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Above: Many IFLS public libraries provide technology assistance, like the Tech Tuesday program at Menomonie Public Library.

Front, top to bottom

Summer Library Programs support literacy (This is Geraldine Anderson Public Library in Dresser.)

Programs for all ages, like this local author visit at Balsam Lake Public Library.

Libraries support STEAM (Science, Tech, Engineering, Art Math) with programs like this one at St. Croix Falls Public Library

More than a building, our libraries provide the tools to live an active, healthy life. In addition to snowshoes Deer Park Public Library (our smallest library) was our system's participant in the innovative pilot program that offers park passes to check out in partnership with the WI-DNR.

Family-friendly educational programs are a hallmark of IFLS public libraries. This one in New Richmond needed a hangar at the airport to accommodate the 1,800 participants.

Cornell Public Library is one of many IFLS libraries that offer backpacks and kits to explore and engage in the outdoors and science, like this one for the Ice Age Trail. Cornell will be the latest library to join our MORE consortium in 2023!

Hands-on stream monitoring was part of Boyceville Public Library's Summer Library Program.



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YOUR COMMUNITY**



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**2023
Library
Love
Stories**

Altoona Public Library

- I LOVE the library and MORE! I read 150 to 200 ebooks a year, over 90% of those come from MORE. As a single mom, that is a tremendous financial gift. I also joined a book club at Altoona Public Library and met some wonderful people I look forward to seeing each month. The library gives me resources to escape reality, educate myself, socialize, and simply a safe and inviting atmosphere to just be. 💖 Laurie Boettcher
- I love the library for many reasons, but the biggest impact it has had on me recently is the ability to affordably print things when I need to! **I rely on your computer and printing services on a weekly basis** and it really helps me out and saves me money. Thank you for providing this valuable service. In addition to this service, I absolutely adore the fish tank. Kate
- The fish always make me smile. I also love the convenience of being able to order a book from a library far away and receive it right here in Altoona. While I could go to the Eau Claire library as I live in Eau Claire, I find the Altoona library to be a warmer, cozier setting. Parking is also always a breeze which is an added bonus. While the new library expansion in Eau Claire is beautiful, I still prefer the smaller comforts of Altoona.

Baldwin Public Library

- My favorite thing about the library is you can read! and it is so fun to read and important to read. Brooklyn

Balsam Lake Public Library

- This library is an **asset to the community of Balsam Lake!** Staff are always courteous and very helpful. I appreciate the WI library system with its ease in requesting materials from other libraries if they are not available at my library. I am impressed with newly published books that arrive soon and the option to request them ahead of time. I also think the library does an excellent job in providing programs throughout the year whether for children or adults. I especially appreciate getting authors to come and speak to the readers. Great job! With that said, I hope that someday this library will have a bigger home as it provides a valuable service to the community. Betsy Nigon

Barron Public Library

- A patron thanked the library for running our decorate a pumpkin program because their family would not have been able to afford pumpkins this year if it were not for this.
- We are a homeschool family and every time we start a new unit I find piles of books through the MORE library system to go along with it! Recently we started also getting kits and a couple of games! We get so much enjoyment out of all of it! We are currently in a unit called Inventions and Ideas, and borrowed the **All About Magnets kit** and the

frustrated. Her patience & understanding meant a lot.

This is again why we need libraries. Extremely important to keep them healthy & save if need be. Or even to support when needing to expand. I always visit my library at least once a week to get my dose of happiness! So, it's obvious I love my library! Diane Manson

Turtle Lake Public Library

- My son and I love to go to the library and all the activities it holds. My son would be happy to spend all day every day at the library. He loves all the librarians there and I love how they are amazing with not only my son, but all the children that walk in the doors. Melissa and Gabe Gerber
- Ms. Lutz and her team have always taken the extra step. The support of a local group Friends of the Library also helps to encourage library activities. Over the years, they have helped the library to expand to a new building as well as provided extra support to programming. The library support staff has varied thru the years, but all have strived for the community, helping both adults and children. Whenever a book is needed for both fun reading and/or school support, they are there with suggestions or helping to access the MORE system. They keep the library as a great community resource and performed at their peak over all the past challenges of the previous years. Thank you, Ms. Lutz, and all for all you do!! The Carlson family

