



# BEYOND BOOKS

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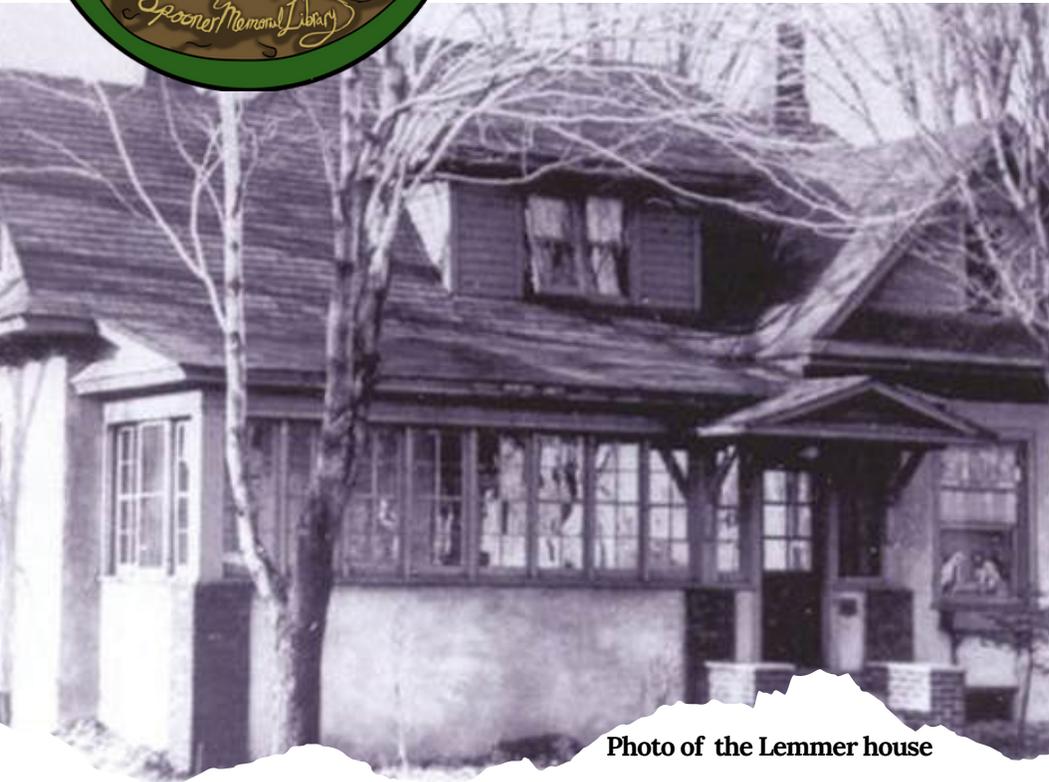


Photo of the Lemmer house

## THE LIBRARY IS MOVING

Did you know that your library has served the community for over 100 years? In fact, your library just celebrated its 107th birthday. Since 1915, the library building has been in a school house, a basement, a house (see the image above), and currently resides on the corner of High and Walnut Street. The oldest part of the current library was built in 1962, with 2,000 square feet added in 1997, when your library leadership underwent a building campaign to remodel the library. A quarter of a century later, your thriving 5,500 square foot library is bursting at its seams.

For years the Library Board, Director, team, and community have talked about the need for more space. In 2021, when developing the library's 2021-2025 strategic plan, a heavy emphasis was placed on addressing this need. In May 2021, an exciting piece of mail brought the conversation to the forefront and building project planning began.

The piece of mail was addressed to the Board President, Audrey Kevan. Audrey opened the envelope at the start of the monthly meeting and almost cried. Inside the envelope was ... *continued pg2*

### Calendar of Events

#### April Events

- 5th: Banned Book Club, 5-7 p.m.
- 7th: Bring a Book, 6-7:30 p.m.
- 11th: Lego Club, 6-7 p.m.
- 13th: Close @ 1 p.m. (Awards Banquet)
- 14th: Poetry & Popcorn, 6-7 p.m.
- 20th: Composting, 6-7 p.m.
- 21st: Mischief Makers, 6-7 p.m.
- 23rd: Seed Starting, 2 p.m.
- 27th: Books & Bread
- 29th: Savvy Seniors, 11-12

