



# Youth Programs

Fall 2025



Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult at all programs.

Story Times are 20-30 min. and geared for the ages listed. Registration for Library Learners is encouraged but not required and is available on our website [lacrossecountylibrary.org](http://lacrossecountylibrary.org) beginning Fri., Aug. 15.



Ages 0-36 Months

**Sept. 8-Oct. 2 and  
Oct. 27-Nov. 24**

Onalaska: Mon. at 12:00 pm  
Holmen: Thu. at 10:15 am

Bilingual Story Time



Ages 3 and up

**Sat., Sept. 13**

**Sat., Oct. 11**

**Sat., Nov. 8**

Onalaska: 1:00 pm



Ages 3-6 Years

**Sept. 8-Oct. 3 and  
Oct. 27-Nov. 26**

Bangor: Mon. at 10:15 am

Campbell: Thu. at 6:30 pm

Holmen: Wed. at 10:15 am

Onalaska: Mon. at 6:30 pm

Thu. at 10:00 am and

Fri. at 10:00 am

West Salem: Tue. at 6:30 pm and

Wed. at 10:15 am



**Sat., Sept. 20 Holmen 12:00 pm**

**Story Time with the Author**

Visit the library for a story time and book signing with local author Mary De Merle Schams.

No registration required. (30 min.)

## "SPOOKY" STUFFIE SLEEPOVER

**Thu., Oct. 30**  
drop off between  
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Campbell

Drop off your stuffed animal at the library between 1p-6p for a night of shenanigans!

Return the next day to see what your stuffie discovered in the library.

Plus, enjoy a breakfast snack to go.

Drop off your stuffie, then stay for Story Time at Campbell.

Registration required and begins Mon., Sept. 29.



## Community Storytelling Celebration

Join us for a community celebration of the power of storytelling. No registration required, free refreshments provided.

**Sat., Sept. 13 Onalaska**

**10:00 am Storytelling Workshop with Youth Services**

Learn how to incorporate storytelling into everyday interactions with youth from age birth through teens. Geared for adults but activities for children provided. (45 min.)

**11:00 am Story Share with Mother-Daughter Team \***

Katey Fortune, founder of Different Abilities, is a speaker and advocate who shares her journey with a learning disability and how storytelling helped her gain confidence. Her upcoming book, co-written with her mother Lynn, highlights their shared experiences and the power of stories to inspire connection and change. (45 min.)



## September is Library Card Sign Up Month

During September, kids who sign up for their first library card will receive a FREE "I ♥ Reading" lanyard (while supplies last) and be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Pizza Ranch gift card.

(Teachers, book your fall class visits now to get library cards into your students' hands.)

## Driftless Eco Explorers

Enjoy nature walks, stories, and activities designed to foster eco-literacy and fun for youth and their grown-ups.

No registration required. All ages welcome. (45 min.) *weather permitting*

**Wed., Sept. 17**

11:00 am

Meet at Holmen Library

**Fri., Sept. 19**

11:00 am

Meet at Great River Landing  
(101 Irvin St., Onalaska)



## Juggling Poet\*

Paul Halter's unique comedy juggling show combines top-notch juggling skills with audience interaction and funny poetry (and fire!) to create a live performance you'll never forget. No registration required. All ages welcome. (45 min.)

**Sat., Sept. 27**

10:00 am

Onalaska



## Dance Party

with Creative Arts Dance

Come wiggle, dance, groove, and get that energy out while learning simple steps in different styles of dance. We will be having a blast while we keep moving and having fun. No registration required. All ages welcome. (45 min.)

**Sat., Oct. 18**

1:00 pm

Holmen

Happy 1st Birthday, 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program at La Crosse County Library! Drop in to a party for celebrating early (and all) literacy **Sat., Sept. 27, between 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at Clearwater Farm, 760 Green Coulee Rd, Onalaska.** We'll have crafts, Story Time at 2:00 pm, and a graduation photo booth for readers who've reached their 1,000 book goal.



