



BEYOND BOOKS

OPPORTUNITY, COMMUNITY, LITERACY



Calendar of Events

October Events

Wednesdays, 10-11am, Story Hour
 3rd: Writing Group Meeting, 9am
 5th: Card Club, 4pm
 9th: Lego Club, 5pm
 12th: Card Club, 4pm
 13th: Poetry Workshop, 2pm
 14th: Jack O Lantern Fest*
 17th: Movie Night, 5pm
 18th: True Reads, 5pm
 19th: Card Club, 4pm
 19th: YEP! Birding Crafternoon, 5:30pm
 20th: Savvy Seniors, 11am (Senior Center)
 23rd: Fall Costume Party, 5:00pm
 25th: Books & Bread, 10:30am - 12pm
 26th: Card Club, 4pm

November Events

Wednesdays, 10-11am, Story Hour
 4th: Tai Chi, 10am
 7th: Docu Flicks, 5pm
 10th: Poetry Workshop, 2pm
 13th: Lego Club, 5pm
 14th: Writing Group Meeting, 9am
 14th: Christmas Ornament Craft, 5pm
 15th: True Reads, 5pm
 16th: Dreamcatcher Workshop, 5pm
 17th: Savvy Seniors, 11am
 18th: Bingo for Books, 4pm
 20th: Glitter Party, 4pm
 22nd: Books & Bread 10:30 - 12:00
 25th: Scrabble Game Day, 1pm

December Events

Wednesdays, 10-11am, Story Hour
 1st: Annual Christmas Uke Jam! 5pm
 5th: Docu Flicks, 5pm
 8th: Poetry Workshop, 2pm
 11th: Lego Club, 5pm
 12th: Raptor Tales Program, 4:30pm
 14th: Movie Night, 5pm
 15th: Savvy Seniors, 11am
 19th: Stuffed Animal Sleepover, 5pm
 20th: True Reads, 5pm
 27th: Books & Bread 10:30am -12:00pm
 29th: Nintendo Switch Party, 4pm
 30th: Team Puzzle Event, 9am

A WRAP ON SUMMER READING

We reached our goal of reading 15,000 together this summer! In fact, 17,323 books were read by Summer Reading Program participants. This is 5,000 more books than 2022. Way to go readers! Our life-size candy bar has officially been wrapped as Summer Reading comes to a close.

The most popular books this summer were:

Kids: "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?," "How to Bathe Your Little Dino," "The Digger & the Duckling," "Go, Dog, Go," "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish," "Are You My Mother," "The Little Red Hen," "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom," and "Dragons Love Tacos"

Juveniles: "Dog Man Series," "Harry Potter & the Prisoner of Azkaban," "Farmer Boy," "Harry Potter & the Chamber of Secrets," "Baby-Sitters Club Graphic Novel Series," "Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone," "The Story of Doctor Dolittle," "The Princess Bride," and "Charlie & the Chocolate Factory"

