

BEYOND BOOKS

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SURVEY SAYS...

Thanks to the 84 library patrons who completed our 2023 Community Survey! We compiled the results and want to share them with you. Most of the respondents are weekly visitors of the library, followed by a large portion of monthly visitors. Ninety nine percent of respondents rated the library highly, with 82.1% rating it "excellent".

Library Services were rated mostly "excellent," with customer service, policies, hours, and outreach scoring the highest. One patron commented that Spooner Library is a "safe and welcoming place for community members, regardless of beliefs or economic status." Patrons appreciate the varied and creative programming for all ages. Outreach is highly commended, with one user showing appreciation for the Trego bookmobile stop. Digital services, such as Libby, Hoopla, and Kanopy and in house services, such as faxing, scanning, and copying are highly appreciated as well.

Though Library Collection had mostly "excellent" ratings, there were also some "good" and "okay" ratings mixed in. While patrons appreciate the selection and variety, there were requests for more TV series, children's DVDs, inspirational and mystery books, large print, local history books, quilting books, new books, popular magazines, newspapers, puzzles, and board games.

Calendar of Events

Wednesdays, 10-11 am, Story Hour

Thursdays, 4-5 pm, Card Club

Saturdays, 1-3 pm, Scrabble Club

January Events

2nd: Winter Reading Challenges Begin

8th: Lego Club, 5 pm

9th: Writing Group Meeting 9 am

9th & 16th: Docu Flix, 5 pm

12th: Poetry Workshop, 2 - 3pm

15th: Snowman Contest Begins

17th: True Reads Book Club 5 pm

19th: Savvy Seniors, 11 am - 12 pm

20th: Tai Chi, 10 am

24th: Books & Bread, 10:30 am - 12 pm

25th: Winter Birds of Wisconsin, 5:30 pm

30th Snap-athon!, 5:30 pm

February Events

1st: Seed Starting and Early Spring, 5:00 pm

2nd: Tabletop Game Night, 5:30-7 pm

5th: Cookbook Club, 5:45-6:30 pm

6th: Docu Flix, 5 pm

7th: Mystery Yarn Contest Begins

9th: Poetry Workshop, 2 - 3 pm

10th: Mystery Movie Night Pickup

10th: Valentine Movie & Craft, 1-3 pm

12th: Lego Club, 5 pm

14th: Movie Night!, 5 pm

16th: Savvy Seniors, 11 am - 12 pm

17th: Books & Bingo, 4-5:30 pm

21st: True Reads Book Club, 5 pm

24th: Tai Chi, 10 am

28th: Books & Bread, 10:30 am - 12 pm

March Events

4th: Cookbook Club, 5:45-6:30 pm

5th: Docu Flix, 5 pm

8th: Poetry Workshop, 2 - 3 pm

9th: Tai Chi, 10 am

9th/10th: Teen Powered Lock-In, 7 pm-7 am

11th: Lego Club, 5 pm

15th: Savvy Seniors, 11 am - 12 pm

16th: Eva Apelqvist Author/Translator, 4 pm

19th: Stuffed Animal Sleepover, 5:30 pm

20th True Reads Book Club, 5 pm

23rd: Kid/Teen Nintendo Switch Party, 4-6 pm

23rd: Adult Nintendo Switch Party, 6-8 pm

27th: Books & Bread, 10:30 am - 12 pm



SURVEY RESULTS CONTINUED...

The survey also included questions about patron experience in the library. All patrons feel safe or very safe in the library. Seventy five percent of patrons agree there is always a place to sit. Ninety two percent of patrons feel the wait time is reasonable. Eighty seven percent of patrons feel the furniture and lighting are comfortable. Sixty eight percent feel the tools/technology/toys available to them are enjoyable or mostly enjoyable.

As we approach a building project, we thought it was important to ask questions regarding the current library space. We were not surprised by the responses. Eighty one percent feel the library needs a refresh. We heard resounding feedback about the need for more space. Comments on a need for new space include: "Continue with your efforts to remodel and expand what is currently a woefully inadequate space for both your staff and the services you provide." We need "a bigger library for community events," "a larger building for group events, speakers, and more collection space," "more space to get rid of the clutter" and more "activity space." Meeting space, comfortable seating, and an improved children's area are highly requested. We are happy to report that 96% feel they would support an expansion project.

