iPhones, iPads and Android devices.

## FRIENDS BOOK SALE COMING IN OCTOBER

The Friends of Mead Library will hold their annual fall Used Book Sale on Oct. 19-21 in the Rocca Room.

The sale will feature hardcover fiction and nonfiction, along with children's books, DVDs, CDs and other miscellaneous items. Visit the [meadpl.org](http://meadpl.org) events calendar for more details.



# BOOK GROUPS

## BOOK GROUPS @ MEAD

### Nonfiction Book Discussion Group:

with Leighanne Metter-Jensen (language arts teacher), **second Mondays, 6-7 p.m., Public Conference Room #1.**

- Sept. 12: "Indelible City: Dispossession and Defiance in Hong Kong," by Louisa Lim
- Oct. 10: "The Lonely Hunter: How the Search for Love is Broken," by Aimee Lutkin
- Nov. 14: "The Last Resort: A Chronicle of Paradise, Profit, and Peril at the Beach," by Sarah Stodola

**Fiction Book Discussion Group:** with Kim Dalhaimer (retired Mead librarian), **third Mondays, 6-7 p.m., Public Conference Room #1.**

- Sept. 19: "The Dinner," by Herman Koch
- Oct. 17: "The Paris Apartment," by Lucy Foley
- Nov. 21: "Moth," by Melody Razak

## FOOD DRINKS & BOOKS

### Sheboygan County LGBTQ Alliance

**Book Club:** join us for a facilitated book club covering a unique perspective on the queer experience. For people who identify as LGBTQIA+ and straight allies alike. Held **6:30-7:30 p.m., first Thursdays at Paradigm Coffee & Music, in Sheboygan.** For ages 13+. Please note that the selected books may contain mature themes and language.

- Sept. 1: "The One You Want to Marry (And Other Identities I've Had): A Memoir," by Sophie Santos
- Oct. 6: "More Happy Than Not," by Adam Silvera
- Nov. 3: "Gender Queer," by Maia Kobabe

**Moonlight and Murder:** discuss mystery and suspense books, **5:30-6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at the Black Pig in Sheboygan.**

- Sept. 28: "The Christie Affair," by Nina de Gramont

**Romance on the Rocks:** join us as we discuss romance fiction, **5:30-6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at the Black Pig in Sheboygan.**

- Oct. 26: "Lotus," by Jennifer Hartmann

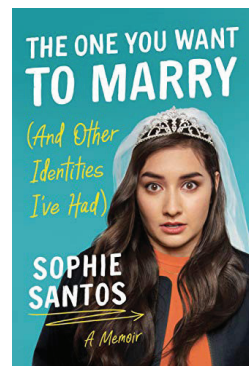
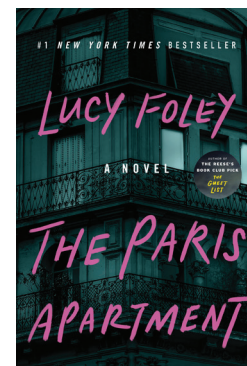
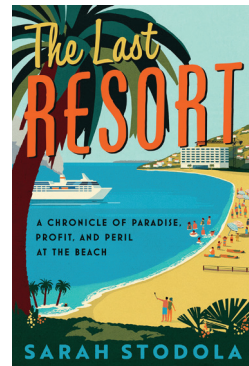
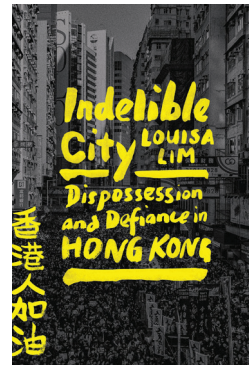
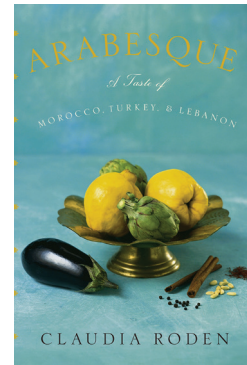
## READ. TALK. MAKE.

**Book to Art Club:** explore literature through discussion and hands-on projects. Held at **5:30-6:30 p.m. second Thursdays, in the Imaginarium makerspace.** For teens and adults.

