

Barrie Elementary School Newsletter



December | 2023

Principal Welcome

December is upon us! I hope this communication finds you well.

It was so nice connecting with many of you during Parent / Teacher Conferences last month, as we, as a school community, took time to share and celebrate all that your child(ren) has(ve) accomplished. We are so grateful for your attendance and attention at Parent / Teacher Conferences as we continue to partner with you to bring the best academic, social and emotional experiences for your child(ren) here at Barrie School each and every day. Your unwavering support is greatly appreciated!

In addition, last month Barrie's school report card was released. For the second year in a row, Barrie received the designation of Significantly Exceeding Expectations! Please join me in congratulating our entire school community on this accomplishment!

Furthermore, we look forward to celebrating with you this month at our Barrie Winter Concert at Fort Atkinson High School. Under the leadership of Mrs. Berg, Barrie's music teacher, our students are excited and prepared to share their love of music and the season with all of you. It is moments like these, that give us a chance to pause, and reminded us how important it is to spend time sharing with, and alongside those in our Barrie learning community, the opportunity to express our gratitude for one another.

December is an important month of learning filled with many classroom and schoolwide opportunities to connect with one another. With winter break coming at the end of the month, we look to maximize our time together for amazing teaching and learning. Please be mindful of your child(ren)'s attendance during the next few weeks. In addition, please continue to send your child(ren) with their cold weather gear as our temperatures continue to decrease.

As always, thank you for the continued commitment and support!

Warmly,



Justin Stewart

Barrie Elementary School Principal
School District of Fort Atkinson



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Barrie Elementary | Luther Elementary | Purdy Elementary | Rockwell Elementary



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EVENTS

December 1st | Barrie Spirit Day

December 4th | PTO Meeting @ 6:30 pm (Barrie IMC)

December 6th | 3rd Grade Treat Day (PTO Sponsored)

December 7th | 5th Grade Band/Orchestra Holiday Concert (FAHS @ 6pm)

December 12th | Winter Concert @ FAHS

(KG - GR2 | 12:30 pm & 6 pm) (GR3-GR5 | 1:30pm & 7 pm)

December 21st | Winter Parties

December 21st | FASD Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm

Looking Ahead

January 5th | Barrie Spirit Day

January 8th | PTO Meeting @ 6:30 pm (Barrie IMC)

January 10th | 2nd Grade Treat Day (PTO Sponsored)

January 16th | FASD Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm

January 18th | Favorite Team Dress Up Day (Student Council Sponsored)

January 23rd | Seals on Wheels

January 30th | Principal Pick of the Season Event



Ongoing Reminders

- School begins at 7:55 AM and ends at 3:05 PM
- Drop off and pick-up should be done in the back circle drive.
- Please call Barrie at 920.563.7817 to report your child's absence. Leave a message with your name, your child's name, and the reason for the absence.

Handy Links

[Barrie Website](#) - News Updated Regularly

[District Home Page](#) - District News

[School Nutrition Page](#) - School Breakfast/Lunch Menus

Early Release Days 1:30 PM Dismissal

1/29/24
2/19/24
3/11/24
4/15/24
5/13/24

Vacation Dates

12/22/23 - 1/1/24 | No School - Winter Break
1/19/24 | No Classes - Records Day
3/22/24 | No Classes - Records Day
3/25/24 - 3/29/24 | No School - Spring Break
5/27/24 | No School - Memorial Day



2023-2024 PTO Officers

Co-Presidents | Ashley Barr and April Van Etten

Vice President | Marjorie Robertson

Secretary | Megan Brand

Treasurer | Cody Miller and Jeremy Busse

Next Meeting:

Monday, January 8th at 6:30 in
the Barrie IMC.



PTO SOCIAL

12/4/23 @ 6pm

SALAMONE'S

DRESS IN YOUR HOLIDAY ATTIRE!

ADULTS ONLY EVENT



Watch for PTO updates on our
Facebook page.



**Barrie Broncos
Elementary**



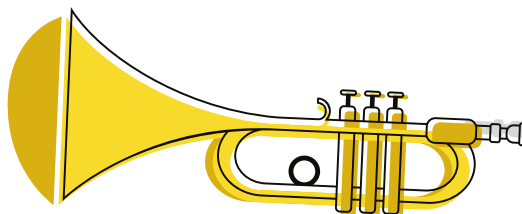
Band and Orchestra News

The first formal fifth grade band and orchestra concert is ***Thursday, December 7!***

The concert will begin promptly at 6pm at Fort Atkinson High School Auditorium.