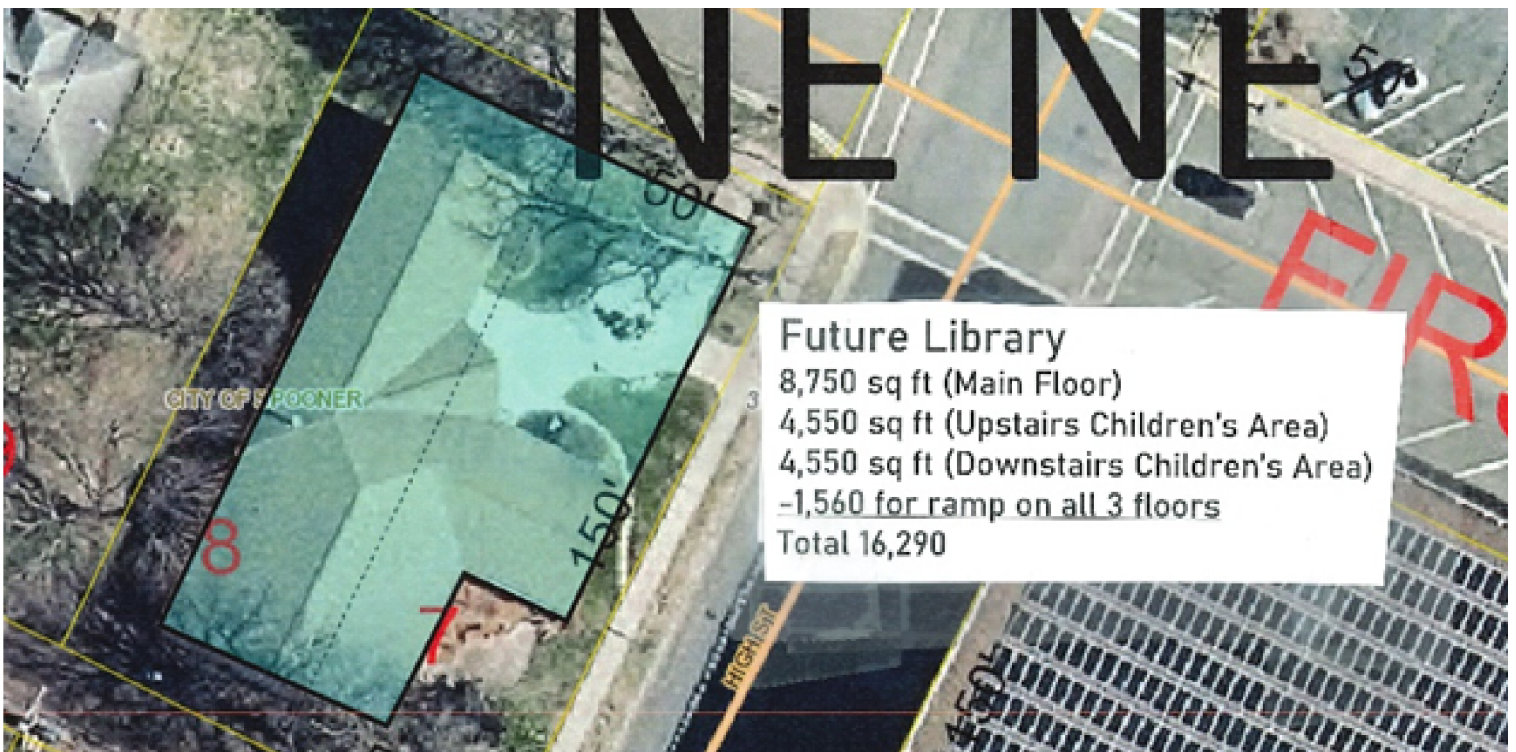
Adults: "Shaking the Nickel Bush," "The Maid," "Demolition," "The Book of Tea," "The Match," "All Things Bright & Beautiful," "The Light Between Us," "The Memory Cupboard," "The Rosie Project," and "The Wedding Planner"



BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

We are excited to announce that our feasibility study is over and we now have a plan for the future Spooner Memorial Library building. We are now embarking on schematic planning for the library, including topographic and utility surveys, preliminary demolition plans, building floor plans, ceiling and roof plans, preliminary structural framing concepts, site and landscaping plans, and exterior building elevation work. In the next 12-16 weeks we'll have design review meetings, a 3-dimensional exterior rendering of the building, an estimate of probable cost, and presentation boards with building plans and 3D images. We anticipate by January 2024, we will be ready to start our capital campaign.

So what is the plan? With a variance in place, the plan is to knock down the entire children's wing of the library. There is a crack in the wall and ceiling that is monitored closely but serious enough that it cannot be easily fixed. In place of the children's wing, there will be an expanded two story area with a basement. The basement will be for mechanicals, storage, and staff workspace. The main floor will most likely be the children and teen area. The upstairs will become meeting rooms, study rooms, program space, and a maker space. In place of a costly elevator, there will ramps along the wall parallel to Walnut Street going from the basement to the upper floor. We envision windows along that same wall and throughout the addition. We desire to make the library more accessible, with lower shelving, comfortable seating, and more spaces between shelves. With designated program space, access to library materials during programs would no longer be an issue. We are planning for more storage space that doesn't require staff to stand on ladders to access and would allow the library to be less cluttered and more inviting. More meeting space and study rooms has been a constant request from the community, and this building plan would provide both. We are excited to be moving forward.