- Sept. 8: "Black Cake," by Charmaine Wilkerson
- Oct. 13: "The Ladies of the Secret Circus," by Constance Sayers
- Nov. 10: "Firekeeper's Daughter," by Angeline Boulley

**Sheboygan Cook & Book Club:** food is an important gateway to begin to experience and understand other cultures. Through this series, participants will cook, eat and discuss food from another culture while working to gain a deeper understanding of the selected culture. Recipe copies and additional readings will be available for pickup at Mead. In partnership with Green Bicycle Co. and Goodside Grocery. Participants will cook and read beforehand and then meet virtually for a facilitated discussion. **This fall's featured book will be "Arabesque: A Taste of Morocco, Turkey, and Lebanon," by Claudia Roden.**

Held from **6-7 p.m., third Wednesdays: Sept. 21, Oct. 19 & Nov. 16, in Public Conference Room #2, or attend virtually on Zoom. Registration required.**



Extra book copies are set aside at the first-floor Service Desk for all Mead-sponsored book groups.

Book Club Kits are also available for private groups and are available to browse on the first floor. You can also reserve the kits online or call 920-459-3400, ext. 2048.





SEWING WORKSHOPS

## SEWING & KNITTING

### CHARITY KNIT-A-THON

Anything goes during this one-day event to provide extra warmth for our community. Stop in to drop off already-made mittens, scarves, hats, blankets and pet coats or bring some supplies along and stay and visit while you make something to donate. Held **9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10, in Public Conference Room #2.**

### LEARN TO SEW

Learn basic hand and machine sewing techniques in this four-week course for beginners, led by instructor Elaine Jacks. Bring your own sewing machine or share ours. Supplies provided. Held **1-3 p.m.; Saturdays: Sept. 10, 17, 24 & Oct. 1; in the Imaginarium. Registration required. Open to teens and adults.**

### MEAD KNITTING CIRCLE

Knitters of all skill levels can work on projects and share tips, **10 a.m. to noon; second Saturdays: Oct. 8 & Nov. 12; in the Imaginarium.**

### ADVANCED SEWING

Learn about zippers, sleeves and other advanced sewing techniques in these workshops led by instructor Elaine Jacks. Bring your own sewing machine or share ours. Supplies provided. Held **1-3 p.m., Saturdays, in the Imaginarium. Registration required. Open to teens and adults.**

- **Oct. 22: Zippers**
- **Nov. 5: Sleeves**

### MEET YOUR SEWING MACHINE

Learn how to use and care for your sewing machine with Darryl Ottman, owner of the Machine Shop in Sheboygan Falls. Bring your own sewing machine (with thread and bobbins) and a small flat-head screwdriver, **2-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 12, in the Imaginarium. Registration required. Open to teens and adults.**

## LEGO BUILDING

### FIFTH WEDNESDAY: LEGO CONSTRUCTION

Fifth Wednesdays happen, so let's get together and build with LEGO, from **2:30-4 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 30, in the Imaginarium.**



# MAKERSPACE



MAKE IT @ MEAD



SUNDAY CRAFTERNOON



LEARN TO 3D PRINT

## DROP-IN HOURS

### OPEN STUDIO

Adults and teens (6th grade and up) can drop by the Imaginarium makerspace and learn to 3D print, die cut fabric, sew and more; or bring your own project to work on and connect with other makers. **4-6 p.m., first and third Wednesdays, in the Imaginarium.**

### CRAFTS

#### MAKE IT @ MEAD

Featuring different drop-in projects each month for all ages, **5-6:30 p.m., first Thursdays, Imaginarium.**

- Oct. 6: Sock Monsters
- Nov. 3: "Stained Glass" Candle Holder

## SUNDAY CRAFTERNOON

Enjoy craft time for grown-ups, with a different project each month, **1:30-3:30 p.m., second Sundays, Imaginarium. Registration required.**

- Oct. 9: Sock Owls
- Nov. 13: Victorian Steampunk Terrariums with Christina Wilke-Burbach

## TECH

### LEARN TO 3D PRINT

Learn to 3D print with our Ender 3 Pro printers during this three-week series for beginners. Open to teens and adults. Held **4-5:30 p.m.; Tuesdays: Oct. 18, 25 & Nov. 1; in the Imaginarium. Registration required.**

## WHAT WILL YOU MAKE TODAY?

The Imaginarium is a free, hands-on community makerspace offering tools, classes and an open workspace to experiment with and learn a variety of skills in science, technology, arts and crafts.

