

# Between the Stacks

July 2024

## As American as Apple Pie

Apple pie, baseball, freedom and our flag ... we would all agree these are some of the items that define us as Americans. Perhaps libraries should be on that list, too. Did you know that the United States not only houses the largest library in the world -- the Library of Congress, with over 175 million items -- but there are more libraries in our country than Starbucks or McDonalds! And while most of us can probably come up with a few facts about baseball (every MLB ball has 108 stitches) and our flag (there are six American flags on the moon), here are some facts you may not have known about one of our most American institutions:

- The New York Public Library's most borrowed book for 2023 was *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus.
- The New Berlin Public Library's most circulated book in 2023 was *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. The most circulated nonfiction book at the NBPL was *I'm Glad My Mom Died* by Jennette McCurdy.
- There are over 123,000 libraries in the U.S. today
- One of our country's oldest libraries was founded in Massachusetts in 1790 and began with donations from Founding Father Benjamin Franklin
- As of 2023, there were nearly 117,000 public and academic libraries in the U.S

Libraries are arguably the very brick and mortar symbol of our First Amendment: Freedom of Speech. During July, this most patriotic of months, it's nice to appreciate all the things we love about America, including our libraries. As Albert Einstein once said, "The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library."

*Happy 4th of July!*

Sources: nypl.org; loc.gov; brainly.com; federalflags.com; mentalfloss.com

## Hours

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday (Sept. - May)  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



## Contact Us

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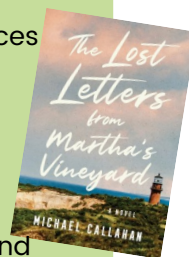
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## What We're Reading

Michelle Neubauer, Library Services Manager is reading:

*The Lost Letters from Martha's Vineyard* by Michael Callahan



A book about love, betrayal and murder, this novel revolves around two sisters - one who goes missing without a trace - and the granddaughter determined to find out what happened.

### Also try authors:

Emma Cline      William Boyd  
Marie Benedict      F.Scott Fitzgerald

Don't forget about  
our Summer Family  
Storytimes!

June 10 - July 25

9:30am & 10:30am

on the library green.  
All ages welcome!



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New Berlin Public Library  
[www.newberlinlibrary.org](http://www.newberlinlibrary.org)

## SUNDAY

- Adult
- Teen & Tween
- Children
- Families
- Registration Required

## MONDAY

## TUESDAY

## WEDNESDAY

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

## SATURDAY

1  
 Look in our lobby  
 and our website for  
 more details about  
 these monthly  
 programs!

3  
**OUTDOOR  
 STORYTIME**  
 June 10 - July 25  
 Monday - Thursday  
 9:30 & 10:30am

4  
**Library Closed  
 Happy 4th of July!**

5  
**Friday Movie Matinee**  
 1pm

6  
 Still time to sign up  
 for Summer  
 Reading Programs!

7  
 Library Closed

8 **Summer**  
 Family Storytimes  
 9:30am & 10:30am

9 **Summer**  
 Family Storytimes  
 9:30am & 10:30am

James the Magician  
 1pm  
 Read to Tazer  
 2pm

10 **Summer**  
 Family Storytimes  
 9:30am & 10:30am

Lego Club - 1pm  
 Read to ONX  
 1:30pm

11 **Summer**  
 Family Storytimes  
 9:30am & 10:30am

\*Bug Jars - 1pm  
 \*Nerf Games - 1pm  
 \*Memory Cafe - 1:30pm

12  
 Brown Bag Book Club  
 12pm

\*Paint a Planter  
 1pm

13  
 \*Antiques  
 Appraisal  
 11am - 2pm

14  
 Library Closed

15 **Summer**  
 Family Storytimes  
 9:30am & 10:30am

Family Movie - 1pm  
 \*Adult Maker Night  
 6:30pm

16 **Summer**  
 Family Storytimes  
 9:30am & 10:30am

Yo-Yo Comedy  
 1pm  
 Read to Tazer  
 2pm

17 **Summer**  
 Family Storytimes  
 9:30am & 10:30am

Lego Club - 1pm  
 Read to ONX  
 1:30pm  
 Never Ending Stories  
 7pm

18 **Summer**  
 Family Storytimes  
 9:30am & 10:30am

\*Lizard Keychains  
 1pm

19  
 Candy Sushi - 1pm

21  
 Library Closed

22 **Summer**  
 Family Storytimes  
 9:30am & 10:30am

As the Pages Turn  
 1pm

23 **Summer**  
 Family Storytimes  
 9:30am & 10:30am

Summer Celebration!  
 1pm - Library Green

24 **Summer**  
 Family Storytimes  
 9:30am & 10:30am

Lego Club - 1pm  
 Read to ONX  
 1:30pm

25 **Summer**  
 Family Storytimes  
 9:30am & 10:30am

The History of the  
 Wisconsin State Fair -  
 6:30pm

26  
 Library Closed  
 Staff Development

28  
 Library Closed

29

30

31

Lego Club - 1pm  
 Read to ONX  
 1:30pm

Coming  
 August 9:  
 Summer  
 Concert on  
 the Green