Wilberg Memorial Public Library (Osceola)

- My library has been an essential part of our lives since moving to this community a year and a half ago. I am a homeschooling mom to four young boys. We literally visit the library weekly (typically Tuesdays!). I heavily use books as a part of my kid's education; integrated as a part of their curriculum, for family read-alouds, pursuing special interests, for individual reading, and just for fun lots of children's illustrated books. Lately, I think my son has exhausted the Box Car Children series. I routinely order books from the entire MORE system. The restart of kids programming has also been a welcome addition. Story time is visited frequently and the summer reading program was a hit at our house! I'm sure thankful it's not a 'quiet' library, as we always feel welcome to stay and play awhile. Beyond use for the kids, my husband and I enjoy checking books out too (and very rare a movie...four kids, we have little time for that!). Basically, not sure what I'd do without our library.

finding "my people" and a place to fit in. As an avid reader, I figured the best place to start was the public library. On the SVPL Facebook page, I saw they host a monthly book club. I'll always remember sending an email to the librarian, Kate, and essentially saying "Hi I'm new here, but I like books!?" I was enthusiastically invited to join the club, and a few short weeks later, met up with a group of strangers at a local winery. I was immediately greeted with open arms and couldn't wait to get to know this awesome group of ladies.

Over a year later, I have a network of women that support me, a night to look forward to every month, AND have helped revamp the Friends of the Library organization to support the place & programming we love so much. Since becoming a library regular, I've watched Katie & the Book Club group do the same for so many others in our community.

Spring Valley is SO lucky to have Katie & the library, and I'm proud to share my love story and help others create their own 😊

St. Croix Falls Public Library

- My kids and I love our library! Story time is always great, and Laura gets to know each of the kids and families. My son loves the scavenger hunt every month and every week we visit and leave with a giant bag of books. Brittany Juvrud
- Relaxing great selection. Diane

D.R. Moon Memorial Library (Stanley)

- Keep up the awesome work at D.R. Moon Memorial Library. You have been instrumental in so many activities and updates for our library. Thank you! Sandy
- Thank you for being an amazing director. You are enthusiastic, motivated, and compassionate. Stanley is blessed to have you! How this library has helped me keep sane in this troubled world is immeasurable.
- Providing books I enjoy to take me to another world is both comforting & exciting. I look forward to new stories every time I open a novel, knowing it will be like wrapping myself in my favorite blanket, sipping my favorite drink, with a pet companion on my lap. Is there anything better in the world or more soothing to take you away, even if it's just a precious hour out of your busy day.
- This is why I feel libraries are so important. And equally important for our children to know this pleasure. The variety of books, magazines, movies, audiobooks, etc. offered for both adults & children is wonderful & good to see. I'm always looking forward to new items coming in every week for me to partake of. It's a fun & joyous adventure, like opening a gift.
- Our staff is courteous & accommodating. Never forget how the late staff member, Peggy Dalberto, helped me when I tried to find a certain book on loss, after losing my mother, and I was getting

Machines and Contraptions kit along with piles of books. These have added to our children's learning, and there is no way we could have ever purchased all these things ourselves!! I'm also teaching at our homeschool coop and being able to borrow books to add to those lessons is so valuable!

- The Friends of the Library Book sale at Barron is great! I took advantage of the \$5 bag sale and handed out books to homeless individuals.
- On a snowy day, I mistakenly dropped a library book in the Barron book drop from a library not in the MORE system and the library mailed it back to its home! Thanks!
- Frozen Week at Barron Public Library is so much FUN! All the different crafts are exciting and unlike anything I could do at home.
- We weren't planning on coming to the library today but we needed new books to read and then we saw all the activities going on! I am so glad we came out in the snow!