The Imaginarium is located on the library's second floor and is open to adults and teens (grades 6 and up).

Imaginarium users will need to be trained and badged on the equipment before using the equipment outside of scheduled programs. Schedule your badging at [www.meadpl.org/makerspace](http://www.meadpl.org/makerspace) or call 920-459-3400, ext. 2022.



# ADULTS

Register for events at the  
[www.meadpl.org](http://www.meadpl.org) events calendar,  
or call 920-459-3400, ext. 4.



## GLOBAL AFFAIRS

### GREAT DECISIONS LECTURE SERIES

Experts from Wisconsin universities and beyond will lead a four-part exploration of U.S. foreign policy and global affairs. Part of the Great Decisions Education Program. Co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women *Sheboygan*. Held 6:30-7:45 p.m., Tuesdays, Sept. 20-Oct. 11, in the Rocca Room.

- Sept. 20: Drug Policy in Latin America, with Pablo Toral, Beloit College
- Sept. 27: Biden's Agenda, with Beth Dougherty, Beloit College
- Oct. 4: The Quad Alliance, with Martin Farrell, Ripon College
- Oct. 11: Russia and the U.S., with John Reuter, UW-Milwaukee

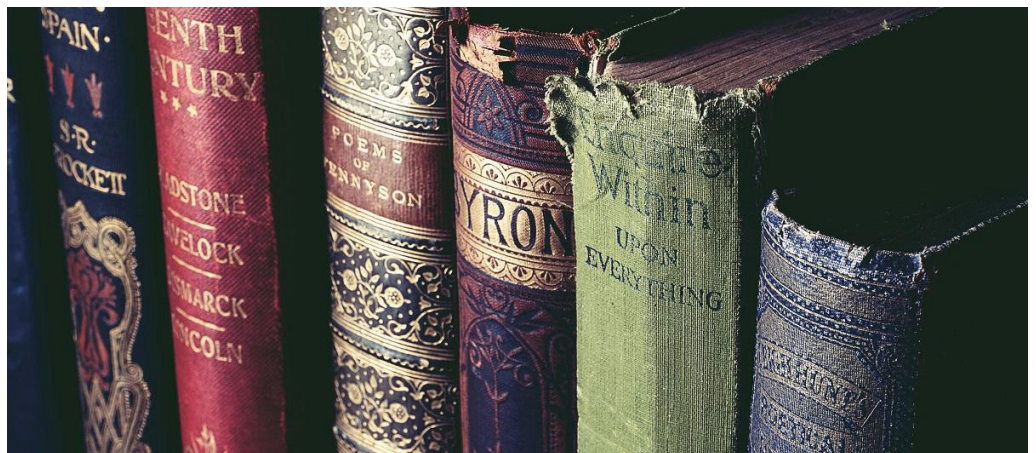


## ACADEMY TALK

### WISCONSIN LIBRARIES: PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

Celebrate the 125th anniversary of Mead library by examining the history of Wisconsin's libraries and the vital role libraries play in the state today during this talk led by Laura Sauser and Nyama Reed, of the Wisconsin Library Association.

Learn about early advocates who were instrumental in the development of Wisconsin libraries and the vital role libraries play today—in college campuses, corporations, rural villages, urban areas, and more—and examine the changing face of libraries heading into the future.



The talk will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26, and it includes a reception from 6-7 p.m. in The Loft, with the presentation to follow in the Rocca Room. Presented in partnership with the Mead Public Library Foundation

and the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters. Register in advance at [www.wisconsinacademy.org](http://www.wisconsinacademy.org). Unregistered seats are available on a first-come, first served basis.



## POETS & WRITERS

### SHEBOYGAN COUNTY WRITERS CLUB

**Monthly Meetings:** Offering a place to meet other writers, share your writing and discuss the joys and trials of the writing life. All genres and experience levels welcome. Held **1-3 p.m.**; **second Mondays: Sept. 12, Oct. 10 & Nov. 14**; in **Public Conference Room #2**; or attend **virtually on Zoom** (registration is required if you plan to attend virtually).