STORY HOUR

Story Hour, Wednesdays, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Join our fun group of kids as we read stories, learn, craft, explore, and have a snack. We have babies on up, with a focus on preschool aged content. Story Hour meets inside the library unless noted.

Text @spstories to 81010 to sign up



FAIRY DOOR HUNT



While we're open

Bring your kids to the library to look for fairy doors. Over 20 doors are hidden and there's a prize at the end. This is a fun activity to do in the evenings when trying to pass some time or when coming to the library for a fun playdate.

BINGO FOR BOOKS

Saturday, November 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 ENCOURAGED at spoonerlibrary.org/events



LEGO CLUB

2nd Monday, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

October 9 | November 13 | December 11

Find us on the children's side and build based on a theme. LEGOs are provided. Creations are put on display for the month.

Registration is NOT required

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

Tuesday, December 19, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Put on your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal to the library for a special story time and craft, and then leave your stuffie overnight for a sleepover! Pick up your animal the next day with a photo of their library adventure!

Registration is ENCOURAGED at spoonerlibrary.org/events



JACK O LANTERN FEST ACTIVITES

October 14, throughout the day

The library will be hosting two contests this year for Jack O Lantern Festival on October 14th.

Pumpkin Carving/Painting Contest

The library will be hosting its annual pumpkin carving/painting contest for all ages. **Entry forms can be found at spoonerlibrary.org or at the front desk.** This contest is open to all ages (one entry per person). The main part of each entry must be a pumpkin or a member of the pumpkin family. Objects, paper, and materials of any kind may be pinned or glued to the pumpkins. Participants may also draw or paint on their entries, cut designs into surfaces, or dress them up. Each entry must have a title. Prizes for best pumpkin ages 0-5, ages 6-11, ages 12-17, ages 18+, and People's Choice. Pumpkins can be dropped off between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on October 14th.



Fall Dessert Contest

The library will be hosting a fall dessert contest as well, formally know as its recipe contest. Ages 6-11, 12-17, and 18+ are invited to participate by making a fall themed dessert. Judges will choose their favorite dessert based on excellence in flavor, presentation, creativity, and use of fall theme. **Entry forms can be found at spoonerlibrary.org or at the front desk.** There will be a first place winner in each category as well as an overall favorite. Desserts can be dropped off between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on October 14th.



Spooky Story Time

Join Miss Katy at the City parking lot across from the library while she reads spooky stories to kids. The stories start at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 14th.



FALL COSTUME PARTY

Fall Costume Party

Monday, October 23, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Dress up and come to the library for fall themed crafts for ALL ages and a costume parade. Get your pictures taken for a chance to win our costume contests (to be judged after our event): Best Group Costume | Best Homemade Costume | Best Literary Costume | People's Choice (Facebook & in library).

Registration is ENCOURAGED at spoonerlibrary.org/events

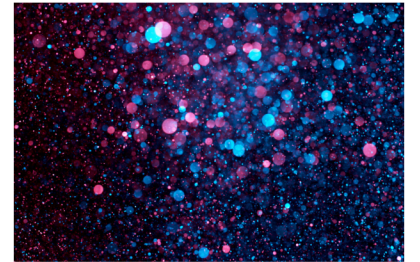


GLITTER PARTY

Monday, November 20, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Have a sparktastic fall break with glitter! Get ready for a time of fun and messy crafting during our glitter party! Bring something to glitter or glitter our dinosaurs and folders. Leave the mess at the library.

Registration is ENCOURAGED at spoonerlibrary.org/events



RAPTOR TALES



Tuesday, December 12, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Birds of prey are adapted to face the challenges of living in Wisconsin's Northwoods. Meet live raptors and find out what tools and strategies these birds use to survive and what we can do to help. Geared toward PreK to 3rd grade.

Registration ENCOURAGED at spoonerlibrary.org/events

YEP! SNOWMAN CONTEST

December 15 – January 15

Dark and Stormy Nights. A famous opening line and also descriptive of our winters in Spooner. You might want to curl up on the couch, but the YEP! (Youth Environment Program) team thinks you should get out and build a snowman! Build your creation and **submit a photo(s) with your contact information to director@spoonerlibrary.org** between December 15th and January 15th for a chance to win a prize!



