

January Newsletter 2023: Warm Up with CCL Activities

Plan to visit the Colby Community Library for activities to warm you up during the chilly January days and nights.

Sakes Alive!

While the inclement weather and power outage cancelled the “Sakes Alive! The CCL’s 5!” celebration on the 15th of December, the party just started a day late and lasted up until the holiday break. There were 125 happy winners in the “Big 5!” game. Twelve dozen cookies were packaged as “to go” treats. Four assisted living/nursing homes in Colby and Abbotsford were the recipients of 175 bingo prizes and door decorations. Gnome pops were available to patrons, and 150 enjoyed the cheerful treats. All these activities helped celebrate the anniversary of opening the doors to the new Colby Community Library building five years ago. Note: Al Gurtner’s author presentation about his book “A Village Called Unity” will be rescheduled at a later date.

Travel the World

“Travel the World Reading and Movie Challenge” for 2022 already has over 100 completed passports turned in. Twenty winners will be awarded Abby/Colby Chamber certificates in a drawing. Passports are due Friday, December 30, 2022 at 5 p.m.

Rainbow Challenge

The new adult challenges for 2023 are “Read the Rainbow” for books and “View the Rainbow” for movies. Starting January 2, pick up booklets for recording books or movies checked out from the Colby Community Library. Fill the folders with 7 different books having one of the colors of the rainbow in the title OR simply a color on the cover or case that you read or view. Turn in the folders by Friday, December 29, 2023 at 5 p.m. to be eligible for prize certificates.

Weave It!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 21. Beginning at 10 a.m., Glory Maxam, CCL library assistant, will be teaching a class for youth ages 8 and up on loom weaving. The class is free, and a bookmark will be completed. It will take about one hour. Pre-register so the library staff knows how many will be attending. Attendees will be able to check out materials from the library until noon.

A tiset...a tasket...we’re going to make a basket! Later that same day, beginning at 1 p.m., the Friends of the CCL will be sponsoring a basket making class for adults. Taught by instructor Jeni of *Woven Blessings Basketry*, a multicolored basket will be woven. The class price is \$45; make arrangements for payment at the time of registration. The basket should take four hours to weave (by beginners or more experienced weavers) and all supplies are included. Registration begins Monday, January 2 by stopping in the library or calling 715-223-2000. Class minimum is 10 participants, with a maximum of 20 weavers.

Winter Crafts

Visit the craft table in the library to pick up winter crafts to “Take and Make.” Craft bags are free; please choose two crafts per visit per child. Parents and grandparents are welcome to pick up bags for children, too.

Preschool Story Times

Story times for preschoolers, ages two and up, will resume on Friday, January 13 at 10 a.m. Children, along with an adult, are welcome to join in a fun-filled half hour of stories, songs, poems, and crafts. A schedule of story time dates for the winter and spring session is available; register at the library if you would like to join.



New Lists

New CCL lists are available. Wondering what new books were added to the CCL collection in 2022? Pick up that list. Want to view movies purchased in 2022? Grab a copy of those. Director Vicky Calmes compiles her "Best Reads" each year, and 2022's list will be available mid-month. A packet of all the books read by the book clubs (since 2006), with member ratings, is printed and available.

Cheese Days Sale

The Friends of the CCL will be collecting items for the annual Cheese Days Book and Movie Sale. Bring clean, saleable books, DVDs, CDs, and puzzles to Forward Bank, Colby location, during regular business hours, beginning Monday, January 2. Please note: No Reader's Digest Condensed books, VHS movies, magazines, or items in dirty condition. Also, remove any identifying names or stickers or price tags before donating. NO books are being collected at the library. The Cheese Days Book and Movie Sale will be Thursday, July 13 and Friday, July 14, 2023 at the Colby Lions Shelter.

Book Club

The CCL Evening Book Club will meet Tuesday, January 17 at 6 p.m. The classic "*Animal Farm*" by George Orwell will be discussed. Since it is quite a short book, if members would like a copy of Orwell's "1984" to also read, contact the library. Discussion leader will be Colleen Sprotte.

Craft and Hobby

Friday, January 20, will be Craft and Hobby night beginning at 4 p.m. Bring individual crafts or help with the upcoming service project preparations. No meal will be served; bring snacks and beverages if desired.

Maddie/MADD Day

Looking ahead to March, the Maddie Thums Memorial Sew-a-thon and Make-A-Difference Day will be held on Saturday, March 4 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Lunch will be provided at noon. Numerous projects will be constructed for Marshfield Medical Birth Center and other needed community programs. Snow date is Saturday, March 11.

Taxes

Basic paper forms will be arriving sometime in late January and February for both Wisconsin and Federal taxes. When they arrive, look for them in a special rack in the vestibule of the library. Computers are also available to print forms not supplied to libraries for a fee. Fax, scanner, and copying services are available for a slight charge.

Colby Sesquicentennial

Guess who turns 150 years old in 2023? If you believe it is the City of Colby, you are correct! The Colby Community Library will be supporting efforts to celebrate this milestone in Colby history with special events during the year.

Winter Hours

Winter hours, through May 2023, are M/W/F from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and TU/TH from Noon-7 p.m. The library will be closed on Saturday and Sunday during the winter. Curbside service is always available during open hours; call the library at 715-223-2000 for assistance. Watch for any changes on the CCL website and Facebook page or in the Tribune-Phonograph.



Make plans to travel to the Colby Community Library for a warm welcome in 2023.