



# Colby Community Library Newsletter February 2026

## **CCL to Make a Difference**

### **Make-a-Difference Day**

To celebrate Make-a-Difference month 2026 at the CCL, during February, donate NEW books at the library. The Friends of the Colby Community Library and the Altrusa International of Marshfield Club members are joining forces to bring a free book vending machine to Marshfield Children's Hospital Urgent Care/ER Pediatric waiting area. Children who are patients, or youth who are waiting with another family member, will receive a token to use in the machine to select a free book of their choice. The Altrusa members are raising funds for the machine; the CCL is hoping to stock the first set of books for the machine—250 new children's books for ages 18 months through 12 years—when the machine is obtained. The books may be hardcover or paperback, but they must be new to be accepted. (Anything not new will be given to the CCL's book sale.) Please bring books to the library by February 28.

### **Maddie Sew-a-thon**

Friday, February 20 from 1-9 p.m. at the CCL, join community-minded sewists to create projects for the Marshfield Medical Center (MMC) in honor of Maddie Thums, former nurse and library volunteer. Bring a machine and notions; fabrics will be supplied. Dinner and beverages will be provided at 5:30 p.m. The sewn items will be given to youth patients through the Volunteer Services Department. This year, the priority items to be sewn are: Fleece neck pillows and ice pop holders, flannel ice bag covers, and cotton dining scarves and stuffed animal surgical gowns. Please note: This event will be held in conjunction with February's monthly Craft and Hobby evening. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held on Saturday, February 21 beginning at 9:30 a.m. with lunch at noon. Please let us know if you will be attending for food planning purposes. If you cannot sew but would like to pin, iron, or assist with food, you are also welcome to attend.

### **Basket Weaving Rescheduled**

The adult basket weaving class, hosted by the Friends of the CCL, has been rescheduled because of cold weather to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 14. Jeni, from Woven Blessings Basketry, will teach how to weave a 9" or 11" napkin basket. A bonus basket, using a circular continuous weaving technique, is available as an add-on project. There is a fee for the class. The class is limited to 15 students aged 18+. If interested, visit or call the CCL at 715-223-2000. Payment must be received one week after registering and is non-refundable.

### **Adult Education**

Tuesday, February 10 at 2 p.m., the Clark County ADRC will present a class on "Cooking for 1 or 2" in the Community Room at the library. The presentation is free, but please call the library at 715-223-2000 to register.

February's Adult Technology class, taught by Todd Meyer of CVTC, will be Thursday, February 12 at 2 p.m. Bring electronic devices and questions. Call to register for the class, please.

Looking ahead to March: "Strong Bodies Intro" will be Tuesday, March 10 at 2 p.m. at the CCL presented by Clark County UW-Extension. Thursday, March 12 at 2 p.m. will be the month's Technology class with Todd Meyer. All classes are free, but registration is required.

### **Book Clubs**

The afternoon and evening book clubs will meet on Tuesday, February 17 to discuss "Summer of '69" by Elin Hilderbrand. Choose to attend at 1 or 6 p.m.

### **Story Times**

Story times at the CCL are Friday mornings at 10 a.m. Preschool children and an adult are invited to the session of stories, poems, songs, and simple crafts. Please note: if school is cancelled in the Colby district, there will be no story time that day.

### **Tax Forms**

Free paper tax forms are here for both Wisconsin and Federal taxes. Look for them in a special rack in the vestibule of the library. Computers are also available to print forms not supplied to libraries, but there is a fee for copying services. Please remember staff members are not tax consultants.

### **Take and Makes**

There are a variety of free take and make Valentine crafts ready for youth and their families to enjoy. Pick up different ones each time you visit the CCL. For adults, there are free take-home activities to help keep sharp minds.

### **Winter Hours**

Open hours, through May 2026, 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 Saturdays and Sundays for the winter. Curbside service is always available during open hours; call the library at 715-223-2000 for assistance.

### **Book Clubs**

Book clubs will meet on Tuesday, January 20 to discuss Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling. The afternoon club meets at 1 p.m. and the evening club at 6 p.m.

### **Craft and Hobby**

Friday, January 16, will be Craft and Hobby night beginning at 4 p.m. Bring individual crafts to work on in the company of others. Food and beverages are welcome. If you plan on attending, please let the library know.

### **Story Times**

Story times will resume on Friday, January 9 at 10 a.m. Come and join us for stories, songs, poems, and crafts. If you have not registered, there is still room available. A Winter-Spring 2026 story time schedule is available at the library, on Facebook, and on the CCL's website. Please remember that story times follow the Colby School District inclement weather policy.

### **Winter Crafts**

Visit the craft table in the library to pick up winter youth crafts to "Take and Make" at home. Craft kits are free. There are also mind exercise sheets for adults and teens.

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