CARD CLUB

Thursdays in October

Oct 5 | Oct 12 | Oct 19 | Oct 26

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Come for one or come for all card club meetups. Bring your cards and your friends for a chance to play and hang out with other Pokémon, Magic, or other card playing fans.

ALL AGES WELCOME!

Registration is ENCOURAGED at spoonerlibrary.org/events



BIRDING CRAFTERNOON



Thursday, October 19, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Join the YEP group for a short educational program on birds followed by bird feeder building. Learn more about our feathered friends and things you can do to help them out. Then make a couple simple pine cone bird feeders to take home or hang around town. All are welcome and all supplies will be provided.

Registration is ENCOURAGED at spoonerlibrary.org/events

SCRABBLE GAME NIGHT

Saturday, November 25, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

BRING YOUR BOARD, and get ready to play a friendly game of Scrabble. This is not a tournament, just a fun opportunity to get out of the house and enjoy some time with friends.

Tweens and teens welcome.

Registration is REQUIRED at spoonerlibrary.org/events



NINTENDO SWITCH PARTY



Friday, December 29, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Get ready for two hours of video gaming fun after hours! Several Nintendo Switches will be hooked up to the big screens. We'll play a variety of group games including Mario Kart and Smash Brothers and enjoy snacks and refreshments.

FOR GAMERS 9 – 17 YEARS OLD

Registration is REQUIRED at spoonerlibrary.org/events

TAI CHI: MOVING FOR BETTER BALANCE

Saturday, November 4th 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

This is an evidence-based community fall prevention program for older adults. Don Ross will be demonstrating the Yang style eight form Tai Chi Moving for Better Balance program. Tai Chi is a way of improving lower body strength, increasing balance, relieving stress, and has been shown to lower blood pressure.

Registration is REQUIRED at spoonerlibrary.org/events



TEAM PUZZLE EVENT

Saturday, December 30, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Looking for a fun and exciting way to spend time with friends and family? Look no further than our Team Puzzle event! Gather your crew of four and prepare to go head-to-head against other teams in a race to complete your puzzle first. But hurry, only 10 teams will be allowed to participate, so register now!

Registration is REQUIRED at spoonerlibrary.org/events



DOCU FLIX

November 7 | December 5, 5:00 p.m.

Love documentaries? Join us for thought-provoking topics, meet fellow enthusiasts, and engage in stimulating discussions. Share your thoughts, expand your knowledge, and connect with like-minded individuals. Get ready to dive into a world of captivating stories and explore the fascinating realms of the documentary genre. **November:** A Plastic Ocean

December: Antarctica: A Year On Ice

Registration is ENCOURAGED at spoonerlibrary.org/events



MOVIE NIGHTS AT THE LIBRARY!

Tuesday, October 17th, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 14th, 5:00 p.m.

Get into the holiday spirit with our fun movie nights at the library! We've got two awesome flicks lined up: Hocus Pocus for Halloween and Elf for Christmas. Both movies are PG, so they're perfect for everyone. Oh, and did we mention there will be snacks? Don't miss out!

Registration is ENCOURAGED at spoonerlibrary.org/events

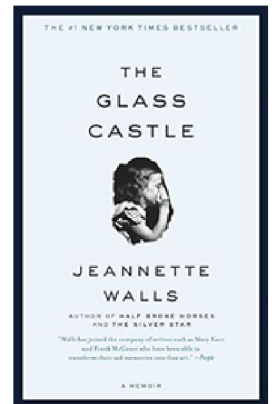


SAVVY SENIORS BOOKCLUB

Join these Savvy Seniors at the Senior Center or on Zoom for in-depth, lively discussions on diverse books chosen by the group. Call the Senior Center to reserve your lunch after the meeting at (715)635-8283. Find the book at the library in regular, large print, and audio.

Third Fridays, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Senior Center

- **October 20:** "The Glass Castle" by Jeanette Walls
- **November 17:** TBA
- **December 15:** Title chosen by the group at the October meeting.



Register at spoonerlibrary.org/events. Call the library or email Katy at outreach@spoonerlibrary.org to join the contact list for this book group.

WRITING GROUP

Tuesday, October 3rd, 9:00 a.m. | November 14, 9:00 a.m

Hey there, aspiring or seasoned writer! Want to connect with like-minded folks, share your work, and receive valuable feedback? Join a friendly monthly meet-up where you'll find inspiration, support, and new friends. No explicit content, please!