- Students need to arrive between 5:30-5:40 pm and meet in the music pod.
- Band students will meet in the band room, and orchestra students in the orchestra room.
- Please wear your new t-shirt for the concert and black pants if possible.

This concert is separate from the winter sing and only involves band and orchestra students.





Hello from the Barrie Music Room!

Here's your reminder that our Winter Sing is on Dec 12th on the Fort Atkinson High School stage. There will be four shows that day. At 12:30 pm and 6pm will be our Kinders, 1st and 2nd graders singing "How the Penguins saved Christmas!" and at 1:30 and 7pm will be the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders singing "Jingle Bell Jukebox". Families are welcome to come at no charge and enjoy it all!

I've been directing the students to Mrs. Berg's Music Fun and to my website's winter sing_page where all the music and lyrics have been posted. If you like, you can check out the about me page where you can learn more about me, since I am new to all of you here at Barrie.

Looking forward to more MERRY music making with your students!





Our 4th and 5th grade students have begun their series of units focused on careers in the arts! They were very passionate about their first day of research into architecture and home design and are very excited to to design and build our (cardboard) gingerbread houses using some advanced tools! Planning is a new standard for our grades and this project will take LOTS of planning!



Our 2nd and 3rd Grade Students are also going to look at some architecture and houses! Expect some chalk pastel homes with cheery holiday lights!



Our Kindergarten and 1st grade students have just finished glazing their clay animals and will soon bring them home. We'll be doing some winter focused artwork in the coming weeks and maybe a few other chilly friends!





Students in Physical Education class participated in a gymnastics unit in the month of November . They learned skills on the vault, blue bar, floor, rings, parallel bars, uneven bars, and climbing skills.

The next unit is roller blading.





2023 - 2024 Safety Patrollers

- Reid Miller
- Ethan Miller
- Esme Bastien
- Seth Crossman
- Charlie Carl
- Erin Vosburgh
- Briggs Luedtke
- Dixie Mulderink
- Jordan Acosta
- Jackson Weiler
- Terry Parish
- Brooke Steindorf
- Paysen Allie
- Harmony Kirkland
- Alondra Rivera Zuniga
- Pyper Gefvert
- Alonso Zamora Gomez
- Aspen Thiede
- Julia Turrittin-Johnson
- Xavier Becerra-Espinoza
- Jackson Williams
- Lucas Kienbaum
- Braquel Hunsicker
- Hattie Golson
- Mallory Fast
- Elena Fellin
- Harrison Scheibel
- Lilla McDonald
- Charlie Cheek
- Meara Kelly
- Paizley Stouffer
- Cassie Smith
- Delaney Riddell
- Emma McKee
- Hunter Schickowski
- Roger Fajardo Reyes

Our new 5th Grade Safety Patrollers are off to a great start of keeping our Barrie Broncos safe before school and after school. They are out on their corners whether it's rain or shine, hot or cold outside. Keep up the great work, Safety Patrollers!!!

November Patrollers-of-the-Month: Aspen Thiede and Braquel Hunsicker



Delaney Riddell, Harrison Scheibel, Hattie Golson, Elena Fellin, Esme Bastien, Aspen Thiede, Pyper Gefvert, Briggs Luedtke, Alondra Rivera-Zuniga, Hayden Gefvert, Lainey Gottschalk, Charles Fortney, Taylor Bauman

The Barrie Elementary Student Council sponsored food drive was an absolute success. The students and staff were able to donate 1,003 items to the Fort Atkinson Food Pantry. The delivery of the items was made on Monday, November 20th. The Student Council played an important role in making sure the food drive was a success.

Barrie Elementary

Counselor's Corner

Ms. Young | 1st Quarter 2023

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Topics in Guidance Class

Role of the School Counselor
Social & Emotional Learning
Empathy
Setting Goals

Visit the
Elementary Pupil
Services website
here! 

Learn More Here 

[Online Feelings Games \(PBS Kids\)](#)

[How Children Develop Empathy](#)
(Psychology Today)

["The importance of showing empathy to kids who learn and think differently"](#)
(understood.org)

[25 Best Empathy Activities for Kids](#)
(mentalhelathcenterkids.com)



All about EMPATHY

This school year will be all about building empathy at Barrie Elementary! But what is empathy? Some may confuse empathy and sympathy because they are closely related. Having sympathy is more about feeling sorry for someone or simply acknowledging the pain or suffering someone is going through. Empathy, on the other hand, goes deeper. It's about understanding and sharing in the feelings of others and requires a more heartfelt and compassionate response. Empathy fosters deeper connections and understanding of other's emotions.

