



Letter from the Library Director



Courtney Dietsche

The new year is here, and if your New Year's resolution is to read more, we've got you covered! With so many new and not-so-new books filling our shelves, it can be intimidating to wade through the literary sea to find titles and authors that interest you. Our friendly staff are always eager to assist, and we have several ways to help you. We can look up the newest title by your favorite author, print a list of award-winning books, or point you toward the staff picks and monthly displays. On our website, the Ask a Librarian button allows you to use librarian expertise to get book recommendations by telling us what you are looking for. You can enter the number and type of materials, your favorite authors and genres, and what you don't like. We'll provide a list of titles to explore.

Tax season is also upon us, and we have basic paper tax forms and instructions at the library as well as the ability to print off federal and state forms for \$.20 per page. Links to government websites and tax preparation assistance information are available on our website under the Tax Help tab at the top of the home page.

For those who are feeling crafty, the library offers monthly adult craft classes and Crafternoon programs. All levels from beginner to pro are welcome. Our monthly events calendar, available in the library, on our website, and on Facebook, includes dates and specific craft information.

As the winter season moves on, although without the wintry weather, the Cloquet Public Library continues to provide reading materials for everything from cozy nights by the fire to long drives to work, but we are so much more than books. Check us out in person or online to discover everything we offer.

What's Happening?

Adult Services Department



Keiko Satomi

Through these mild winter months (so far), I have been planning for the spring programs for adults and all ages. Community partnerships have been a great way to offer quality programs at the library, and I am grateful that we have many professionals and partners in the area who are willing to share their knowledge, experience, and expertise with community members. In the coming months, we are offering: *An Evening with Local Ojibwe Authors/Artists* with Tashia Hart, Sam Zimmerman, and Allie Tibbetts; *100 Years at Jay Cooke State Park* with Kristine Hiller, Park Naturalist at Jay Cooke State Park; *Fishing 101* with Outdoor Advantage Cloquet; *Nature Journaling* with Larry Weber; *Beginning American Sign Language series* with Iris Keller; *Swedish Folk Painting: Fantastic Kurbits* with Alison Aune, and more. For more information, please check our website or social media, and ask us at the library!

Children's Department



Morgan Reardon

Hello, dear library patrons! As I'm writing this, the sun is shining outside and the library is quiet after the lovely chaos that is storytime and the playtime that follows. Each day it seems like there are new and exciting things happening here. Recently, I hosted the first event in a new series called Ask a Scientist, which allowed the kids and their grownups to chat with and learn from a Marine Biologist. It was the coolest! I'm so excited to learn from more scientists in the future. Though we are in the midst of winter, I am well into planning for our 2024 Kids Summer Reading Program. I'm keeping our theme a surprise until closer to the summertime, but a hint is that we will be spending lots of time learning about the environment! I'm looking forward to providing an even better Summer Reading Program for our community this year! Our final update might be small in size, but he makes a big difference in our library: our new betta fish Bluey! We adopted Bluey in November, and he has just blossomed while living at the library. He loves to swim up to the kids as they peer into his tank, and he keeps me company as I sit at the children's checkout desk. I'm thinking of teaching him some tricks soon! He is so loved and is a wonderful addition to our library team.

Teen Services Department



Justin Dingerr

What's happening in the Teen Room? We'll continue our weekly and monthly programming, including Teen Reads and Family Movie Night. This March we will pull our AeroGarden out of mothballs and get a jump start on the Spring planting season. We'll also begin to explore our 3D printer. You may even have a chance to bring your design to life! Look for information about registering for Teen Summer Programming in April and May. We will, once again, be offering Space Camp (with NASA) in July. Are you a Cloquet area High School student who needs academic credit? Check with your school counselor about Summer credit recovery programs at the Library. This summer we'll explore podcasting and board game design!

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Library Programs

Check the Library's website and Facebook page for more information and updates.



Winter Reading Program 2024

January 8 - March 23

Children's Programs



Story Time

**Tuesdays and Wednesdays
10-10:30 am**

Join Morgan for our weekly Storytime where we enjoy a couple of stories, songs, and interactive activities. Storytime is geared toward children ages 0-5 and their caregivers.

Barks & Books

**2nd Thursdays
4-5:10 pm**

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



Tinker Kids

**1st & 3rd Wednesdays
4-5 pm**

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



Bunches of Books

**1st Tuesdays
5:30-6:30 pm**

A monthly book club that provides a space for kids ages 9-12 to read and discuss a different book each month. Snacks provided!

Teen/All Ages Programs

Family Movie Night

**4th Thursday of each month
4-6 pm**

Call or check in at the library or on our website to see each month's title.



Teen Reads

Mondays, 4 pm

Spend 15 minutes relaxing and enjoying a light snack while Teen Librarian Justin reads a chapter from a novel. A great way to unwind after a long Monday of school.

Teen Tech

Wednesdays, 4 pm

Explore various aspects of technology with Teen Librarian Justin. Learn coding basics or build a LEGO bridge. Each week will be different. Coming soon: Learn how to use our 3D printer!

Adult Craft Programs

Fabric Storage Boxes

**Wednesday, March 13,
4-6 pm**

Diamond Art Coasters

**Wednesdays, April 10 & 24,
4-6 pm**

Crepes Paper Flowers

Wednesday, May 8, 4-6 pm

Registration will be required for the craft programs.

Adult Crafternoon

Once a month
- no registration required



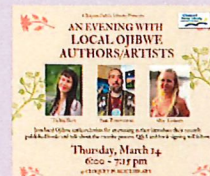
Adult/All Ages Programs

An Evening with

Local Ojibwe Authors/Artists

**Thursday, March 14
6-7:15 pm**

Join local Ojibwe authors/artists for an evening as they introduce their recently published books and talk about the creative process. Q&A and book signing will follow.



100 Years at Jay Cooke State Park

with Kristine Hiller,

Park Naturalist at Jay Cook State Park

Saturday, March 30, 10 am

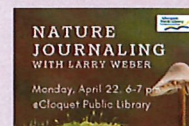


Fishing 101

with Outdoor Advantage-Cloquet

Saturday, April 20, 10:30 am

Come and join the knowledgeable staff from Outdoor Advantage Cloquet to learn all about fishing for beginners. It will be a hands-on and laid-back program, and all ages are welcome!



Nature Journaling with Larry Weber

Monday, April 22, 6-7 pm

A published author and a retired teacher of 40 years, Larry Weber, will be speaking about Nature Writing as it exists in the present day and why now is a good time to be a Nature Observer. There is much Nature Journaling that we all can do!

To register for events, call us at 218-879-1531 or stop into the library.

All events take place at the library unless otherwise noted.

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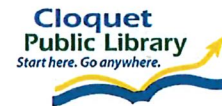
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The Cloquet Public Library
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providing a welcoming space,
stimulating imagination, and
supporting children's literacy.

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