#### Small Group Writing Workshops:

The Sheboygan County Writers Club welcomes writers of all genres and experience levels to bring in writing and give/receive feedback. Held **5:30-7 p.m.**; **fourth Mondays: Sept. 26, Oct. 24 & Nov. 28**; in **Public Conference Room #2**; or attend **virtually on Zoom** (registration only required if you plan to attend virtually).

### 100 THOUSAND POETS FOR CHANGE OPEN MIC

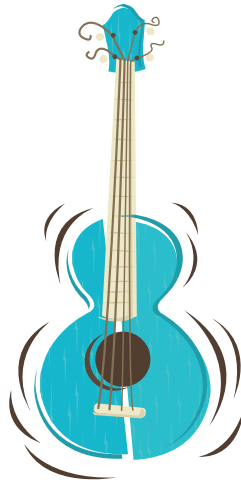
100 Thousand Poets for Change, a world-wide poetry movement, will presents its 12th annual open mic in Sheboygan, with featured guest Mario Willis, Poet Laureate of Milwaukee. Bring a poem to share or just come to listen. All are welcome to participate. From **10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 24, outdoors on the Library Plaza.**



## MUSIC & MORE WITH LIL' REV

### UKULELE CLUB

Do you have a ukulele? Tune it up and have fun jamming in a friendly, low-stakes group setting with Sheboygan's best — and only — Ukulele Club. All skill levels are welcome. Meets at **6:30 p.m.**; on **second Mondays: Sept. 12, Oct. 10 & Nov. 14**; in the **Rocca Room**.



### UKULELE LESSONS

Join award-winning musician Lil' Rev for ukulele classes. Attend in person at the library or watch online via Facebook Live at [www.facebook.com/meadpl](http://www.facebook.com/meadpl).

**Registration is required to attend in person.** Classes are held from **6:30-7:30 p.m.** in The Loft unless noted below.

- Sept. 27: Grateful Dead Night
- Sept. 28: Uke Blues Solos in C
- Sept. 29: Learn The Upstroke Roll
- Oct. 25: Sea Shanty Strum #2 (held in the Rocca Room)
- Oct. 26: Blue Arpeggio Triplet Studies (held in the Imaginarium)
- Oct. 27: Chord Solo Night
- Nov. 28: Mountain Dulcimer Concert Night
- Nov. 29: Learn The Pendulum Stroke (held in the Rocca Room)
- Nov. 30: Songs From The 1800s



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## TECH HELP

### DROP-IN TECH HELP

Offering one-on-one help with e-content, mobile devices, social media, email, photos, word processing, Mead databases and more. Held 1-2 p.m. **second and fourth Tuesdays; Sept. 13 & 27, Oct. 11 & 25, Nov. 8 & 22; in The Loft.**

– *Can't make these times? Call for an appointment, 920-459-3400, ext. 4.*

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE

### CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH

Students with intermediate-to-advanced level Spanish skills can practice speaking, listening and reading in this free weekly class, held 5-6:30 p.m., **Tuesdays: Sept. 13-Nov. 29 (no class Nov. 22), in Public Conference Room #2.** To attend virtually, email [alison.loewen@meadpl.org](mailto:alison.loewen@meadpl.org).

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### SHEBOYGAN UNITED FAMILY RESOURCE FAIR

Sheboygan United is a collaboration of organizations sharing their services at resource fairs throughout the community. Join us as Mead hosts this Family Resources Fair and connect with local resources and community members. Held **11 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17, in the Rocca Room and Jerry Black's Cafe.**



## SOUL COLLAGE

### INTRO TO SOULCOLLAGE

Awaken the artist within while deepening your understanding of yourself with SoulCollage, an art form where participants create their own personal energy/wisdom cards through collage, using images found in magazines or books. Certified SouCollage Instructor Marci Zink will lead a two-hour introductory workshop from **5:45-7:45 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 13, in The Loft. Registration required.**

### FOLLOW-UP SOULCOLLAGE

Continue the process of self-discovery and healing through collage with these additional classes for people who have completed the intro SoulCollage workshop. Led by certified SouCollage Instructor Marci Zink. **Registration required.**



Classes are offered from **5:45-7:45 p.m. in The Loft on Monday, Sept. 26; and on Tuesdays: Oct. 11, Oct. 25 & Nov. 29.**