Benefits of Building Empathy in Children

1

Social Development

It helps children understand and relate to the emotions and experiences of others. This ability to connect with people on an emotional level is essential for building positive relationships, making friends, and resolving conflicts peacefully.

They can understand the perspectives of others and find compromises or solutions that take everyone's feelings into account. This reduces aggression and promotes healthier interactions.

Conflict Resolution

2

3

Bullying Prevention

When children can empathize with the feelings of others, they are less likely to engage in hurtful actions or stand by silently when others are mistreated. Empathy promotes kindness and inclusivity.

When children learn to recognize and understand their own emotions, they become better at managing their feelings. This self-regulation is an essential life skill that contributes to emotional well-being.

Self-Awareness

4

5

Communication Skills

It encourages children to listen actively and ask questions to better understand others. Effective communication is vital for healthy relationships and success in various aspects of life.

Empathy encourages open-mindedness and a willingness to learn about diverse backgrounds and perspectives, promoting tolerance and reducing prejudice.

Cultural Sensitivity

6

7

Leadership and Teamwork

Empathetic individuals often make better leaders and team members. They can motivate and inspire others because they understand and care about their team members' feelings and needs. Empathy enhances collaboration and cooperation.

Empathy is a building block of moral development. It helps children develop a sense of fairness, justice, and ethics. Empathetic individuals are more likely to act ethically and make decisions that consider the well-being of others.

Moral Development

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Happiness and Wellbeing

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COVID-19 Isolation/Quarantine Protocols

Monitor your Child's Symptoms

Exposure to COVID-19

If no symptoms, may continue attending school/work.

Wear a face covering for 10 days when around others.

Monitor for symptoms and test if possible.

Stay home if symptoms develop

Positive COVID-19 Test

Isolate for 5 Days

If no symptoms or symptoms are resolving after 5 days and have not had a fever for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medication, isolation can end.

If symptoms persist continue to stay home until resolving

Communicate with school symptoms are resolving to return

***Wear a face covering around others for 5 more days**

COVID-19 Symptoms or sent home from school

ONE of these symptoms:

- Fever (100.4° or greater) or chills
- Cough - new or worsening
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea

TWO or more of these symptoms:

- Sore Throat
- Fatigue
- Muscle/body aches
- Headache
- Congestion or runny nose

Stay Home

Testing is recommended.

If no symptoms or symptoms are resolving after 3 days and have not had a fever for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medication, the student may return to school

Communicate with school symptoms are resolving to return

★ ***If you are unable to wear a mask around others you must quarantine/isolate for the full exposure period of 10 days**



Please direct all questions and report positive cases to the main office of your school!

Updated 08.23.2022



Fort HealthCare is sharing some Backpack News for our families, which includes tips such as how to stay healthy as the winter weather approaches, tips for families, flu shots, and more!

[Click here for the PDF in English](#)



[Click here for the PDF in Spanish](#)



This school year has been in session for 62 days from Aug. 28th-Nov.30th.
How many of them have you attended?

School attendance is correlated with higher achievement and attendance is important in building strong academic skills, learning to manage emotions, and building friendships. The stoplight graphic shows the number of days that indicate positive attendance and attendance numbers that are a concern. Take a minute to check powerschool to see how your child's attendance has been.



If you have been at school 48 days or fewer-you have attended 79% or less of the school year.

You may find it difficult to learn, your grades may be lower than you would like and you may have more challenges with the work.

If you have been at school 49.5 days you have been at school 80% of the time or more

Missing this many days--you may find yourself falling behind your peers.

If you have been at school 55 days or more-you have 90% or higher attendance.

Attending school this much can help keep you on pace.

If you find your attendance at a red or yellow light--see what changes you can try in order to improve your attendance. If you have to be out for a health reason, be sure to communicate that so we can work on helping you still get the material--and work with your teachers.

We know that COVID, colds, influenza and other factors affect attendance--practicing general health and safety measures (washing your hands, covering your mouth when you cough, covering your nose when you sneeze, monitoring other symptoms and staying home when warranted) can help.

