



## Letter from the Library Director



Courtney Dietsche

Winter is almost over, and we're looking forward to the warmer spring weather. Between checking out books, using computers, printing and scanning documents, renting meeting rooms, and attending programs, you have kept us busy this past year.

Below are some examples of the services we provided in 2025:

Physical materials checked out – 96,726

E-books and e-audiobooks checked out – 18,269

Computer usage sessions – 6,135

Great Lakes Aquarium and State Park Passes checked out – 231

Visits to the Library – 67,532

We're always adding new programs and events, as well as more books and movies. We now have Duluth Children's Museum and Lake Superior Zoo passes available for checkout in addition to our Minnesota State Parks and Great Lakes Aquarium passes.

Stop by this spring to see what exciting programs for kids, teens, and adults we're planning. Our website, [cloquetlibrary.org](http://cloquetlibrary.org), has a calendar of events to keep you up-to-date. We hope to see you soon!

## What's Happening?

### Adult Services Department



Keiko Satomi

You may have heard the term "librarians are more than books" before.

We do have MANY books and other physical materials, in fact, 55,642 of them! However, modern libraries also serve as community hubs and offer far more than physical items.

Have you tried using the Libby app to access eBooks and eAudiobooks? How about the databases that the Arrowhead Library System subscribes to? If you don't know where to start using these digital resources, we offer monthly one-on-one Tech Help on the second Tuesday, 3-5 pm.

We also offer many other programs periodically, such as Chair Yoga, Book Clubs, Beading Circle, Knitting Circle, and Adult Craft Programs. In addition, our educational programs are often partnered with other local organizations and professionals to promote your lifelong journey. For more information, please see page 5 of the newsletter. We look forward to seeing you at the library!

## Children's Department



Morgan Reardon

Hello, dear newsletter readers! We're gearing up for Summer here in the children's department, and I have so many exciting things to share with you! In May, we'll finish up our school year programs, like Tinker Kids, BOB Book Club, and Barks & Books. Our Kids Summer Reading Program will begin on June 8th and last until August 14th. During Summer Reading, kids have the opportunity to complete a reading log to win awesome prizes and take part in all the fun events planned. This year, we have a super cool selection of grand prizes, including a Blueey splashpad, a kids' gardening kit, and a rocket ship tent! As for events, we'll have about 30 programs happening for kids of all ages, both at the library and places around the community. Pop-up Storytime at Sweetland Farm, the Jollypops concert, Hmong Dragon Dancing, and Big Truck Day are just a few of our exciting programs! Another aspect of our Summer Reading Program that's become quite the tradition is our "Find the Stuffed Animal" activity. We will be hiding an adorable stuffed animal in a different spot each week of the program, and the kids' job is to find it! Summer is such a busy but joyful time of year here at the library, and we look forward to spending it with you!

## Teen Services Department



Justin Dinger

Greetings from the Teen Room! As thoughts turn to Spring, skateparks and baseball/softball season, the Teen room is filled with friends and laughter. We have nearly finished our 'Teen Reads' book for the school year. This year we read Madeleine L'Engle's classic novel A Wrinkle In Time. Join us on Mondays at 4pm for a story and a snack!

The Teen Writing Group recently celebrated one year of existence. To mark the occasion, our group wrote a pass-along story. Each member of the group was responsible for a single chapter. Soon enough, the book will be put together in a nice edition and will be made available for circulation!

New to the Teen Room, a selection of personal care items for teens. Thanks to a generous donation from a Thrivent member, these items are available any time the Teen Room is open and staffed. Items include basic warm weather gear and hygiene sundries. These items are available free of charge and with no questions asked. Stop by if you have any needs!

# BRANCHES OF OUR GIVING TREE

## CLOQUET SHAW MEMORIAL LIBRARY FOUNDATION, INC. DONATIONS RECEIVED

January 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026

### General Fund

#### *In Memory of*

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\$100 Byron Backus

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### Children's Summer Reading Program

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### Scandinavian Programs and Children's Materials

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### Children's Art Program

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 (for children's activities)

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### *Prom*

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 \$50 Lawrence & Louise  
 Suomi  
 \$50 Mary Lou & Anthony  
 Tarvers

## *Undesignated*

\$10 Anne Schroeder  
 \$10 Sarah Simon



# Library Programs

## Children's Programs

### Story Time

#### Tuesdays and Wednesdays

10-10:30 am

Storytime is geared toward children ages 0-5 and their caregivers.