G.E. Bleskacek Family Memorial Library (Bloomer)

- Yes, I do love my Bloomer Library.
All the people who work there are so willing to help when someone enters. When I ask for them to do search about a book I've heard about they have found many good books for me.

Julie and I have seen many places around the world by watching DVD from our library. I'm also glad that the library has started back up our Page Turners Book Club.

Yes, I do love my Library. Lloyd & Julie

- I really appreciate the Bloomer Library, especially when the weather is cold. I can check out books and then stay at home and enjoy the warmth. Brittany Juvrud

Cadott Community Library

- I absolutely love reading! The staff at the library are always so helpful with helping me to pick out books, reserve books and even order books that I'm looking for. They are always so helpful and kind. **They always help me with computer issues.** I'm not great with technology so the ladies at the library will walk me step through step with whatever my issues may be. My kids love going to the library and picking out books and movies. We watch family movies and the library is a great place to rent free movies. And the MORE system is great because I can put on hold whatever I may be looking for whether that's books or movies.
- We miss story time at the library with Grandma B. and Mrs. C!!! Please bring them back to the library! Their energy, love for kids, and experience as elementary school teachers makes for an amazing time for the little ones in our community. We LOVE

their stories, songs, games, crafts, and treats!!!

Chippewa Falls Public Library

- The Tuenge family is always welcomed by Jenna and Jessie. They kindly assist us with ALL the questions and requests we have. Both ladies show us new items we may be interested in like breakout bags, sports books or new children's books for the teacher mom. They are patient, knowledgeable and always interested in our stories. Tuenge Family
- My earliest memories are being allowed to sit in the children's section of the library! It was a two story library! Wonderful feeling to see the world through books! Before the internet libraries taught me to quilt, garden and just to relax in a story. We built our house 22 years ago with books from the library. I work at a daycare and the children delight in the books that I read to them each day. Teaching a new generation to love libraries!
- We love being able to access books in a judgement free zone. When so many people and officials try to stop our right to read and access learning, I have hope our librarians will stand up for our right to read, grow, and learn. There are books we can't get at school or can't afford on our own. We know we are valued for who we are when we can see all the great LGBTQIA plus books on the shelves. We feel seen in the teen books there. It really helps us. Thanks!
- SAMA is my favorite part of the month! Ruby
- We really look forward to storytime every week. When we are unable to attend our kids really miss the librarians, toys, singing, and stories. Thank you!
- We like that we can hang out after school. We love playing the games.

Clear Lake Public Library

- It keeps my kids engaged and opens up reading
- It sparks my imagination
- It's full of imagination
- It's a safe place to hang out with your friends
- It's cool
- It's a quiet place to read
- We love story time
- Like it has all the good books
- Cuz it has cool books + story time
- I love finding books for my kids interest
- It lets me read lots of books. Any kind I want

Thomas St. Angelo Public Library (Cumberland)

- I value conversations around children's literature with Jeanette. **She is ON TOP of what is new in the literacy world.** When I peruse the books available for checkout and the "What's New" section, there

