



Blind Date with a Book

February is Library Lover's month, and we'd like to set you up with a blind date! Stop by the library, and check out our 'Blind Date with a Book' display. Each 'Blind Date' has been hand-picked by a staff member.

So you aren't walking in totally blind we've listed the genre and a brief description of the book. Choose a book, check it out, take it home, and unwrap it. Who knows, maybe you'll have a wonderful future together! We've got books for kids, teens and adults!

Return the rating card inside for your chance at a \$25 Kilwins Gift Card.



Winter Reading Program Continues

Our Winter Reading Program is back! Adults and teens can participate through Beanstack, while kids can stop by the Youth Services Desk to get started. The program starts on January 16 and runs through February 28. This program is made possible by Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library.

Adults

Sign up online beginning January 16 through [Beanstack](#). For every 2 hours that you read, earn tickets to enter into drawings. Win gift cards to local businesses. Writing reviews throughout the program results in earning more tickets. Most importantly: read whatever you want! Graphic novels, non-fiction, chapter books, picture books, audio books and more.

Teens

Sign up online beginning January 16 through [Beanstack](#). For every hour that you read, earn tickets to enter into drawings. Win gift cards to local businesses. Writing reviews throughout the program results in earning more tickets. Most importantly: read whatever you want! Graphic novels, non-fiction, chapter books, picture books, audio books and more.

Kids

Kids can participate by stopping by the Youth Services desk to pick up a paper log beginning January 16. Read 8 hours to get a free book. Kids can also participate in Bonus Bingo challenge to be entered into a drawing for a fun prize!



Whitefish Bay TALKS: Olivia in Five, Seven, Five: Autism In Haiku

Tuesday, February 21, 6:30PM

Please Register:

https://www.wfblibrary.org/our_events/?eid=1365

When author Kathie Giorgio's fourth child was born 21 years ago, she thought it would be an easy journey. After all, she was already the mother of three. She thought she had experienced it all. But she hadn't experienced autism. After trying more traditional methods of dealing with autism, Kathie and her husband set it all aside to focus on their daughter, her needs, her requests, and her way of reaching out. Now an adult, Olivia is a Dean's List student in her senior year of college. She embraces her autism as a unique part of herself.

One April, Kathie challenged herself to write a haiku a day about Olivia and about autism to observe both National Poetry Month and Autism Awareness Month. This book is the result of that challenge. The final poem is by Olivia herself. Join author and poet Kathie Giorgio and her daughter Olivia for an open discussion about autism, it's impact on their relationship, and what it was like working together on this book.

Read more about this event on the library's website at:

https://www.wfblibrary.org/our_events/?eid=1365

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Book Club

Hybrid Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, February 3, 6:30PM

Please note that our Mystery Book Club is now meeting on Wednesdays instead of Thursdays. Our Mystery Book Club meets once a month and is led by librarian Sharon Nagel. This month we're reading [Mycroft Holmes](#) by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

This meeting will be a hybrid meeting, both on Zoom and in person at the library in our upstairs program room. Click here to join our Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89090700104?pwd=L0d0bVU1M0JpdGNDME5EdzNYSWdlUT09>

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Hybrid Tea Time Book Club

Friday, February 24, 12PM

Please note date change! Our Tea Time Book Club meets once a month and is led by Library Director Nyama Reed. This month we're reading [Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times](#) by Katherine May.

This meeting will be a hybrid meeting, both on Zoom and in person at the library in our upstairs program room. Click here to join our Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91804407402?pwd=cy85VhoVEJNN0VpUzZMUE9ZVDJlQT09>

Meeting ID: 916 0440 7402

Passcode: 183619

Winter Storytimes

Mondays, 10AM, Through February 20

Wednesdays, 10AM, Through February 22

Thursdays, 10AM, Through February 23

To register, visit our [Events Calendar](https://www.wfblibrary.org/our_events/?me1&y=2023) at: https://www.wfblibrary.org/our_events/?me1&y=2023

Join us for a fun, educational storytime perfect for all ages. We'll share stories, songs, flannels and more!

Storytime will be held in the Tower of the children's area. Please register for any updates.

Children's Programming for February

Take and Make: Valentine Handprint Gnome

Wednesday, February 8, 10AM-12PM, 5-7PM

Use your hand to make this adorable Valentine's Day themed handprint gnome. Pick up your kit from 10am-noon and 5pm-7pm outside the front doors of the library. We ask that you take one craft kit per child.

Pigeon Palooza!

Monday, February 13, 4-5PM

K5-2 Grade

Please register: https://www.wfblibrary.org/our_events/?eid=1393

Celebrate Mo Willems' birthday at our Pigeon Palooza. We'll have pigeon themed crafts, building challenges, and more!