We have already made improvements based on the Community Survey results. We have subscribed to the Rice Lake Chronotype which should start coming soon. We have been evaluating our magazine holdings. We have made the children's area better by replacing some well loved toys and adding a dress up station. We have changed the times of some of our events to accommodate more people. The Acquisition Librarians are aware of the concerns about the collection and will work to fulfill requests. We will continue to work toward expanding the library and make sure that meeting rooms, an updated children's area, and better seating are included in the plans. We have already added more games to our Library of Things as well.

Lastly, we want to share some of the responses to the question, "How does the library benefit the community?"

- "It is a vital part of the community."
- "Angie and staff have invented and implement food outreach programs that must help many. Bibliodragon, Books on Rails attempt to reach rural and homebound residents. Interweaving of community entities, such as Ventures workers helping with food parcels, teens doing community garden, etc. strengthens a sense of community."
- It is "an equalizer."
- It "brings the community together."
- "It is the community for many of us. All the programs, the free copy machine, the no late fees, the food bags, the lock-in for youth, the friendly, helpful people, the books..."
- "A place of fun and learning for all community members."
- "It is a wonderful asset. Safe location for teens to go after school for learning and reading."

While we plan on conducting the survey annually, we accept feedback, suggestions, and comments all year long. Email Angie at director@spoonerlibrary.org.

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, February 17, 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.

January 8 | February 12 | March 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, March 19, 5:30–6:30 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



WINTER READING CHALLENGES

January 2nd – April 30th

ADULTS: BANNED BOOKS

Sign up at the Library or at Northwind Book & Fiber starting January 1st for the Sixth Annual Adult Winter Reading Challenge. This year's theme is "Banned Books" and books from the list will be available at the bookstore to purchase or at the library to check out. On May 1st, drawings will take place for two gift certificates to Northwind Book & Fiber valued at \$30, and one valued at \$60. Read for the challenge, or read for the fun!



January 2nd – April 30th

CHILDREN & TEENS: AWARD WINNERS

Books available in the library! Open to ages 0-17. There will be 3 different challenge lists: Caldecott award winners, Newbery award winners, and Printz award winners. Drawings will take place for \$20 and \$40 gift certificates to Northwind Book & Fiber. This year's theme is "Award Winning Books." The more you read, the higher your chances of winning!



YEP! SNOWMAN CONTEST

January 15 – February 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 January 15th and February 15 for a chance to win a prize!



WINTER BIRDS OF WISCONSIN

Thursday, January 25, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

.Learn about Winter birds of Wisconsin and the adaptations they use to survive in the Winter.

Registration is ENCOURAGED at spoonerlibrary.org/events



MYSTERY MOVIE NIGHT



Saturday, February 10, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Mystery movie night is back!

Stop in the library on Saturday to pick up a mystery movie bag (one bag per family) that will include a family friendly movie to keep, microwave popcorn, hot chocolate, and fun Valentine activities. Movies will have movie rating and a hint to which movie is inside.

Supplies are limited so registration is required.

Registration is REQUIRED at spoonerlibrary.org/events.

VALENTINE MOVIE & CRAFT



Saturday, February 10, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Come to the library to watch the newest Trolls movie and make Valentine themed crafts. Popcorn will be served.

Registration is ENCOURAGED at spoonerlibrary.org/events.

CARD CLUB

Thursdays, 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



SCRABBLE CLUB

Saturdays, 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 ENCOURAGED at spoonerlibrary.org/events



ALL AGE NINTENDO SWITCH NIGHT



Saturday, March 23

KIDS & TEENS ONLY: 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, Smash Brothers, & Just Dance.

Join us for our FIRST EVER adult video game night after the kids leave!

ADULTS ONLY: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Who says video games are just for the kids? Join other video game loving adults for an evening of Nintendo Switch fun. Bring a date, bring a friend, or come solo. Nintendo Switches will be hooked up to the big screens and several party games will be available to play. Have a favorite game at home? Bring the cartridge in! **We'll provide pizza from Denelie's.**

Registration is REQUIRED at spoonerlibrary.org/events

TABLETOP GAME NIGHT

Friday, February 2, 5:30–7:00 p.m.

BRING A GAME or play one of the Library's new games.
Open to all ages but geared toward tweens, teens, and adults.

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



TEEN POWERED LOCK-IN

Saturday, March 9, 7:00 p.m. – Sunday, March 10, 7:00 a.m.