Registration is **ENCOURAGED** at spoonerlibrary.org/events



TRUE READS BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, October 18, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

- Calling all non-fiction lovers! Join our newest book club and embark on a thrilling journey each month. From captivating biographies to gripping true crime stories, we've got it all covered. If you're passionate about non-fiction, this is the group for you. Grab your copy of the month's book at the library and let's dive in!
- **October 18:** "The Witches: Salem, 1692" by Stacy Schiff
- **November 15:** "The Wager" by David Grann
- **December 20:** TBD

Registration is **ENCOURAGED** at spoonerlibrary.org/events



POETRY WORKSHOP

for Adults!

2nd Friday, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

October 13 | November 10 | December 8

Share your own poems and participate in a brainstorm exercise that will get you inspired to write a new poem each month.

Registration is **ENCOURAGED** at spoonerlibrary.org/events



CRAFT A DREAMCATCHER



Thursday, November 16th 5:00 p.m.

Celebrate Native American Heritage month with us! Join our friendly gathering and learn the history of traditional dreamcatchers while crafting your own with Laura Merchant. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with others and embrace Native American culture!

Registration is **REQUIRED** at spoonerlibrary.org/events.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS UKE JAM



Friday, December 1, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Nan Hendry and friends are back for another fun ukulele program with Christmas songs and light refreshments. Ukulele players of all skill levels are welcome to attend this festive evening.

Registration is **ENCOURAGED** at spoonerlibrary.org/events.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT CRAFT

Tuesday, November 14, 5:00 p.m.

Come make a Christmas ornament craft with artist, Mary Jones. Supplies provided.

Registration is **REQUIRED** at spoonerlibrary.org/events.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY TRAINING

Dates: TBD

Introducing Dementia 101 workshops, an ongoing series of informative sessions designed to provide comprehensive support to individuals afflicted with Dementia, their caregivers, and those interested in dementia prevention. With a new topic covered each month, stay tuned to our Facebook page for regular updates on dates and subjects.

Registration is **ENCOURAGED** at spoonerlibrary.org/events.



STORYWALK

Coming soon:

The Storywalk is being installed in City Park. We raised about \$7,500 to purchase the signs and the equipment we need to put together our book displays. The sign posts are being placed along the paved trail at City Park, and each sign will contain a book page. Read along as you walk to Spooner Elementary!

Visit City park to check out the progress, and soon read our first book, "We're Going on a Bear Hunt," by Helen Oxenbury.

Thank you to everyone that helped make this possible.



DAY CARE STORY TIMES

October – December

The library is now visiting local daycares for stories and a craft. We have dates set up with Cradles to Crayons and Creative Kids. Our outreach librarian is working with more child care providers to foster early literacy.

Email outreach@spoonerlibrary.org for more information.



KNITTING TREE

November 15th – December 25th

Bring hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, socks—anything that will keep you warm, to our Knitting Tree. You can make the items yourself, or purchase items to put on our tree. Your warmth will spread to community members through Ruby's Food Pantry.



2023 BIBLIODRAGON SCHEDULE



Updated 2023 Books & Bread Bookmobile Schedule



1st Tuesdays: Purple Route

Crystal Town Hall 10:50-11:50 am

Trego Town Hall 12:45-1:45 pm

Evergreen Town Hall 2:10-3:10 pm

8/1, 9/5, 10/3, 11/7, 12/5

1st Thursdays: Orange Route

Stone Lake Town Hall 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Bass Lake Town Hall 12:55-1:55 pm

Springbrook VFW 2:15-3:15 pm

8/3, 9/7, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7

2nd Tuesdays: Green Route

Spooner Town Hall 11:10 am-12:10 pm

*Starting August 8th

Brooklyn Town Hall 1:00-2:00 pm

Gull Lake Town Hall 2:20-3:20 pm

8/8, 9/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12

2nd Thursdays: Blue Route

Madge Town Hall 10:50-11:50 am

Long Lake Town Hall 12:45-1:45 pm

Birchwood Village Hall 2:05-3:05 pm

8/10, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14

4th Tuesdays: Yellow Route

Bibliodragon visits assisted living and group homes. Email Katy at outreach@spoonerlibrary.org for more info or to request a stop at your place.