### Bunches of Books (B.O.B.)

#### The 1st Tuesday of the month

5:30-6:30 pm

For kids ages 9-12

Read and discuss a new book each month, enjoy book-themed activities, and more. Snacks provided.

For new sign-ups, contact Morgan at 218-451-5850, or email [morgan.reardon@alslib.info](mailto:morgan.reardon@alslib.info)

### Barks & Books

#### The 2nd Thursday of the month

4-5:10 pm

Sign up to have your child read to the Therapy Dogs! Time slots are 20 minutes long, where your child will have one-on-one reading time with the dog.



### Tinker Kids

#### The 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month

4-5 pm

Enjoy different STEAM activities at each program! Geared for children K-6.

## Teen Program

### Teen Reads

#### Mondays

4 pm

Spend 15 minutes relaxing and enjoying a light snack while Teen Librarian Justin reads a chapter from a novel.

### Teen & Tween Writer's Group

#### The 2nd & 4th Thursdays

4 pm

Individually work on writing prompts, then share with the group. Writers will receive constructive feedback and praise from their peers. Snacks will be provided

## All-Ages Program

### Community Chess Club

#### Fridays

3:30-5 pm

Come on in for a friendly game of chess with your neighbors. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

### Family Movie Night

#### The 3rd Thursday of the month

4 pm

All ages are welcome. Snacks will be provided.

## Adult Programs

### Chair Yoga for All

with the Nest Wellness Studio, LLC

Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20, & 27

10:15-11 am

Start the day with gentle exercise. No previous experience is required.

### Knitting Circle

#### The 1st Thursday of the month

2-3 pm

Join our knitting circle to chat with other knitters and share tips.

### Drop-In Tech Help

#### The 2nd Tuesday of the month

3-5 pm

Drop in for our one-on-one tech help session with your own device.



### Cloquet Public Library Book Club

#### The 2nd Thursday of the month

6:30 pm

New members are always welcome!

### Beading Circle

#### The 3rd Friday of the month

1:30-3 pm

Join our beading circle to chat with other bead makers and share tips.



### Between the Lines Library Book Club

#### The 4th Tuesday of the month

3:30 pm

New members are always welcome!

## Adult Craft Programs

Offered once or twice per month, September - May. Projects have included paper, fabric, bead, and yarn crafts, as well as creating items for the home. Designed for adults and teens who can work independently with minimal assistance.

### Adult Crafternoon

Offered once per month, September - May. Projects are simple and require a minimal amount of time to complete. Designed for adults and teens who can work independently, as well as those with caregivers.

“IT'S NOT HOARDING IF IT'S BOOKS.”

Large selection of Collectible Books available

# BIG Library Book Sale

Friday, May 1, 10 am - 2 pm  
Saturday, May 2, 9:30 am - 1 pm  
@ Cloquet Public Library

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6-8 PM

FOR FOLKS 55+ AND FRIENDS

MUSIC REFRESHMENTS SILENT AUCTION

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Dress Code: Casual to Formal

Cloquet Public Library  
320 14th St Cloquet, MN 55720



Cloquet Public Library  
Website

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**320 14th Street**  
**Cloquet, MN 55720**

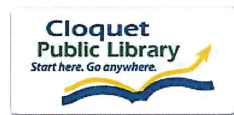
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Foundation, 320 14th Street, Cloquet, MN 55720.**

**Mission Statement:**

The Cloquet Public Library contributes to a democratic and engaged community by providing a welcoming space, stimulating imagination, and supporting children's literacy.

**Hours**

Monday-Thursday	9:30-7:30
Friday	9:30-5:30
Saturday	9:30-2:00
(Labor Day - Memorial Day)	
Sunday	CLOSED