#### May Events

- 3rd: Banned Book Club, 5-6 p.m.
- 9th: Lego Club, 6-7 p.m.
- 9th: WASHCO Hike at Hunt Hill, 7 p.m.
- 17th: Stuffed Animal Sleepover, 6-7 p.m.
- 20th-23rd: Scavenger Hunt
- 20th: Savvy Seniors 11-12
- 24th: Table Top Game Night, 5-7:45
- 25th: Books & Bread
- 26: Mischief Makers, 6-7 p.m.
- 28th: Closed All Day (Holiday)
- 30th: Closed All Day (Holiday)

#### June Events

- 1st: Summer Reading Sign Up, 5-8 p.m.  
Tracy Chipman, 6:00 p.m.
- 7th: Banned Book Club, 5-6 p.m.
- 7th: Teen Advisory Board, 6-7 p.m.
- 8th: Seed Saving 6 p.m.
- 11th: **Librarian Hunt**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 11th: Close @ 1pm (Training)
- 13th: Lego Club, 6-7 p.m.
- 14th: WASHCO Canoe (Hunt Hill), 7-8:30
- 15th: Story Hour, 10-11 a.m.
- 17th-20th: Scavenger Hunt
- 17th: Savvy Seniors
- 18th: Bingo for Books, 4-5:30 p.m.
- 22nd: Books & Bread
- 23rd: Mischief Makers, 6-7 p.m.
- 27th: Wonderland Carnival, 2-6 p.m.  
Performer 3:30-4:30

### LIBRARY HOURS

**Monday - Thursday**  
8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**Friday - Saturday**  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*The Library is Moving Continued ...* a check from Judy Ostrom for \$50,000. Judy wrote this check in memory of her late parents, Marshall and Lorraine Petersen, citing "My parents would be pleased to know that in a small way, they helped others to find their own pleasure in reading." Judy's dad, along with her uncle, built the original library (on this site) in 1962. During public comment board members and the director expressed their excitement about this incredible gift to the library. At the June 2021 meeting a decision was made to set aside the money in a special building fund and begin pricing feasibility studies.

Fast forward to April 2022, two space needs assessments have been completed. These assessments were the first step in determining how much space the library needs, projecting into the future 20 years. Both assessments suggested that the library should be at 20,000-22,000 square feet to meet the community's needs. The next step was hiring a company to help with a feasibility study. Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc (SEH) was hired and first researched the feasibility of a building expansion, the library staying where it is with an addition.

Since hiring SEH, the Library Board, Director, and City Administrator have researched each and every option to make an expansion work. An addition would mean losing most green space, sacrificing almost 10,000 square feet, and not addressing the need for accessible parking. Deeming an addition on the current site unfeasible, leadership investigated opportunities for expansion onto neighboring lots. The neighbor on High Street was very interested in working with the library, but a meeting with the City deemed that option unfeasible as well. The cost of vacating that portion of the alley, moving powerlines and fiber, plus purchasing and knocking down that home could mean up to an additional \$365,000. The Director investigated options to build up, and the cost of additional staffing and annual elevator maintenance would far exceed the library's annual budget. All efforts to keep the library where it is, while still giving the community what it needs, has left library leadership with the realization that, despite the beautiful history of this building and this location, the library has to move for the library (and thus the community) to move forward.

While changing locations is hard to fathom, there is great potential with moving. Starting fresh means a new library can be built with accessibility in mind, with a parking lot instead of street parking. Starting fresh also means the library can be built with community in mind, providing more meeting space and flex space to provide resources beyond books. Starting fresh also means that the library can continue to serve the community at its current location while building.

The goal is a new library in 5 years that is fully funded through a campaign, grant writing, and hard work. We invite you, a valued community member, to take the journey with us. We think you'll like the final product.

**If interested in supporting this project, checks can be made payable to Spooner Memorial Library with "Building Project" listed in the memo or in a note. If you provide a return address, we'll send you a receipt. All gifts are tax deductible.**

## OUR BOOKMOBILE IS ON ITS WAY

We are happy to announce that we found (and purchased - thanks to DPI's Community Resilience Grant) a vehicle to be transformed into our Books & Bread Bookmobile! A 2021 Ram ProMaster 3500 Cargo Van will be sent soon from a dealership in Florida. This vehicle has only 1,141 miles with a perfect vehicle history report. Local car enthusiasts will work with Josh Saunders (Attention to Detail) to convert this van into a bookmobile. We're excited to bring our outreach to the next level with this vehicle!