8/22, 9/26, 10/24, 11/28

*There is no stop in December.

4th Thursdays: Red Route

Chicog Town Hall 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Group home visits.

*Red route starts August 24th

8/24, 9/28, 10/26, 11/30, 12/28

Bibliodragon Cancellation/Schedule Change Information

- Visit spoonerlibrary.org/bookmobile for cancellation notices.
- Text @spdragon to 81010 to sign up for cancellation texts.
- Call the library at (715) 635-2792.
- If the library is closed, the Bibliodragon will not go out.

BOOKS ON RAILS

FREE BOOK DELIVERY FOR SENIORS

Spooner Memorial Library and Neighbors to Neighbors – Washburn County have joined together to serve homebound readers in Washburn County! Free book delivery and pickup, free book matching services and extended due dates. Get your holds delivered!

Contact Spooner Memorial Library at 715-635-2792 or email Katy at outreach@spoonerlibrary.org for an information packet.



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 free books to take home or check out. Find us in Beaver Brook and Brooklyn Townships.

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Church of Nazarene
N4584 Hwy 253, Spooner
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



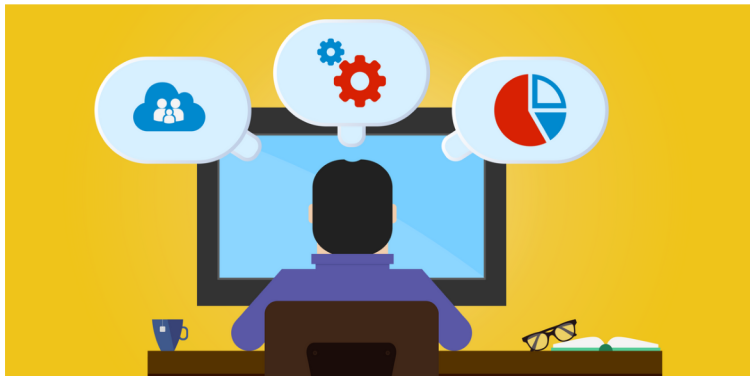
COMPASSION KITCHEN

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. Names will not be collected. This helps us document the need in our area to continue to provide this program. WashCo Grows Community Gardens will be planted soon!





TECH HELP

Need tech help?

We have tech-savvy 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

Libby is a free app where you can borrow ebooks, digital audiobooks, and magazines from your public library. You can stream titles with Wi-Fi or mobile data, or download them for offline use and read anytime, anywhere on your tablet or smartphone. All you need to get started is a library card.



BADGERLINK

From personal interest to educational research, BadgerLink is Wisconsin's free Online Library, providing Wisconsin residents with licensed trustworthy resources available from Wisconsin's Department of Instruction. Use your library card to access BadgerLink using this link: <https://badgerlink.dpi.wi.gov/>.

HOOPLA

Patrons with a Spooner Memorial Library card are able to instantly borrow eBooks, audiobooks, comics, movies, music, and more, 24/7. Download the Hoopla app to get started! If you have trouble signing up, email Angie at director@spoonerlibrary.org and she will gladly assist and troubleshoot.



MORE DIGITAL RESOURCES

Library patrons in the Northern Waters Library Network, including Spooner Memorial Library patrons, have access to a handful of new digital resources including Creative Bug, Transparent Language Online, Kanopy, New York Times, and New York Times Cooking. Patrons just need a current library card (library cards expire yearly and can be renewed by giving the library a call at 716-635-2792).

CREATIVEBUG

Calling all crafters!

Thousands of art and craft video classes are available to watch on your computer or through the Creativebug app on your mobile device.



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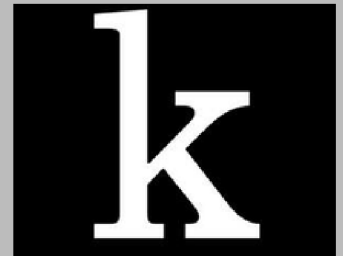
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WE ARE OPEN UNTIL 7

Monday-Friday, we are open

8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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

Come in before breakfast. Come in after supper.

Bring family and friends.

WiFi available 24 hours. We're more than books!