



Colby Community Library Newsletter April 2024



Celebrate at the CCL

National Library Month events at the Colby Community Library (CCL) include gifts to patrons and special programs to celebrate the importance of libraries in communities.

Plant Kindness

The CCL and Jody Will's third grade class at Abbotsford Elementary have joined forces to plant kindness. Pick up a pack of free flower seeds to plant, nurture, and share the harvest with others.

Bookmarks

The CCL has the greatest group of crafters ever, who assist in creating homemade items for the library. In April, while supplies last, free handmade book marks will be available as gifts to patrons.

Eclipse Glasses

Looking forward to the total eclipse of the sun? The CCL will have solar eclipse viewing glasses in time for the April 8, 2024 eclipse. Pick up one per family, please.

Take and Make Kits

Enjoy creating springtime crafts with the Take and Make kits for April. Please select one each time you visit. Adults are also able to select from Take and Make kits especially for them.

Baby Bags

The first baby boy and first baby girl born during National Library Week April 7-13 at Marshfield Medical Center will receive a reading-themed baby gift bag filled with goodies from the Friends of the CCL.

Also, please remember that the CCL's Welcome New Baby Bag Program is always available for local babies ages newborn-6 months. The bags, designed to be a child's first book bag for library visits, are filled with useful baby items created by talented CCL volunteers.

Free Penny

The coupon special for one free pressed penny from the CCL's Penny Press machine continues through May. Stop in and select from one of the four unique Colby designs.

Michael Perry

Wisconsin author Michael Perry is returning to Colby. Perry, author of Population 485, Truck, Coop, and several other works, will be presenting "A Humorous and Heartfelt Afternoon with Michael Perry."

Mark your calendars for Saturday afternoon, April 6, at 2 p.m. The location will be the Colby High School Theater at 705 N. Second Street in Colby. Tickets will be sold only at the door. The price is \$10 for general admission. Cash and checks will be accepted—no credit cards. Doors open at 1 p.m. with the show to start at 2 p.m. Perry will have books for sale and will be signing after the show.

The show is hosted by the Friends of the Colby Community Library. Financial support is provided by Thrivent Action Teams and the Col L C Christensen Charitable and Religious Foundation, Inc.

CES Art Show

Beginning April 2 through April 30, art work by fourth graders at the Colby Elementary School will be on display in the Community Room at the CCL. On April 18, an art show open house will be hosted by art teacher Kristine Lindberg and CCL Director Vicky Calmes at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to view the art throughout the month and/or attend the open house.

Rock Art Class

Register now for our "Rock Art Class" at the CCL taught by Kristy Strey. The class will be Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. until noon at the Colby Community Library. The registration fee of \$25 includes all supplies needed. Registration begins on March 25 and goes until April 12. You may stop in at the library or call 715-223-2000 to sign up. Please note the registration fee is non-refundable.

Book Clubs

The Music of Bees by Eileen Garvin will be discussed by the CCL's afternoon book club at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16. The CCL Evening Book Club will meet that evening at 6 p.m. The book to be discussed is Dark of the Moon by John Sandford. Sandy Larson will be the discussion leader.

Craft and Hobby

Friday, April 19 will be Adult Craft and Hobby in the Community Room of the library. Doors open at 4 p.m. Snacks and beverages are welcome. The group will meet again in May before taking a summer break until September.

Story Times

Springtime story times for pre-school aged children continue Friday mornings at 10 a.m. on April 5 and 12, with the last session on Friday, April 19. Children and their families enjoy stories, songs, poems, activities, and crafts. Story times will resume in September.

SRP

Plans for the 2024 Summer Reading Program (SRP) are in progress. The theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library." In May, check the CCL website, Facebook page, and local news media for details about the program and expanded summer hours.

Hours

The CCL is open M/W/F from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and TU/TH from noon-7 p.m. The library is closed on Saturdays until June 1. Curbside is offered during regular business hours by calling 715-223-2000.