# STORY HOUR

## Story Hour

**Every Wednesday, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

Join our fun group of kids as we explore books together! We'll listen to stories and create fun crafts based on a weekly theme.

We'll learn together and even have a snack.

Story Hour meets **inside the library unless noted.**

**Email Miss Angie to register:**

**[spoonerlibrarydirector@gmail.com](mailto:spoonerlibrarydirector@gmail.com)**

**4th Wednesday of every month is unstructured.**



# STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVERS

Bring your favorite stuffed animal to the library for a pajama story time and craft, and then leave them overnight for a sleepover! Pick up your animal the next day with a photo of their library adventure!

## Upcoming dates:

**Tuesday, May 17 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Tuesday, August 16 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Tuesday, November 15 @ 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

**Register at [spoonerlibrary.org/events](https://spoonerlibrary.org/events).**



# LEGO CLUB

**2nd Monday of the month, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8**

Build based on a theme. LEGOs provided. Creations are put on display for the month. Fun for the whole family!

**Registration not necessary.**

Meets on children's side of library.



# WASHCO OUTDOOR SOCIAL GROUP

**Monday, May 9, 7:00 - 8:30p.m.**

Join us for a guided hike at Hunt Hill.

**Tuesday, June 14, 7:00 - 8:30p.m.**

Join us for a scenic canoe trip.

**Register at [spoonerlibrary.org/events](https://spoonerlibrary.org/events).**

Email Katy at [spoonerlibraryoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:spoonerlibraryoutreach@gmail.com) for updates on our latest adventures.

# SAVVY SENIORS BOOKGROUP

**Join these Savvy Seniors at the Senior Center or on Zoom for in-depth, lively discussions on diverse books chosen by the group.** Please register at [spoonerlibrary.org/events](https://spoonerlibrary.org/events) or call the library at (715)635-2792. Call the Senior Center to reserve your lunch after the meeting at (715)635-8283.

**Friday, April 29 @ 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., at the Senior Center**

"Long Bright River" by Liz Moore

**Friday, May 20 @ 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., at the Senior Center**

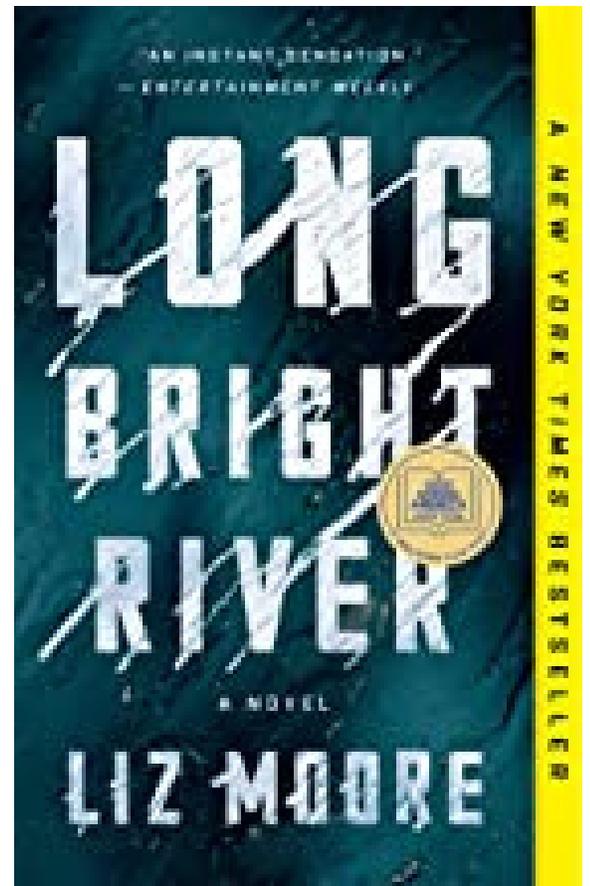
"The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown

**Friday, June 17 @ 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., at the Senior Center**

June's title will be chosen by the group at the April meeting.