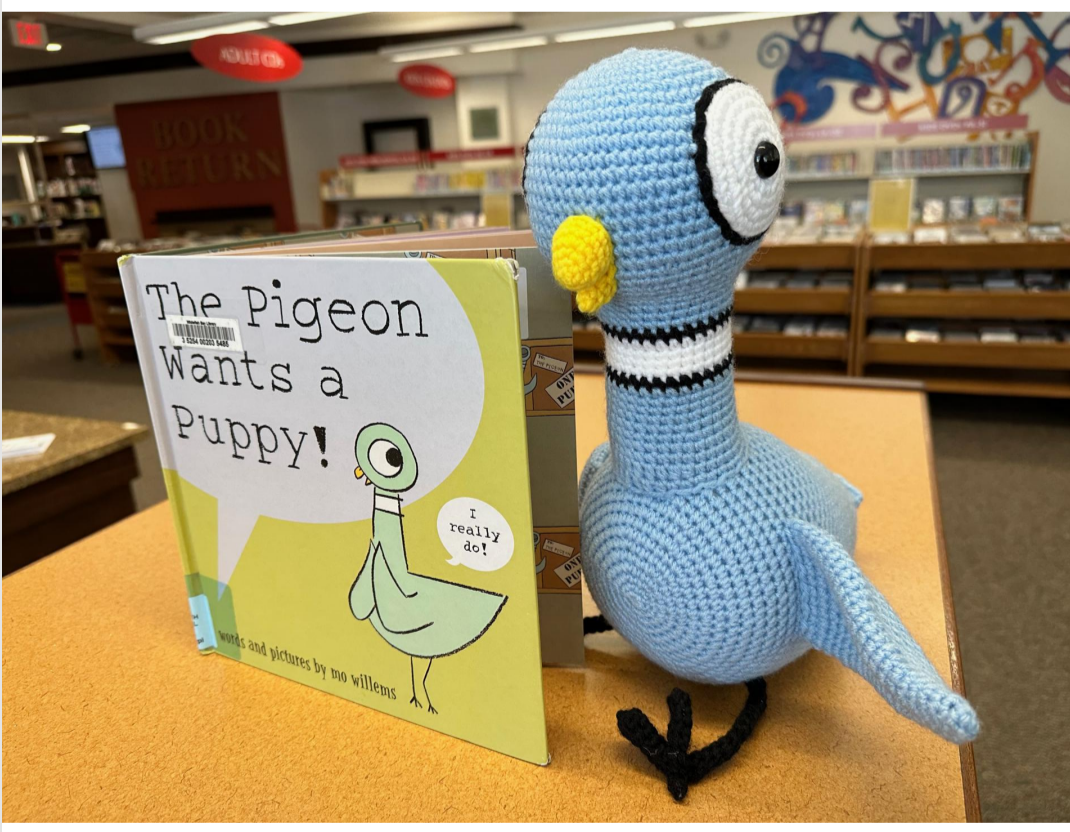
Mathematical Curve Stitching

Wednesday, February 22, 4:00-5:00PM

Grades 3-5

Please register: https://www.wfblibrary.org/our_events/?eid=1390

What's curve stitching? It's math! It's art! It's a form of string art where smooth curves are created through the use of straight lines. Learn a bit about this cool phenomenon and make some beautiful artwork in the meantime.



March Programming Preview

Getting to Know Medicare

Tuesday, March 7, 6PM

Please register: https://www.wfblibrary.org/our_events/?eid=1336

A workshop designed to simplify Medicare and to help you make a more informed decision on your coverage without all the headaches and confusion. This program will be held in person.

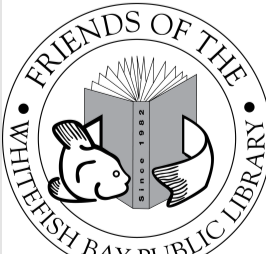
Whitefish Bay Talks: Irish Music from Ceol Cairde

Thursday, March 9, 8:30PM

Please register: https://www.wfblibrary.org/our_events/?eid=1396

Begin your St. Patrick's Day celebrations as we welcome the musical group, Ceol Cairde (literally "music of friends" in Irish/Gaelic) for a jaw-dropping performance of their distinctive mix of traditional Irish and Celtic tunes. Discover the beauty and fun of Irish music the way it's been played for centuries.

Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library Writing Contest



Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library are once again offering their Writing Contest. This will be the 10th straight year for the contest, which includes submission categories for short story (1,000 words or less), memoir (1,000 words or less), and poetry (200 words or less). The contest is open to anyone 16 and up. Submissions will be accepted from January 9 - February 6 and are limited to one entry per person per category. Cash prizes will be awarded in early spring. Please include a cover page on your entry with the following: Name, address, email, phone number, entry date, and category.

Email entries to reference@wfblibrary.org or drop off entries in person at the Adult Services Desk or mail them to:

Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library Writing Contest
5420 N Marlborough Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53217

A reception will be held where winners will be on hand to read their pieces, date to be announced. Winners will also have their entries posted to the library's website after the reception.