Thoreson, President Rice Lake Public Library Board of Trustees

Somerset Public Library

- My favorite thing about the Somerset Public Library is the FUN sensory room.
- While my teenage daughter was pregnant and was allowed limited activity we would walk to the library once a week together and check out books and movies and every single time the library staff was so welcoming and helpful. This, as previously stated, was our one outing a week together and it saved my relationship with my daughter while teaching her that reading is an education are still the foundation to a successful life. Thank you, Somerset library, without your cheerful greetings to a cooking class I was able to attend with my daughter, just spectacular memories I will cherish forever. Shyla Williamson
- **The Somerset Library is one of the highlights of Somerset!** I had enjoyed reading while in grade school, but after high school I was lucky to read one book a year. One day I needed to use services at the library and staff were incredibly friendly and open to answering any questions I had. With their help I learned how they offer more than just books and slowly found myself using the library more. Then they were able to give me book recommendations that helped me to find my love of reading all over again. I never thought this would happen and so the Somerset Library has changed my life forever. I couldn't be more grateful!
- Such friendly staff! So helpful! Love the Somerset History Room! I've lived here 26 years and am learning so much about my town because of the **access I have to its history** because of the Somerset Public Library! Thank you!
- Thank you for free WiFi :)
- I came in because I wanted to find good books so I can read them!
- I'm the manager of a senior apartment complex that is in the process of being rebuilt after a 2022 fire made it uninhabitable for our residents. **It's nice to have the library computers and printer accessible to us.** Ours is in storage for now and I needed to prepare the rent certificates. Once the apartments are rebuilt, we hope to have the library deliver books and movies to us again. They did that before the fire and the former residents are asking about having the library again. Pam
- The library helps me to read, find good books and read more chapter books
- I can't find Hogwarts's Reading Challenge anywhere but at the Somerset Library. It makes reading so fun and I get to compete with my siblings. I also like reading for minutes to help my Harry Potter House.

Spring Valley Public Library

- I moved to Spring Valley in December of 2021. New to the tight-knit community, I was nervous about

option to still give us access to the books. The children's librarian was also great and would put out little take home craft kits which was nice. Rebecca

Prescott Public Library

- My favorite thing about the library is getting recommendations from staff for new authors I might enjoy! Thank you!
- I love books and looking at LEGO builds.
- I look forward to reading books.
- The library helps me to read more books and good books. Thank you!:)
- I love Storytime!
- My favorite thing about the library is finding good books and always loving them if I give them a try! My favorite book is Harry Potter.
- I love finding good books to read and enjoy!
- My favorite thing about the library is looking at the LEGO builds.
- I love encouraging my 4k students to enjoy reading through Storytime.

Rice Lake Public Library

- Being new to the area was difficult, especially with young children. The Rice Lake Library is a wonderful part of the community where young kids can play between reading their favorite books. Our family loves the children's area, reading challenges, experience kits, and friendships we have formed through the library. The librarians are always helpful and kind (even if your kid is having a full meltdown because they want ALL the Curious George books). This isn't just a library; it is the community center!
- LIBBY! The Libby App has saved me thousands of dollars! Free audiobooks have changed my life for the better! Also helps me meet my reading goal each year. I LOVE MY LIBRARY!
- Ever since I was a little girl, trips to the library are my happy place. From browsing the shelves, to now playing in the kids' area with my kids, my library trips are weekly and much enjoyed!
- **I love that our Rice Lake Public Library is truly the heart of our community**, located in the heart of our downtown. Our library is a busy place - living out our mission of connecting people to the community through promotion of literacy, recreational opportunities, lifelong learning and support of free and open access to ideas. I love the many services that our library has to offer our patrons checking out materials, using the internet, getting help with technology, holding meetings, studying, incredible programs for youth, author visits, exploring the wonderful world of our Experience Kits and so much more! And last but not least, I love the friendly and helpful service provided by our knowledgeable, dedicated staff and management. Each day they demonstrate their commitment to and belief in community, access, service and public good. Eric

are always titles that are referenced on literacy blog sites, literacy coaches' recommendations and more. She has ordered many of the Wonderbooks and these have been such an asset to readers of all ages. My three-year-old twin granddaughters enjoyed these books on a 3-hour road trip one weekend. They could navigate the books easily and were then able to engage in great conversation about the stories they read. These are wonderful books! Jeanette goes above and beyond to support special presentations at the library for readers and patrons of all ages. Deb