TEENS AGE 11-18 (must not be graduated yet)

Enjoy a night of food, games, and fun while designing your own community service projects during a lock-in at the library.

Pre-registration and parent permission is required by March 7th.

All adult volunteers will be vetted with a background check and there will be continued adult supervision.

Space is limited to 30 teens.



**MARCH
9-10**
7PM - 7AM



Registration **REQUIRED**. To register, email Angie at director@spoonerlibrary.org.

TAI CHI: MOVING FOR BETTER BALANCE

Saturday, January 20 | February 24 | March 9th, 10 am

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

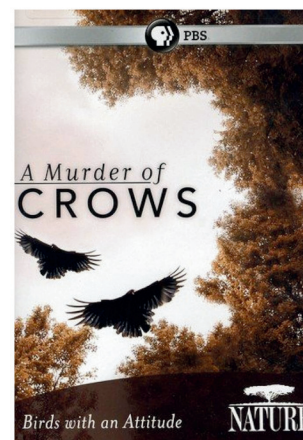
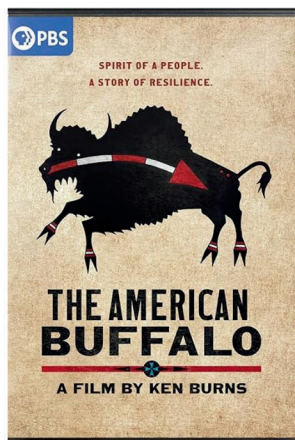


DOCU FLIX

January 9th & 16th | February 6th | March 5th 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. and explore the fascinating realms of the documentary genre.

Registration is ENCOURAGED at spoonerlibrary.org/events



MOVIE NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY!



Wednesday, February 14th, 5:00 p.m.

Rated: PG Runtime: 1h38m

On this Valentine's Day, escape the ordinary and step into the whimsical world of this fun, romantic tale at the Library! Prepare to be swept away by a tale of true love, daring adventure, and witty banter.

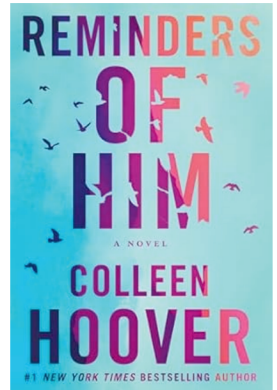
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SAVVY SENIORS BOOKCLUB

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, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. at the Senior Center

- **January 19:** "Reminders of Him" by Colleen Hoover
- **February 16:** Title chosen by the group at the December meeting
- **March 15:** Title chosen by the group at the January 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, January 9, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. | February: TBD | March: TBD

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!

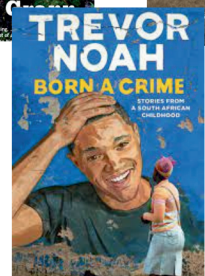
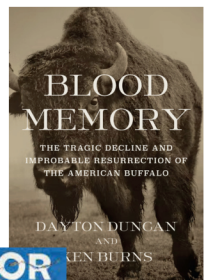
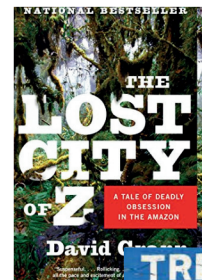
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TRUE READS BOOK CLUB

Third Wednesday, 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!
- **January 17:** "The Lost City of Z" by David Grann
- **February 21:** "Born A Crime" by Trevor Noah
- **March 20:** "Blood Memory" by Dayton Duncan and Ken Burns



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

POETRY WORKSHOP

for Adults!

Second Friday, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

January 12 | February 9 | March 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



COOKBOOK CLUB

Choose a cookbook from the monthly display at the library and make a dish from your selected cookbook. Bring your dish to pass at the corresponding Cookbook Club. Food will be served potluck style. While we eat we'll casually discuss our cookbooks. Each month will feature a different theme.

Monday, February 5, 5:45 – 6:30 p.m.

Theme: Party Recipes

Monday, March 4, 5:45 – 6:30 p.m.

Theme: Camping Recipes

Monday, April 1, 5:45 – 6:30 p.m.

Theme: French Cuisine



Registration is ENCOURAGED at spoonerlibrary.org/events.