Please take care of your health to keep others healthy. Remember that when students are healthy we believe it is important for them to be at school.

Southern Lakes Anthology Project

Mark your calendars!

All submissions are due by January 3, 2024!

What is the Southern Lakes Anthology Project?

The Southern Lakes Anthology (SLA) Project is sponsored by the Southern Lakes Advanced Learners Network. The purpose of SLA is to provide an opportunity for talented writers, artists, and cartoonists to publish their original work based on a common theme. The theme for this year's anthology is "What If..."

Who can submit work?

School District of Fort Atkinson students in Grades 3 through 8 may submit pieces for judging.

Why should students consider submitting their work?

The SLA provides an authentic audience for young writers and artists. The top submissions from Fort Atkinson are published in a local anthology and also sent to regional judging. If selected at the regional level, the pieces are published in a book along with works by other students from southeastern Wisconsin. Published students are invited to a recognition ceremony in May where they receive a free copy of the book.

How are the pieces chosen?

Pieces must communicate a message based on the year's theme. Art, cartoons, and illustrations (in illustrated writing) are also judged on originality, neatness, space, and composition. Artwork should have strong black and white contrast (black pen or marker carefully used over very light pencil works great!). Stories and poetry are judged on relevance to the theme, clarity of ideas, organization, sentence fluency, word choice, conventions, and voice.

All work must be a student's original work. Parents and teachers may provide editing assistance. Specific rules and guidelines regarding page limits, font size, and margin widths, as well as templates for art/illustration pieces are available at <https://sites.google.com/fortschools.org/anthology2021/home>.

Completed submissions should be turned in to Mrs. Barrels or the library aide in your school.

Questions? Please contact Nancy Leisgang, Gifted and Talented Education Program Assistant, at leisgangn@fortschools.org or 563-7833, ext. 8371.



Join our 1Fort Team!

Looking to make a difference in the life of a child? The School District of Fort Atkinson and our partners offer a variety of employment opportunities and are actively seeking interested candidates.



To view an up-to-date list of our available vacancies, please bookmark the [School District of Fort Atkinson Careers Page](#). You can also contact hr@fortschools.org with any questions you may have.

Free/Reduced Lunch Reminders

There are still programs available to help families with these costs. To see if you qualify, please complete the [application found online](#) or you can print off a paper application.

As a reminder, there are additional benefits for qualifying for free/reduced lunch such as:



Semester Milk

May receive free semester snack milk*



School Meals

May provide discounted or free meals when the USDA waiver expires.



Grocery Benefits

May help provide your family with money for groceries through P-EBT.



ACT & AP Test Discounts

May receive discounts for academic testing.



College Application Discounts

May receive discounts for college application fees.



Technology Funding

SDFA receives additional funding for internet access and computers.

We always want our students to have access to the best benefits possible. Should your circumstance change, please know this support is available at any time.



Timely Information

DHS Launches Wisconsin Wayfinder: Children's Resource Network

"Connecting Wisconsin families with special health care needs to essential support and resources"

As educators in Wisconsin schools, you have incredible access to providing families with timely and relevant information.

Wisconsin Wayfinder is a resource to share with all families in your schools and districts, and in particular families with children with disabilities or mental health needs. Wisconsin Wayfinder helps families find county and statewide disability and mental health services beyond the support provided by schools. As a close partner with Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), Wisconsin DPI asks school and district leaders to **please share out the below information on your school district webpages, newsletters to families, and consider sharing information about Wisconsin Wayfinder with families at individualized education program meetings.**

Last week the Wisconsin DHS launched a new service that will transform the support structure for families of children with delays, disabilities, special health care needs, or mental health conditions. Wisconsin Wayfinder: Children's Resource Network includes a user-friendly website and toll-free helpline that lets families easily connect with real people (dedicated children's resource guides) who will help navigate through the essential services and supports that will enable their children to thrive.

"This service is a critical step toward improving the way families with special health care needs access and connect with the vital resources they need, especially during crucial moments like after an initial diagnosis," said DHS Deputy Secretary Deb Standridge. "Our children's resource guides are people committed to personally assisting families on this journey. Wisconsin Wayfinder embodies our commitment to inclusivity, support, and accessibility for our state's children and their families." View the entire news release.