- I am a mom of four young children. The Cumberland Library has been a much loved space for us since we moved back to the area six years ago. We can read, play, adventure, and interact all for free. It gives my children a chance to not only learn and appreciate the library but a place to learn about life. We can stay as little or as long as we wish. We don't have to spend money. **The building is filled with opportunity.** Lindsay Norby
- One of things I appreciate the most is that our library is a judgment free zone. With four young children learning how to be out in the world, we have had our share of tears and tantrums. The library staff has never made me feel judged as a parent and have always welcomed myself and my children back with open arms.
- I appreciate the library and library staff for being a safe space for us on good days and bad ones too.
- I love our library in Cumberland! So many activities. I could be in there for hours reading. I love to see kids come in and pick out books. Reading is so important for our kids. The staff are very helpful and kind. Rob Ankarlo is simply the best. GO GET BOOKS! I just found out it is a no-fee library. Kiara Conners
- The Cumberland Library has brought me so much joy over the years. This past year in particular, because of their offering of ukulele lessons that were individual and then group. There was so much interest. They now have a once-a-month ukulele jam session, which brings me so much joy! (anyone can check out a ukulele and ukulele music from the library of things)
- Their library of things includes steel drums and I participated in their steel drum lessons in December!
- I had so much fun introducing my friends to the library during poetry week. Thank you so much for your hybrid options as I had friends from all over the US that participated.
- **The library programming is so accessible and inclusive because of your hybrid technology.**
- I especially enjoy how helpful and positive the librarians are, helping choose books or movies, finding info... they make my trips to Cumberland so enjoyable!

I even shared my positive experience with the TSAPL Friends of the Library group with my large county FOL in Minnesota, and they plan to use some of the

things the TSAPL FOL is doing.

Thank you so much for your positive impact on, not only Cumberland, but all visitors coming and taking stories back to their homes in other areas! Sandra Capra

- I used to visit my grandparents in Cumberland every summer when I was a kid, and my Gramma and I would walk to the post office and then stop by the library. I remember reading there with her and even picking out VHS tapes to watch with her and Grampa during my visit. Marlene and Vern Altmann always loved books, something they passed down to their kids as well as their grandkids 📖 I miss my Gramma every day and am so thankful for those memories with her at the Cumberland Library ❤️ Audrey Altmann
- **Thomas St. Angelo Public Library is Cumberland's community center.** I'm a senior citizen and I visit once a week. The staff is always helpful and friendly. I have found out about community resources through the library. I love going to the programs they offer. And I love the great selection of large print books. Louise Rogaczewski

Deer Park Public Library

- We absolutely love coming to the library. I have 3 children and Barb knows us all by name and our interests. She goes out of her way to make sure we know about important events in the community (for example, Celebration of Migration birding event, Deer Park fireworks). When we first moved here and she found out I was a runner she helped connect me with runners in the area. I have a 6-year-old daughter who is just learning to read and all of the book recommendations Barb has provided have been home runs, she loves to read and that is in large part as a result of having such a great library and a knowledgeable and caring librarian like Barb at our local library.
- I order most of the older movies we watch from the library. I have saved a lot of money by using the library magazines, books, and movies. The people who work there are so nice and friendly.
- My library is small and comfortable. The librarians are friendly, helpful, and make you feel welcome. **They help with computers and show you step by step how to use everything.** They share new things, ideas, and projects for kids, teens, and adults. I just love coming to get books and to hang out with them and know that others love to come in too. There is always something fun and exciting each month for everyone, any age. Linda Peterson
- I use the Deer park Library every week; whether I'm **using the internet to renew by RN license** every 2 years or to look up information. I'm always so thankful for Barb Krueger, the head librarian, for her helpful nature. She is always so pleasant and such a benefit to our small community. I love being able to order books through the MORE system so I

life, her husband, my dearest Dad, passed into eternal glory. Shortly afterward, my Mom received a sympathy card... from one of the librarians. It was so incredibly touching.

After laying my Dad to rest, there was a plethora of paperwork to address. Often we needed to make copies of documents prior to stamping and sending them out. On our first venture into the library after our monumental loss, we were immediately greeted by the librarian at the front desk. She kindly asked my Mom how she was doing and expressed her sympathy. It was so comforting to me to see how my Mom was loved and cared for. We were shown the information about the local grief group; and lastly, we left hearing the kind message, "If there is ANYthing we can do, please let us know."

