

The Library Buzz

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WOOD RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Easter/Spring Photo Shoot

Gather your family and friends for a delightful photo opportunity at the library! Each family or group will have 15 minutes to capture unforgettable moments. Call 618-254-4832 to reserve your time slot between 9:15am - 12:00pm or 1:00pm-4:30pm.

We'll provide a lovely backdrop and decorations!
All you need to bring are smiles
and a camera/phone.

Cash donations accepted!



Saturday, April 5
9:15-12:00 & 1:00-4:30



April 20

Closed for Easter

May 26

Closed for Memorial Day

June 19

Closed for Juneteenth

July 4

Closed for Independence Day

Kanopy is now available!

New Online Resource!

Kanopy is an on-demand streaming video platform for public libraries that offers films, TV shows, educational videos and documentaries. This online resource is included with your Wood River Public Library card!

kanopy

Free for Wood River Library cardholders

Summer Reading 2025

Our 2025 Summer Reading Program: **Level Up At Your Library** is just around the corner!

The library will be hosting Adult, Teen, and Children programs for 6-weeks in the summer.

We'll kick off the summer with a fun party in the parking lot!



Kickoff Party June 2

Early Dismissal Make Your Own Egg Craft


School's out early for Spring Break!


Come enjoy an Early Dismissal Craft Event - Make Your Own Dinosaur or Unicorn Egg! This will be in conjunction with receiving a special Reading Dragon card for the month of April.

This free event is for grades K-8.

Thursday, April 17 | 12:00


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Adult Events

Easter Card Making

Adults ages 16+ are invited to the library on Monday, April 7 at 6:00pm for our Adult Easter Card Making event.

Larissa will have supplies for all participants. No registration required.



Monday, April 7 | 6:00

Chair Exercise

Start your week off with a great workout. Chair exercise is a no-impact class designed to increase mobility and range of motion.

Classes are **free** and open to anyone 18 and older. Lead by certified instructor Kelly Mensman.



Monday's in April | 10:00

Spring Flower Making

Adults are invited to join our Program Director for a fun Adult Spring Flower Craft on Thursday, April 24 at 6:00pm.

All supplies to make beautiful paper Spring Flowers will be provided. No registration required.



Thursday, April 24 | 6:00

Donation Drop Off Day

The Wood River Public Library will take new or gently used Book, DVD, and CD donations. Donations are subject to our donation policy.

Please be aware that we have the right to refuse certain items that cannot be put into circulation or sold in our Book Sale. If you have any questions about items you are interested in donating, please contact Becca at 618-254-4832.

Saturday, April 5 | 11:00-1:00

Spice Club

Spice up your life with *SPICE CLUB*.

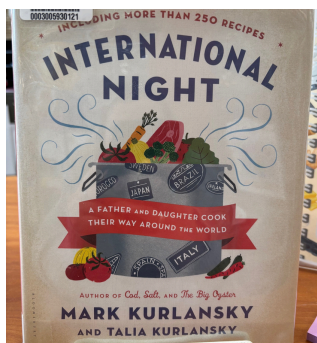
The April spice is **GINGER!**

Enjoy a sample of the spice and 3 new recipes to try!



Available Monday, April 7

Cook Book Club



Join Larissa for Cook Book Club! In April, members will be choosing recipes from "International Night" by Mark Kurlansky. Look to expand your palate with new recipes from around the world!

Stop by to claim your recipe and print a copy!

Thursday, April 10 | 6:00

Family & Teen Events

Astronomy Day with STEM Crafts

Bring the entire family to celebrate **Astronomy Day** at the library!

We'll have STEM stations for families with astronomy-inspired crafts and fun experiments. You don't want to miss this!

This event will take place in the programming room upstairs.

Any questions, please contact Miss Larissa at larissa@woodriverlibrary.org



Saturday, April 26 | 1:00

Paper Bead Craft

Teens and adults ages 12 & up are invited to the library for a fun and easy Paper Bead Craft Night!

You can make necklaces, bracelets, keychains, or create something else. This will be a great parent/child event!

Miss Larissa will have all supplies ready!