A statewide user-friendly website and toll-free number, 877-WiscWay (877-947-2929), provide families with convenient, direct access to compassionate and knowledgeable children's resource guides. **Please share the toll free number (877-WiscWay) and this Link to Wisconsin Wayfinder webpage with families in your schools, districts, and communities.**



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IN JANESVILLE

JOIN US FOR A MEMORABLE NIGHT OF DANCING,
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TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE JANUARY 15TH AT
[HTTPS://CSOHWI.COM/Event/SPRING-DANCE/](https://CSOHWI.COM/Event/SPRING-DANCE/)

QUESTIONS: CONTACT CORNERSTONE OF HOPE
608-563-4673 OR DDD@CSOHWI.COM

Do you have an event you'd like to share?

<https://forms.gle/gPiKA8QSWFqgFqsG9>

Fort Atkinson Holiday Weekend

Santa's Bag Red Box Giveaway

November 25th-December 2nd

Scan the QR code @ each location OR drop your information in their Red Box! Each time you place a completed entry form into one of the red boxes you'll be entering to win Santa's Bag.

Magic on the Polar Path

Friday, December 1st

Free community event! Christmas carolers, holiday music, animated light display, live farm animals, free candy canes & coloring books, cookies & hot cocoa, local mascots, & MORE!

4:00PM-6:30PM

Holiday Market

Saturday, December 2nd

Enjoy 5 wonderful locations full of local vendors via our complimentary trolley running through downtown Fort Atkinson. + Feather Your Nest with additional vendors!

9:00AM-3:00PM

Santa Bike Ride

Saturday, December 2nd

Free community event! Christmas carolers, holiday music, animated light display, live farm animals, free candy canes & coloring books, cookies & hot cocoa, local mascots, & MORE!

11:00AM

Jazz Swing Dance

Saturday, December 2nd

Fort Atkinson high school jazz band presents swing dancing. Lessons start at 7:00pm. Wear your black clothing with red accents and good dancing shoes!

7:00PM

Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, December 3rd

at First United Methodist Church, join an afternoon of delicious chili, bingo, sweets, and Santa!

12:00PM

Lighted Parade

Sunday, December 3rd

Watch the lit-up holiday floats drive down Main St.. The parade will be a truly special way to end the weekend of Holiday Festivities.

4:00PM



HOARD HISTORICAL MUSEUM'S

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

HOLIDAY MUSIC, CRAFTS, AND
HOLIDAY TREATS

FREE FOR ALL

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 9

HOARD HISTORICAL MUSEUM
401 WHITEWATER AVE.
FORT ATKINSON, WI
920-397-9914 WWW.HOARDMUSEUM.ORG



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Gingerbread House Contest

AT THE HOARD HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Build a gingerbread house and enter it into the contest

Drop-off/Registration Dates:
Tuesday, 11/29-Saturday, 12/2

Popular Choice voting:
Tuesday, 12/5- Saturday, 12/9

In-person voting during museum hours

For Registration Information: www.hoardmuseum.org

HOARD HISTORICAL MUSEUM 401 WHITEWATER AVE. FORT ATKINSON, WI
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DWIGHT FOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Events Guide: Winter 2023-2024

WINTER READING

Winter Reading Challenge for All Ages

December 11-January 31

Read books, complete activities, and log your progress on our Beanstack site at fortlibrary.beanstack.org. Participants will be entered in weekly prize drawings and earn a chance to win the grand prize drawing of a \$25 Fort Atkinson Chamber of Commerce gift certificate at the end of January. Happy reading, Fort Atkinson!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Toddler Time
Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Family Storytime
Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Baby Time
Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Pajama Storytime

Sensory Storytime

January 9 and February 13 at 6:30 p.m.

January 3 and February 7 at 4 p.m.

NO STORYTIMES IN DECEMBER

Bear on a Bookshelf

January 2-29

Stop in weekly in January to find the bear on a bookshelf! Each week you find the bear, get your card stamped and pick a small prize. If you find the bear all four weeks of the month, you will receive an entry in the grand prize drawing. The bear will move on Tuesday of each week.



SCAN WITH
YOUR PHONE'S
CAMERA TO SIGN
UP FOR OUR
NEWSLETTER!

Lego Club

January 15 and February 19 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Join other Lego enthusiasts and build a Lego creation according to a monthly theme.

Lunch Bunch for Homeschoolers

January 17 and February 21 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Bring your lunch to the library and meet other homeschooling families. Library staff will share library resources and offer time to chat and socialize.