### DEEPENING WITH SOULCOLLAGE

Dig deeper into your understanding of your cards and yourself in this advanced workshop for people who've completed the follow-up class and have created 10 or more cards. Led by certified SouCollage Instructor Marci Zink. Held **5:45-7:45 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 15, in The Loft. Registration required.**



## GARDENING CLASSES

WITH CHRISTINA WILKE-BURBACH

### AUTUMN & WINTER GARDENING

Learn all about cold weather crops and plants that thrive in the cooler temperatures. This class covers strategies and techniques for outdoor gardening in autumn and winter with vegetables, herbs, and flowers. Held 5:45-7:45 p.m., Monday, Sept. 12, in the Imaginarium. Registration required.

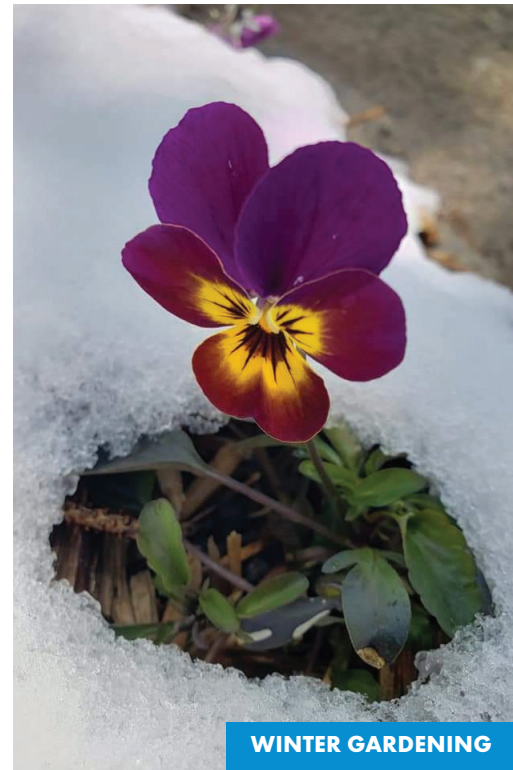
### INDOOR GARDENING & HOUSE PLANTS

This indoor gardening class focuses on having a year-round garden in your home

and will cover reasons for having indoor plants, common challenges with indoor plants and how to remedy them. We will discuss how to select houseplants, where to get indoor plants, caring for houseplants, designing an indoor garden and tips and techniques for success. Held 5:45-7:45 p.m., Monday, Oct. 10, in the Imaginarium. Registration required.

### FAIRY GARDENS & MINIATURE GARDENING

This class will cover fairy folklore and myth and how to build a miniature garden to attract these nature spirits. We will cover miniature plants, design elements, and participants will make and take their own fairy garden. Held 5:45- 7:45 p.m., Monday, Nov. 7, in the Imaginarium. Registration required.



WINTER GARDENING

## TRIVIA

### LI-BREWERY TRIVIA TAKEOVER

Support your local library in the most fun way possible - trivia at the 8th Street Ale Haus. Compete for prizes and bragging rights during this monthly competition hosted by Mead librarians.

Get the answer to one of the questions by visiting Mead the week before and checking something out. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Mead Public Library Foundation.

From 7-9 p.m.; Mondays: Sept. 12, Oct. 3 & Nov. 7; 8th Street Ale Haus, Sheboygan.

## MOVIES

### MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE

1:30 p.m., Mondays, Rocca Room

- Sept. 12: Licorice Pizza (2021)
- Sept. 26: The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent (2022)
- Oct. 10: The Lost City (2022)
- Oct. 17: Uncharted (2022)
- Oct. 31: Dog (2022)
- Nov. 14: Sonic the Hedgehog 2 (2022)
- Nov. 21: Cyrano (2021)
- Nov. 28: Turning Red (2022)

### FRIDAY FILM FAVORITES

1:30 p.m., Fridays, Rocca Room

- Sept. 2: Being There (1979)
- Sept. 9: The Swimmer (1968)
- Sept. 16: Defending Your Life (1991)
- Oct. 7: Duel (1971)
- Oct. 14: The Flight of the Phoenix (1966)

- Oct. 28: The Last of the Mohicans (1992)
- Nov. 4: Love Story (1970)
- Nov. 11: North by Northwest (1959)
- Nov. 18: The Pianist (2002)

### MOVIE MADNESS FILM CLUB

Join us for our book-club style film discussions from 6:30-7:30 p.m., third Thursdays, at the 8th Street Ale Haus. The monthly selections will be available on DVD at Mead beforehand. This is the perfect discussion group for people who want to join the fun but don't have enough time to read an entire book.