**Oct. 1 - 31**, read books and visit us at the library for fun reading challenges and prizes.

\* Program funding is provided by the Ben and Floyde Sias Library Trust Fund



## Waves & Watercolors

Join US Fish & Wildlife for a celebration of the beauty and significance of rivers. Hear a story—THE RIVER by Marc Martin—learn about the landscapes that rivers wind through, and use watercolor paints to create your own river landscape. Geared for ages 4+ but all ages welcome. No registration required. (45 min.)

<b>Wed., Oct. 8</b>	<b>Fri., Oct. 17</b>	<b>Wed., Oct. 22</b>
10:15 am	10:00 am	10:15 am
Holmen	Onalaska	West Salem

## LEGO® at the Library

Kids of all ages are welcome at our Lego® brick building events. Have fun free-building, or be inspired by our suggested theme. No registration required. (60 min.)

<b>Mon., Oct. 6</b>	<b>Mon., Oct. 13</b>	<b>Mon., Oct. 20</b>
4:30 pm	4:30 pm	4:30 pm
Campbell and West Salem	Bangor and Holmen	Onalaska



## LEGO® Printmaking\*

Kids use LEGO® bricks as unique tools to create vibrant, one-of-a-kind masterpieces with Phil Hassett of Washboard Press. No registration required. All ages welcome but kids under 12 may need adult assistance.

**Sat., Oct. 25**  
Drop in between  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Onalaska



## Children's Musician\* Will Bjorndal

Will's environmentally themed music is guaranteed to get kids moving, grooving, laughing, and singing. No registration required. All ages welcome. (45 min.)

**Sat., Nov. 15**  
10:00 am  
Onalaska



**Sat., Nov. 8 Onalaska 10:00 am**  
**Intergenerational Jigsaw Puzzle Battle**  
Race to see whose group can complete a 300-piece puzzle the fastest. Registration required and begins Mon., Oct. 20.



**Tues., Dec. 16 Holmen** *check library website for time*  
**Intergenerational Regency Ball with La Crosse Dance Centre**  
Come celebrate Jane Austen's 250th birthday. Free dance lessons for all ages; sponsored by La Crosse Dance Centre. Registration required and begins Mon., Nov. 24.

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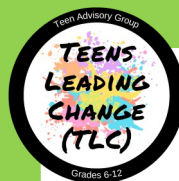
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## JUST FOR TEENS



Teens in grades 6 - 12... Looking for a place to recharge? Try out a VR headset? Enjoy some snacks? If you're into hands-on projects, music, new teen books, or just chilling out, drop in for Teen Time. No registration required. (90 min.)

<b>Fri., Oct. 17</b>	<b>Fri., Oct. 24</b>	<b>Thu., Oct. 30</b>
3:00 pm	3:00 pm	3:00 pm
Holmen	Onalaska	West Salem



**Teens Leading Change (TLC)** gives teens in grades 6 - 12 a greater voice in designing teen spaces and services at the library and a larger role in accelerating positive change. New members welcome. No registration required. (60 min.)

**Wed., Sept. 24**  
**Wed., Oct. 29**  
**Wed., Nov. 26**  
3:30 pm  
Onalaska

## CHARCUTERIE 101

Get snack-savvy at this fun teen food program with Hunt + Gather Grazing Boards. Learn to make your own tasty, Insta-worthy charcuterie box—no cooking, all fun! For teens in grades 6-12 only. Registration required and begins Mon., Oct. 13. (45 min.)

**Wed., Nov. 12**  
4:00 pm  
Onalaska



## KIDS GINGERBREAD

# JAM!



- Enjoy a mini Story Time
- Decorate your own gingerbread cookie

Registration is required, and space is limited.

Registration begins  
Monday,  
Nov. 3.

**Mon., Dec. 1**  
4:00 pm Bangor

**Tues., Dec. 2**  
6:30 pm West Salem

**Thurs., Dec. 4**  
4:00 pm Holmen  
6:30 pm Campbell

**Fri., Dec. 5**  
4:00 pm Onalaska

**Sat., Dec. 6**  
9:30 am Onalaska  
11:00 am Onalaska

**Sat., Dec. 13**  
1:00 pm Holmen