Not all towns have libraries as pretty as the one in Park Falls, but more importantly, not all libraries are blessed to have such lovely people working as librarians. Thank you, Park Falls Librarians, for showing such incredible compassion during an extremely difficult time. You are all the very best there is in Park Falls! Amy Shattuck

- Mrs K, you are so wonderful with all of our children and us as parents. You are patient and kind with us and then. You take your time to get to know everyone and welcome everyone into your space. We appreciate you and all the work you do for our families.
- Thanks for making such a great space for our community! Nina & Cole

Pepin Public Library

- My library keeps my love of reading alive by allowing me access to books I would otherwise not get a chance to read. It's provided me with countless hours of entertainment, joy, and pleasure and I hope to instill in my son the same love of the local library. Brittany Dondlinger
- I just started to read again 2 years ago. All the librarians have been so helpful. I request a lot of books and they are so good about getting them for me. I like to see how much I save by using library books compared to buying them. Thanks ladies!!! Lou Richardson

Phillips Public Library

- My kids and I love to come to the library. It gives me the ability to try out a variety of books to see what they like, and as a stay-at-home parent with two toddlers, we needed to have somewhere to go to get out of the house. In my small town, there aren't many options and the library is one of the best choices I have. The librarians are friendly, super helpful and always chat with my kids, which was their only chance to socialize for a while there. I also really appreciated their curbside option during the height of covid. I did not feel comfortable bringing two little ones to a public place and found that

would be let down by short hours or lack of resources in a small town library, but so far it's been great!

- I think our local public library is a treasure! The librarians are beyond helpful, friendly and knowledgeable. The library opens the world. It does not matter if you are rich or poor. It equalizes the ability to access resources for everyone. Not only does it have resources in print and digital form, but our library also strives to provide community education and entertainment by providing programs locally and programs with guest authors, artists, musicians, and speakers. It's so wonderful to be able to go to a free program with community members from far and wide and hear and experience great entertainment and have learning opportunities for all ages. **Truly our library and its staff are jewels of the Northwoods.** Jane Strand
- Being inside the Park Falls library is a joy. It is bright and airy throughout. Multiple plants add a homey touch. And additional seasonal touches such as a live Christmas tree for the holidays and displays of local quilt makers make it perfect. Karen Zuidema
- Going to the library is like having Christmas every week. I so look forward to the books, audiobooks, dvds, and music I am able to get, not only from our local collection, but from other libraries throughout the region. Lately I have also been using the ebook collection more and more. I am very grateful for the variety available to me.
- I have begun to do genealogy research. I am pleased to know I can go to the library to use Ancestry and also have HeritageQuest available from home. I am grateful the consortium is willing and able to provide these resources.
- The library staff at Park Falls is the best. Always friendly and helpful. Karen Zuidema
- I grew up in Park Falls and spent many hours in the library. My mom was an avid reader and instilled the love of reading in us. Since we lived just two blocks away, we went for a new book haul at least a couple times a month, even more often once we kids were allowed to make the trek on our own.

As time passed and we all grew up, most of my siblings moved from the area, myself included. From the roadside, I've continued to witness the beautiful renovations to the PF Library as I've periodically returned to PF to visit my folks. It was no secret that my Mom's love of the library never faded. Often I'd discover her most recent literary gem perched on an end table near her living room chair. If she'd found an author or a story she loved, I was sure to hear about it on a visit. With the advent of the ereaders, she'd decided to give that a whirl, but in the end, she stated, "There's nothing like holding the book in your hands and turning the pages." Besides her marriage to my wonderful Dad, her love of the library was one certainty in life.