- Sept. 15: Clue (1985)
- Oct. 20: An American Werewolf in London (1981)
- Nov. 17: The Night of the Hunter (1955)





OBSTACLE WEDNESDAY

## DROP-IN ACTIVITIES

### LEGO CLUB

Kids can put their building skills to work using the library's supply of LEGOs. Featuring a different theme each month. Drop-in program from **3:15-4:30 p.m., first Wednesdays: Sept. 7, Oct. 5 & Nov. 2; in the Children's Activity Room.** Recommended for grades K-6.

### OPEN ART STUDIO FOR KIDS

Kids can get creative and be introduced to new process techniques and materials during this drop-in program. Participants will independently explore and create in our activity room while an art educator is present to help inspire new ideas. Supplies

provided. Come dressed to make a mess. Held **10 a.m.-noon, Saturdays: Sept. 17 & Oct. 15, in the Children's Activity Room.**

### OBSTACLE WEDNESDAY

Get your kids moving with our drop-in obstacle course, from **3:30-4:30 p.m., Wednesdays: Oct. 26 & Nov. 30, in the Story Garden.** Recommended for ages 3-7.

### PLAY IS HEALING

It's a no-school day for Sheboygan Area School District students and the Play is Healing team is coming together with activities for kids to build, create, imagine an explore. Held **10 a.m.-noon, Friday, Nov. 11, in the Children's Library.** Recommended for early elementary-age learners and younger.



LEGO CLUB



## EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY CLASSES

**Sept. 12 – Dec. 16**

### BABY & ME STORYTIME

Babies are invited to bring a parent or caregiver to this fun and engaging storytime, featuring simple books, lap bouncers, rhymes and songs - all designed to help baby build important social, motor and early-literacy skills. Time for socialization and play with developmentally appropriate toys will follow each session. Recommended for ages newborn to 24 months. Held **9:30-10 & 10:30-11 a.m., Mondays, in the Story Garden (no class Nov. 21).**

### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Join us as we sing, read, write, talk and play our way into kindergarten, strengthening the pre- and early-literacy skills that children need to be ready for school. Optional hands-on activities will follow each session. Recommended for ages 3-5, (siblings welcome), **9:30-10 & 10:30-11 a.m., Wednesdays, in the Story Garden (no class Nov. 23).**

### TODDLER STORYTIME

Enjoy stories, rhymes, music and movement activities at this interactive storytime for toddlers and their grown-ups. Recommended for ages 18 months to 3 years (siblings welcome). Held **9:30-10 & 10:30-11 a.m., Thursdays, in the Story Garden (no class Nov. 24).**



### STORIES, SONGS & STRETCHES STORYTIME

This movement based storytime program uses yoga shapes to build both gross and fine motor skills through stories and songs. Optional hands-on activities will follow each session. Recommended for ages 3-7 years. Held **9:30-10:30 a.m., Fridays, in the Story Garden (no class on Sept. 30, Oct. 28, Nov. 11 & Nov. 25).**

### SATURDAY STORYTIME

Join us for this special weekend storytime session geared toward preschoolers (siblings welcome), held **9:30-10 a.m., Saturdays: Sept. 17 & Oct. 15, in the Story Garden.**

### THE BENEFITS OF STORYTIME

Mead offers a variety of storytimes designed to teach the skills children must learn before they can read, while also encouraging a love of reading. Storytimes are also a good way to share books, learn new things and become comfortable in a group setting.

Different storytimes focus on different age groups, but all sessions include activities that incorporate the five practices of early literacy: talking, singing, reading, writing and playing.



## STEAM WORKSHOPS

### STEM LABS

Kids can learn valuable STEM skills in these hands-on workshops led by MilliporeSigma scientists, from **3:30-4:30 p.m., second Wednesdays: Oct. 12 & Nov. 9, in the Children's Activity Room. Registration required.** Recommended for grades K-6.