**COPIES OF THE BOOK, INCLUDING LARGE PRINT AND AUDIO, ARE AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY.**

**Call or email Katy at [spoonerlibraryoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:spoonerlibraryoutreach@gmail.com) to get on the contact list or to inquire about the group.**



# BINGO FOR BOOKS



**Saturday, June 18, 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

Who doesn't love BINGO? Add in some free books and it's even better! Join us for a fun afternoon of untraditional BINGO **for ALL ages!**

**Registration is required: [spoonerlibrary.org/events](https://spoonerlibrary.org/events).**

# MISCHIEF MAKERS

Join this motley maker group for a new DIY project every month. Check Facebook for upcoming projects, in April we will make crepe paper flowers. These projects are geared for adults.

**We will meet Thursdays at 6:00 -7:00 p.m. on:  
April 21, May 26, and June 23**

Register to reserve your space and supplies.  
Visit [spoonerlibrary.org/events](https://spoonerlibrary.org/events) or call the library.



# POETRY & POPCORN

**Thursday, April 14, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Celebrate Poetry Month at the library! **ALL AGES!**

Patrons can share their poetry or their favorite poems. Come to share or just to listen.

Freshly popped popcorn will be served.

**Register at [spoonerlibrary.org/events](https://spoonerlibrary.org/events).**



# WINTER READING CHALLENGES

Our 5th Annual Adult Winter Reading Challenge (with Northwind Book & Fiber) and our 1st Annual Children & Teen Winter Reading Challenges **end on May 5th!** There is still time to participate! Select books from the challenge sheets. The theme for the Adult challenge is "What is Truth" and for the youth challenge is "Book to Film". Books are available at the library to check out! There will be drawings for bookstore gift certificates in each age category.



**Books are WONDERful** is the theme of Summer Reading held June 1st through August 31st.

We had a record number of books read last year, but we also saw a very small Summer Reading Program completion rate. We saw a small number of people read A LOT but a larger number of people read A LITTLE or stop reading altogether. This year, we are making some changes to help increase the number of people actively participating (and benefiting) from the program.

**Here's what's the same:**

There will be four age groups (0-5, 6-11, 12-17, and 18+).  
 At signup kids will get a book and teens/adults will get a notebook.  
 A Summer Reading kickoff party on June 1st.

**Here's what's new:**

All ages will set goals for number of books to-be-read by July 15th (midway) and August 31st (end).  
 All ages will have weekly unweighted drawings. If you read a book, you have a chance.  
 All ages will have weighted grand prize drawings. The more books you read, the better your chance.  
 A Summer Reading midway mark party on July 16th.  
 A Summer Reading end mark party on September 1st.  
 Kids who read 48 books and teens/adults who read 24 books get a Super Reader yard sign.  
**Monthly group challenges, with points per page, to win "experience" prizes (like Rodeo tickets).**



# SPRING GARDENING SERIES



## **Composting with the Master Gardeners Wednesday, April 20, 6:00 p.m.**

Turn kitchen scraps into fertilizer and learn how to compost with the Master Gardeners.

**Register online at [spoonerlibrary.org/events](https://spoonerlibrary.org/events).**

## **Seed Starting with the LCO Ojibwe College Saturday, April 23, 2:00 p.m.**

Learn how to grow plants starting from seeds with Laura from the LCO Ojibwe College. You can bring your own seeds, or we will have some here. Each participant will be given a seed tray to take home. This program is intended for adults.

**Register online at [spoonerlibrary.org/events](https://spoonerlibrary.org/events).**



## **Seed Saving Wednesday, June 8, 6:00 p.m.**

The Spooner Master Gardeners will show you how to avoid cross pollination and how to save seeds. Also, get great tips on basic gardening from the Masters!

**Register at [spoonerlibrary.org/events](https://spoonerlibrary.org/events).**



# BRING-A-BOOK INTERGENERATIONAL PAJAMA STORY TIME

**Thursday, April 7, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

In celebration of **National Library Week**, join us for a special pajama story time and bookmark craft! Adults and kids will take turns reading their favorite picture books to the audience. Put on your pajamas, grab your favorite picture book, and head on down to the library!



# AGE 11+ PROGRAMS



## **Banned Book Club (Age 13+)**

**Every 1st Tuesday, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

**April 5 (first meeting), May 3, June 7, July 5**

Every month we will be reading a book from the American Library Association's top 10 most challenged or banned books from the previous year. We will discuss the book, reasons for the item being banned or challenged, and the importance of access in upholding intellectual freedom. This is a safe place for hard discussions. This is not the space to vilify any point of view. April meet

## **Tabletop Game Night (Age 11+ only)**

**Tuesday, May 24, 5:00 - 7:45 p.m.**

Tabletop game enthusiast, Miss Angie, is bringing a HUGE selection of tabletop games to play. Meet new people, bring your friends, or bring your date. There will be a variety of classic and current games.