On September 15, 2022, the foremost love of her

can order and read books from series, start to finish. Deer Park Library is such a blessing to our community! Laura Drinkman

- Being able to print from home! 😊
- I had COVID this summer, I was bored at home. I was feeling better but was quarantined. I was out of books to read. I called my librarian Barb and asked if she could put some books together for me. She met me in the parking lot with a bag of books. We socially distanced with masks on. I was able to have amazing books to read!
- I love Deer Park Library. The staff are great people, especially Barb. Very kind and very helpful overall. Thank you, Deer Park Staff!
- Barb is amazing and helps our family in so many ways. She is always willing to help with finding information, the right book or just sharing her knowledge of many areas. She is a joy to talk to and a true asset to our library and community. She is what all librarians should try to be!
- The Deer Park library has been a special place for our family throughout the years. From story time when my children were young to a valuable source of information now, my family would not be who they are without the library! We appreciate all of the time, energy and resources that the Deer Park Public Library shares with us and the community. **You are a gem in our little community** and others should be so lucky to have such a great place to raise a family.
- The Deer Park Library is a hidden gem that provides so many fun and education services to our community. **From snow shoeing to bee gardens, I love how the Deer Park library is on the forefront of new and interesting!** Thanks Barb for keeping us learning!

Ellsworth Public Library

- I enjoy coming to our library and visiting with the employees. They are all so helpful and friendly!! Rebecca Kitelinger, Nelle Lynn

Geraldine E. Anderson Village Library (Dresser)

- I love this library! Nolan and Kenendy love storytime and the activities, and we always leave with a million new books for the week.

Glenwood City Public Library

- The Library helps me to travel around the world without leaving home.

Hammond Community Library

- Dear Ms Michelle,
I truly don't know how to thank you so much for your help today. Morgan is so happy to have so many books to be read to her and she can follow.

I really appreciate it! I am a parent who suddenly realized she has dysgraphia, plus a dyslexic husband with a kid that got both and COVID! You have been

the most wonderful candle in this world to help us the last few years. Veterinarians already have high stress and suicide rates. If you throw in kids, COVID and disorders this makes it so much worse for us. You and your library mean so much to us and I want you all to realize it!

With my sincere gratitude and love, Becky
Bohlmann, DVM

Menomonie Public Library

- I really appreciate the attention and good service I receive here. If every place had customer service like this, it would be incredible!
- We travel a lot and everywhere we go we visit the public library.
- I post pictures of me at the computer doing work and sharing that **the library is the original "shared workspace"**!
- We use Libby to access our books.
- When something doesn't work the staff is always happy to help.
- And... Love the live music in the summer!!!
- My son was a latewalker, and he actually took his first steps at the library alongside the books. So, the library holds a very sweet memory for me and my son, especially since he's such a bookworm. Viviana Leable
- I am in love with all public libraries and what they do for their communities! I visit the Menomonie Public Library most often, and the staff there are so fantastic in their service to their community and all patrons who use the library. I have found that libraries are such welcoming places to be, and they strive to help all people who need all kinds of library services. Libraries are important to communities because of the sharing of items, and also because **the library provides a place for people to go to seek help for almost any problem under the sun.** The library is so much more than a place to check out books; it is a place of sharing stories and asking questions, sharing community resources, sharing different ideas, and cultivating a nonjudgmental and safe space for anyone who visits the library. Public libraries are vital, and I love them!
- The library has meant so much to me over the years (and I'm elderly). It is the one thing in my life that has always been there and remained constant.
- The focus on personalized service at our library is so wonderful and we appreciate it very much!
- When I was working as a housekeeper, I would stop at the library on my way home. Sometimes I'd leave with a stack of books and movies; sometimes I'd just sit in a chair and look out over the lake. Either way, the library was a place that gave me peace in a very hectic and stressful time of my life. When everything seemed too expensive, and going to movies or restaurants was something I was excluded from,

for 2 hours. I have met so many ladies (and a gentleman) over the years. We bring our knitting, crocheting, embroidering, etc and visit. We trade patterns, help teach newbies, help with any problems and especially give support whether with a yarn problem or a personal issue. It was so difficult when we weren't able to meet due to Covid while the library was closed. We were able to find other options until the Library was reopened. I have recently joined the Book Club and really enjoy when we discuss the book. I love to read! Rather than purchasing a book from stores I order it from our library. My Grandkids here in town love checking out books even my grandkids from Rhinelander have library cards from here so they can check out books when they are visiting us we love to read to each other. Love Love Love Park Falls Library. Thank you, ladies. Kathy Wilson