### ART-4-FUN

Join artist Mary Tooley in creating art projects, **3:30-4:30 p.m., third Wednesdays: Oct. 19 & Nov. 16, in the Children's Activity Room. Registration required.** Recommended for grades 2-6.



ART-4-FUN

**Recommended for ages 2-5. Held at 9:30 a.m.; third Tuesdays: Sept. 20, Oct. 18 & Nov. 15; in The Loft. Registration required.**

making worry dolls, grief journals and dragon slayer kits. Held **10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 19, in the Rocca Room.**

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### BITTY BOOK CLUB

Parents, caregivers and kids are invited to socialize and learn from Progressive Beginnings therapists and Family Resource Center educators and take part in activities inspired by children's books. Free copies of the featured books will be available to take home after each session.

### WORLDWIDE DRAGON SHOOTING GRIEF AWARENESS DAY

Join World Wide Dragon Shooting Day, Mead Library and Rainbow Kids as we join hands in support of each other by providing tools to help children and families deal with loss. Activities include

## WRITING CONTESTS

### SCARY STORY WRITING CONTEST

Students in grades 3-12 can submit stories up to 800 words. Winners will receive prizes and have their stories published in *The Sheboygan Press*. **Stories are due by Oct. 10. View entry details at [www.meadpl.org](http://www.meadpl.org).**

### 'GRACE FOR PRESIDENT' ESSAY CONTEST

Students in grades 1-5 can write a one-paragraph essay and tell us what you would do if you were president to make the world a better place. **Entries are due Oct. 1st for your chance to win tickets to "Grace for President" at the Weill Center on Oct. 27. View entry details at [www.meadpl.org](http://www.meadpl.org).**



STEM LABS





## MOVIES FOR TEENS

Join us after school for a movie. **Begins at 2:30 p.m., second Wednesdays in the Maas Teen Learning Center.**

- Oct. 12: Dr. Strange in the Multiverse of Madness
- Nov. 9: Top Gun - Maverick



OCT. 5: SOCK MONSTERS

## TEEN MAKERS

Experiment with a variety of hands-on making activities. From 2:30-4 p.m., **first & third Wednesdays, Imaginarium.**

Fall projects:

- Oct. 5: Sock Monsters
- Oct. 19: Cemettarrariums
- Nov. 1: Doodlebots
- Nov. 16: Rock Painting



## TEA & TECH: GIRLS' STEM DAY

Girls ages 8-17 can explore STEM topics through hands-on activities led by experts in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math.

The event — which is held in conjunction with Ada Lovelace Day and the Wisconsin

Science Festival — aims to inspire the next generation of female STEM professionals.

Held from **9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15, at Mead. Registration required. Lunch provided. Open to girls ages 8-17.**

## MARIO KART 8 TOURNAMENT

Join us after school for a Mario Kart 8 Tournament on the Nintendo Switch, with prizes.

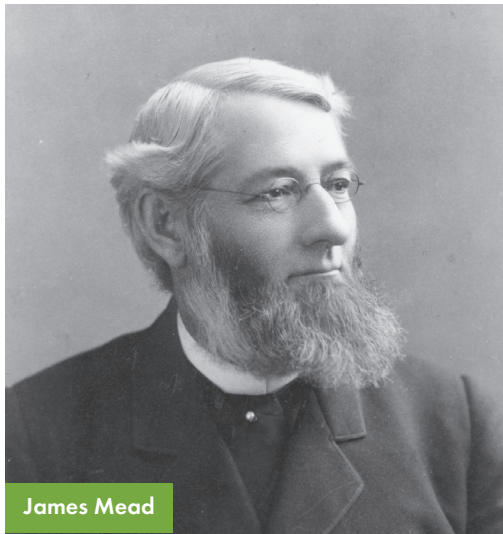
Begins at **2:30 p.m., on Wednesday, Oct. 24, in the Maas Teen Learning Center.**





# A HISTORY OF MEAD LIBRARY

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS | 1897-2022



James Mead

— Portions of this history were adapted from “A History of Mead Public Library,” by E.R. Kunert. Photos are courtesy of The Sheboygan Press, Sheboygan County Historical Research Center and Mead Library archives.

## 1897

Troubled by the “temptations to which young men are exposed who seek entertainment on the streets, or worse still, in the saloons,” James Mead leaves \$20,000



The Sheboygan Library is shown under construction in 1903.

to the City of Sheboygan to provide a place “for the amusement and literacy culture of young men,” — or more specifically, to create a public library.