Please call to register! 618-254-4832



Monday, April 14 | 5:00

Boba Slime Making

Grades 3rd & higher are going to love this fun event Miss Larissa has planned! Join her for Boba Slime making! You'll choose the color and smell of your boba and use the ingredients to make your slime. Each participant will make 1 slime. Registration required! Please call 618-254-4832 or email Miss Larissa larissa@wooriverlibrary.org All supplies will be provided.

Monday, April 21 | 5:00



Children & Family Events

Zillah the Comfort Dog

Friends of all ages are welcome to get snuggles from Zillah, our certified comfort dog. Many read to her and all love on her. Zillah is here the second Tuesday of each month and joined by her handlers from Lutheran Church Charities.



Tuesday, April 8 | 3:00

Roll-n-Read

Join Miss Lindsey for stories and open tumbling time. This event fun event combines movement and literacy and is for those ages 5 and younger.

Roll-n-Read is held at the Wood River Recreation Center. (655 N. Wood River Ave).



Tuesdays at 9:00

Lego Family Build Day

Get creative on Lego Family Build Day. Drop in anytime between 1:00-4:00 and build with library provided Legos. Creations will be displayed for the month for all to see.

All ages are welcome, however those 8 and younger must stay with an adult at all times.



Saturday, April 26 | 1:00-4:00

Toddler Tales

Join Miss Lindsey at the library for Toddler Tales! This free event is for ages 18-36 months with a caregiver.



Enjoy a themed story, craft, activity, and snack! Our April theme is an Easter theme!

Wednesday, April 9 | 10:00

WeeJam

End your week with a dance party! Every Friday morning you can dance with Miss Lindsey in the bubbles! WeeJam lasts approximately 30 mins & includes a sticker at the end. For kids 5 and younger. No class April 18.

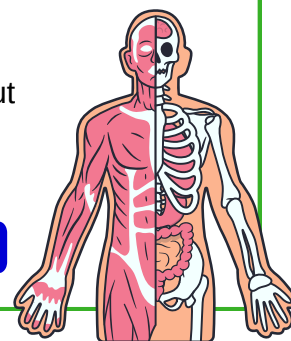


Fridays at 9:30

Homeschool Hangout

Join Miss Larissa for an hour of fun with Homeschool Hangout! This free event is open to families from any community with kiddos in grades K-5.

In April, we will be learning about the human body!



Monday, April 28 | 1:30

Online Resources & Services



Did you know that the award winning app *ABCmouse* is FREE for Wood River Library cardholders? Home Access is available NOW! More than 8,500 learning activities for kids 2-8+. Four week check out period and up to three children per library card. Math, spelling, music and more! Must have a valid Wood River Library card for access.

Free with your Wood River Library Card

TumbleBook Library

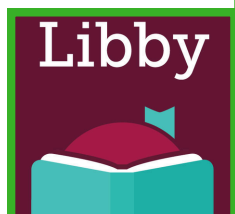
TumbleBook Library is a collection of animated talking picture books for children. TumbleBook Library also has children's audiobooks and read-along books and offers some titles in foreign languages.

This free app is available on [iOS](#) and [Android](#).



Libby

Meet Libby, the newest eBook and eAudiobook platform the Wood River Public Library offers to its patrons. Download the free app today! When starting, search by zip code, click Rolling Prairie Digital Consortium and get started. You will need a valid library card and pin number (last 4 of your phone number) to gain access. For questions, don't hesitate to call us!



Home Delivery Service

The library provides home delivery service to those Wood River Library card holders who cannot regularly get to the library, either temporarily or permanently.

This is a free service that delivers on alternating Fridays. For more information, please call Holly at 618-254-4832.



Bus Passes Sold Here!

Purchase your Madison County Transit bus passes at the library. Bus schedules are available in the entryway. Cash only.

Local Pass- \$40

System Pass- \$70



CloudLibrary

CloudLibrary is a free resource for Wood River Library cardholders. It has e-books and e-audiobooks for all ages. Login using your library barcode number and pin number (the last 4 digits of your phone number.) We are listed under the Illinois Heartland Library System.