**Registration is REQUIRED** at [spoonerlibrary.org/events](https://spoonerlibrary.org/events).  
**There will be loaded nachos!**



## **Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.)**

**Tuesday, June 7, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Are you a teen that loves the library and wants to help make the library more exciting and interesting to other teens? Join T.A.B, our first ever Teen Advisory Board.

At the first meeting, we'll establish leadership roles and set future meeting dates. **There will be snacks!**

## **Teen Video Game Night (Age 11+ only)**

**Tuesday, July 19, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Our video game night is back! We'll have a PS5, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch, and a tournament with prizes.

**Registration is REQUIRED** at [spoonerlibrary.org/events](https://spoonerlibrary.org/events).  
**There will be pizza!**



# SCAVENGER HUNTS

**Our annual scavenger hunts are BACK!**

**May 20-23 / June 17-20 / July 15-18 / August 19-22**

Hunts begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday and end at 8:00 p.m. the following Monday. Each hunt starts at the library where a clue sheet can be found on the outside door. Turn in your answer sheets when done with the hunt and you might win prizes! **Fun for ALL ages!**



## UPCOMING BIG EVENTS!



### **Summer Reading Sign Up Party**

Wednesday, June 1. 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Storyteller, Tracy Chipman @ 6:00 p.m. Sign up for summer reading.



### **Wonderland Carnival**

Monday, June 27. 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Special Performance @ 3:30 p.m. Games and more. Rain day, June 28.



### **Rodeo Royalty Story Time**

Thursday, July 7. 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Rodeo Royalty will read stories with a time for photos and autographs.



### **Petting Zoo**

Monday, July 11, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Bring quarters to feed animals. A variety of animals. Rain day, July 12.



### **Wonderland Tea Party (SRP Midway)**

Saturday, July 16. 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Dress up for tea and themed snacks. Celebrate reaching your halfway goal!



### **Snake Discovery**

Monday, July 25. 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Highly interactive opportunity to learn about and hold snakes.



### **Second Annual Northwoods Ukulele Festival**

Saturday, August 27. 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Another fun evening of ukulele fun! Free! At Spooner Railroad Park.



### **End of Summer Reading Party**

Thursday, September 1. 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Ice cream party and Alice in Wonderland movie. Celebrate reading success!

# BOOKS & BREAD

## FREE FOOD!

Anyone in need of extra food and library resources is welcome to come and pick up FREE, fresh, food from Feed My People Food Bank and check out books from the Spooner & Shell Lake public mobile libraries. Find us in Beaver Brook and Brooklyn Townships.

APRIL 27 / MAY 25 / JUNE 22 / JULY 27 / AUGUST 24

**Church of Nazarene**  
N4584 Hwy 253, Spooner  
10:30-11:30 a.m.

**Christ Lutheran Church**  
W5523 Hwy F, Trego  
12:00-1:00 p.m.



# CARE PACKAGES

## As Needed (While supplies last)

Community First Washburn County and Spooner Library have partnered to provide care packages to those in need. Stop in the library and grab a bag of toilet paper, cleaning products, and hygiene items.



# COMPASSION KITCHEN



## As Needed

Feed My People Food Bank and Spooner Library have partnered to provide food bags to community members. These bags are available to anyone in need and are located on the bench in the entry way of the library during library hours.

If taking a bag, please self document what you took on the clipboard near the bench. This helps us document the need in our area to continue to provide this program.



# TECH HELP

## Need tech help?

We have 11 librarians on our team with different tech abilities and will gladly meet one-on-one to offer tech assistance inside the library. Call (715)635-2792 to schedule an appointment.

# LIBBY

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**The Spooner Library Board of Trustees meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. (Does not meet in December)**

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# WE ARE OPEN UNTIL 8

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, we are open**  
**8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

(We are open 8-4 Fridays and Saturdays. Sundays we are closed.)

Come in before breakfast. Come in after supper.

Bring family and friends.

Use our WiFi. Borrow our books. Use our computers.