MYSTERY YARN CONTEST

Thursday, February 7 – Thursday, February 28

Pick up your Mystery Yarn bag and instructions starting February 7. Create something with the yarn inside. There is only 1 rule: You must use the Mystery Yarn. You can add any other craft supply, more yarn, or just things from around the house – be creative! Your creations will be judged by librarians. There will be separate judging for adults and kids.



SNAP-A-THON



Tuesday, January 30th at 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Learn about Wisconsin's wildlife and help scientists with real research in this friendly animal identification game! No experience is necessary, and all ages are welcome. At least one device with WiFi or mobile data connection is needed per person/family. Participants may use the Library's computers if they do not have a device of their own. You will attempt to identify as many animals as possible to earn points and a chance to win a prize!

Registration is ENCOURAGED at spoonerlibrary.org/events

SEED STARTING & EARLY SPRING

Thursday, February 1st, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Early spring is the time to check out catalogs, place seed orders and start seeds. Learn about several seed starting techniques, how to decipher catalog and seed package jargon, and proper planting conditions. Master Gardener, Sue Reinardy will be presenting this program.

Registration is ENCOURAGED at spoonerlibrary.org/events



EVA APELQVIST: AUTHOR/TRANSLATOR

Saturday, March 16, 4:00–5:30 p.m.

Author and translator Eva Apelqvist grew up in Sweden but lived in Spooner for many years. She will discuss her translation of Swedish Sami author Moa Backe Åstot's young adult novel "Fire From the Sky."

"Fire From the Sky" is a young adult novel set in a reindeer herding community in northern Sweden. The author, Backe Åstot, is a reindeer herder and intimately familiar with the community she writes about.

Registration is ENCOURAGED at spoonerlibrary.org/events



OUTWIGO: PARK PASSES



Pick up a free day pass to Wisconsin State Parks

Vehicle admission stickers provide access to more than 60 state parks, forests and recreation areas across Wisconsin. You can get one at the library! One pass per family per month. Available at the front desk upon request.

BLOOD PRESSURE CUFFS

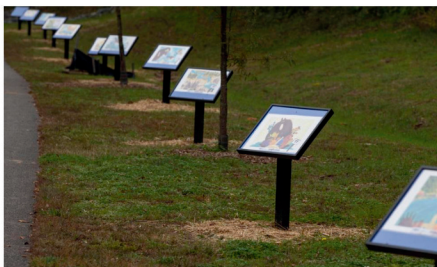
Available soon: Check out a blood pressure cuff.

Nearly half of all American adults have high blood pressure, yet only about 1 in 4 individuals have their condition under control. Stay on top of YOUR heart health with our new BP monitors for check out.

Our blood pressure monitors are easy to use, and come with easy to follow instructions and informational materials. XL cuff size is available.



STORYWALK



New book coming in January:

"The Mitten" by Jan Brett will be going into the Storywalk in January. Bring your family to City Park to follow the story along the trail, and complete the silly activities as you go.



DAY CARE STORY TIMES

January - March

The library is now visiting local daycares for stories and a craft. We have dates set up with Cradles to Crayons. Contact our outreach librarian to learn how to have the library come to your daycare.

Email outreach@spoonerlibrary.org for more information.



2024 BIBLIODRAGON SCHEDULE



- Check out books
- Get a library card
- Pick up holds
- Use the free Wi-Fi

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

1/2, 2/6, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 6/4

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

1/4, 2/1, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 6/6

2nd Tuesdays: Green Route

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

Brooklyn Town Hall 1:00-2:00 pm

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

1/9, 2/13, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, 6/11

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

1/11, 2/8, 3/14, 4/11, 5/9, 6/13

4th Tuesdays: Yellow Route

Bibliodragon is available for visits to assisted living and group homes.

Email Katy at

outreach@spoonerlibrary.org for more info or to request a stop at your place.

4th Thursdays: Red Route

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

Group home visits

1/25, 2/22, 3/28, 4/25, 5/23, 6/27

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 check out.

JAN 24 | FEB 28 | MAR 27

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.



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.



Transparent Language[®] Online

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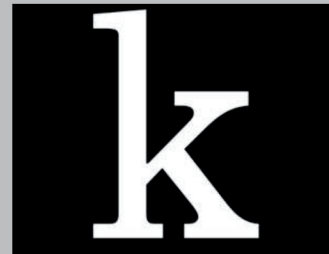
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The Spooner Library Board of Trustees meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

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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!