Soon after, the newly created Board of Library Directors establishes the city’s first library inside a leased two-story downtown building, which is now home to Trattoria Stefano.

The Sheboygan Library opens on Nov. 1, 1897 with the Rev. James Churm, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, becoming the first person to check out a book,

selecting “Jack and Jill,” by Louisa May Alcott.

## 1903

By the start of the century, steel tycoon Andrew Carnegie was donating money for the construction of libraries throughout the U.S. The controversial industrialist would eventually donate \$60 million to fund a system of 1,689 libraries across the country.

This attracts the attention of Sheboygan Mayor F.A. Dennett, who on Feb. 20, 1901, writes Carnegie. Dennett — a library enthusiast who later turned over his \$500 yearly mayoral salary to purchase books — asks for \$25,000 for the construction of a library in Sheboygan, then a modest city of 23,000 people. Carnegie agrees to fund the library on the condition that the city furnish a site and agree to spend \$2,500 a year on it. Carnegie later raises the donation to \$35,000 and construction begins soon after.

The new two-story limestone Sheboygan Public Library opens on May 11, 1904 at the current site of the John Michael Kohler Arts Center. A portion of the building facade still stands today.



The Sheboygan Library opened in 1904 at the current site of the John Michael Kohler Arts Center.





Mead Public Library staff pose for a photo in the Jan. 8, 1941 edition of the Sheboygan Press.

## 1941

A survey conducted of the Sheboygan library by the American Library Association in the late 1930s finds “major deficiencies” resulting from chronic underfunding, which sparks a push to improve the library — including a remodel and expansion of the building.

The building project’s funding source would come from none other than James

Mead, whose \$20,000 donation in 1897 to establish a library in Sheboygan had sat in a trust for nearly five decades, unspent by the City of Sheboygan.

After a long legal dispute with Mead’s heirs, the Wisconsin Supreme Court rules that the trust — now worth \$100,000 — belongs to the people of Sheboygan for use at their library. Thus, after 47 years, the library would finally realize the benefits of the Mead trust with the opening of



Beginning in 1974, Wilhelmina, the beloved Children’s Room mascot, began greeting visitors.

a newly remodeled and expanded library in 1941, which is renamed Mead Public Library.

## 1974

After running out of space in its existing location for its growing collections and services, the new 64,000-square-foot Mead Public Library opens on 8th Street, where the library still operates today. Before the opening, hundreds of high school students formed a fire brigade line and transported 150,000 items from the old library to the new one, located one block away.

## 1997

An expansion followed in 1997 during the library’s 100th anniversary.

It included a new entrance and the addition of a third floor and Quiet Study



Children pose with books to celebrate the start of the Summer Reading Program in 1967.



Room, along with a complete renovation of the library's existing 64,000 square feet of space.

The ensuing two decades have seen an effort to evolve library services to meet the changing needs of the community. No longer a silent space synonymous with books, the library has been repositioned as a community hub offering a range of technological and multimedia resources as well as diverse, multi-age programming and enhanced public spaces, including a makerspace, teen area, cafe and conference rooms.

Today, cardholders have access to over 1 million items through the Monarch Library System. While the library's mission of providing lifelong learning opportunities and access to knowledge hasn't changed, the ways in which Mead librarians deliver on that promise has become far more diverse, including through a significant expansion of library programs and events.

Those events, which are free to the public and funded through private donations, include workshops, lectures, literacy classes and gaming tournaments.



## THANK YOU

Thank you to all who supported the Mead Library Foundation's special fundraising campaign marking the library's 125th anniversary.

Donations are still being accepted online at [www.supportmeadpl.org](http://www.supportmeadpl.org).

— Photos, clockwise from top left: kids line up outside the Mead Bookmobile in the 1980s; students explore the newly expanded library in 1997; a view of the library today; kids attending a STEM program in 2018.

# MEAD LIBRARY

## HOURS

(Labor Day to Memorial Day)

**Monday-Thursday**

8:30 am. to 8 p.m.

**Friday & Saturday**

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Sunday**

1 to 5 p.m.

**Library Closings:**

Sept. 5 & 30; Nov. 24-25

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