Family Fort Building

January 19 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Stay in the library after hours to create a cool reading fort! Bring a good book, a flashlight, and indoor fort-building materials, such as sheets, pillows, and blankets. The library doors will be locked at 6 p.m. All kids must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Glow sticks and a snack will be provided.

Play Pokémon

January 22 and February 26 from 4-5 p.m.

Come play the Pokémon Trading Card Game with other Pokémon trainers! You can bring your own cards or borrow a deck from the library to learn how to play. Recommended for kids ages 7-12.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Art Club for Teens

January 10 and February 14 from 4-5 p.m.

Bring your current project or use the basic supplies we provide like coloring sheets, glue, markers, etc.! Light snacks will be provided!

fortlibrary.org | [@dwightfoosterpubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/dwightfoosterpubliclibrary)
209 Merchants Avenue, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538
(920) 563-7790



ADULT PROGRAMS

Normal Aging/Not Normal Aging

Tuesday, December 5 at 5:30 p.m.

Join Tonya Runyard of the ADRC to learn about Teepa Snow's Positive Approach to Aging. Learn the difference between normal aging and when a new trend is developing that is different from the aging process. The ADRC will also offer memory screening from 3-5 p.m. on December 11. Contact the ADRC at (920) 675-4035 to set up an appointment.

Memory Café: FAHS Show Choir and Winter Warm-up

Monday, January 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a lively performance from the Fort Atkinson High School Show Choir and then warm up with some hot cocoa while we chat about our favorite winter memories. A Memory Café is an informal social gathering for individuals living with early-stage memory loss and their care partner. For more information, see our website at librarymemoryproject.org.

Board Game Night for Grown-Ups at Mr. Brews Taphouse

Wednesday, January 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Join us at the local restaurant Mr. Brews Taphouse (201 N Main Street, Fort Atkinson) to try out some of the newest board games that have been added to our Library of Things collection! You can order a drink and food while competing against friends and trying out new games.

Adult Book Club

Tuesday, January 23 at 2 p.m. or Thursday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Join Adult Services Librarian Deb Bauer to discuss beloved author Ann Patchett's newest novel "Tom Lake." Copies of the title are available in multiple formats at the main service desk. "Poignant and reflective, cementing Patchett's stature as one of our finest novelists." — Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

Late Night Hygge and Hot Cocoa Lock-In

Friday, February 9 at 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Stay late at the library for a cozy winter evening warming up with the Danish concept of hygge. Bring your favorite fluffy blanket, fuzzy slippers, and a good book, and we'll provide the hot cocoa, tea lights, and warmth from our fireplaces. Doors lock at 6 p.m. sharp.

Biking Across America Travelogue

Thursday, February 22 at 6 p.m.

Join local cycling enthusiast Chick Westby as he tells the cross country bike tale of his travels from the West Coast to the East Coast with his son in the summer of 2023. Find inspiration for your next biking adventure!

Wednesday Craftnoots

Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m.

Drop in each Wednesday for craft time. Bring our own project or use some of the provided supplies. Let your creativity run wild!

StoryCorps®

December 6, January 3, and February 7 at 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Registration Required

Two microphones. Two people. One incredible conversation.

We invite you to share and record a conversation with a family member or friend for generations to come with our new Gathering and Sharing Stories Initiative. Sign up today by contacting Amy Christian at achristian@fortlibrary.org or (920) 563-7790.

Breastfeeding Support Group

December 6, January 3, and February 7 at 9 a.m.

Are you looking for extra support with breastfeeding? Come share your triumphs and struggles. Babies, siblings, and support people are welcome. The group, led by the Jefferson County Health Department, will meet in the Storytime Room each month.

Cooking Club

December 19, January 16, and February 20 at 1 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

Cooking Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the afternoon and evening. In December, join Amy Christian for a Mocktail demonstration and tasting in time for your holiday gatherings! (No cooking this month to give you a break from the hectic holidays.) In January and February, choose a recipe from the selected cookbook on display upstairs and then bring the dish to share!

Tech Tuesdays

December 26, January 23, and February 27 from 1-2:30 p.m.

Tech Tuesdays are offered on the fourth Tuesday of each month. It is an opportunity to bring your devices and questions so that library staff can assist you with any technology challenges you may be experiencing.

Friends Book Sale on December 9, January 13, and February 10 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
9-10 a.m. for Friends members

Special thanks to the Friends of the Dwight Foster Public Library for their financial support for programming!

FEATURED PROGRAMS

RECURRING PROGRAMS