- It is warm; it's cool, lots to do at Park Falls Library! Jane
- My whole family loves our local library. All the librarians are amazing! Very friendly and welcoming, always eager to help. The children's area is always clean and has the best toys and book displays. Mrs. K is my son's favorite person to see at the library and loves when she helps him pick out books. He remembers when we get home that Mrs. K picked out a particular book for him, and it quickly becomes a favorite of his. Mrs. K always gives us great recommendations and is so knowledgeable about great books and authors. Ashley Kortbein
- We all just love the reading programs and events at the library. They are always fun, entertaining and well organized. We feel very fortunate to have such a wonderful library and librarians in our community.
- **Park Falls Library is the community center of our community!** It sits on Highway 13 right in the middle of town! It holds a multiple array of events including chair yoga, yoga flow, knitting groups, adult corn hole, pickle ball, quilters, adult cooking classes, adult crafts, bingo, book club, author visits , grief support, storytelling for children , multiple children activities, trimming the Christmas tree, visit from Santa , carolers, and even toenail clipping! I'm sure I have missed some events! During the pandemic, the library and librarians were outstanding! You could order books and they would deliver them to your car! The staff are friendly, informative and will help you with anything that you want! I use my Libby App, and more to order books! Love to read and as an older adult, I love all the activities that are offered! Wishing them all the best in 2023! Mary L. Miller
- We use the library not only for books and papers but for extra activities also.
- I just moved to Park Falls a few months ago and I got a library card within the first week, because I knew I would be frequenting it often! Every time I've gone in the staff are so friendly. The hours are perfect for me and I'm glad there's regular programming too. I came from a much larger city, and I was worried I

there was still somewhere I was welcome.
Somewhere that encouraged me to learn new things
and read (or watch, or listen to) stories.

- My favorite thing to do at the library is read stories.
- I love your stories! they're amazing
- I love coming to play. Thank you
- I love coming to the library to do homework! Can't beat the view!
- Books and toys and your own!
- I love coming to get games!
- I love to play with all the stuffed animals! Read books
- Staff is awesome & I love puzzles.
- **When using the computer staff is very kind & helpful!**
- My favorite thing about the library is how kind everybody is!
- Playing with the doll house.
- I love the animal puppets!
- I love the friendly librarians :)
- LOVE everything: Staff, book sales, online yoga, children's programs.
- The Books
- I love the computer.
- I love the toys at the library.
- I love everything!
- You guys have good books.

Milltown Public Library

- Being in a small town with not much to do (especially during cold/wet months with children) It is such a blessing to have a library that is always trying new things and staying active within the community. My children and I love visiting to pick out books, play with toys and enjoy story and craft times. The walk to the library is always pleasant, and the library is kept clean. The librarians care about my children and always are happy to see us and find out what is new.
- My mother is disabled and does not get out much. She does not drive and is hearing impaired which makes speaking with others difficult and lonely. Being in walking distance to the library keeps her active. They are so kind to her to her at the library always asking how her and her family are doing (that also visit the library). They understand her needs and help assist with picking out great books for her to check out.
- I love bringing my girls to the library to play! My 2-year-old adores the play area. All the librarians are so welcoming and kind. There isn't a lot to do in these cold months so it's amazing we have a place to go for fun 😊

Carleton A. Friday Memorial Library (New

Richmond)

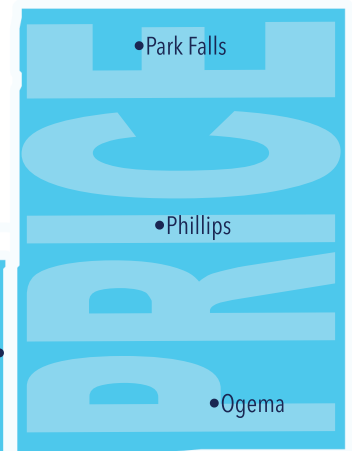
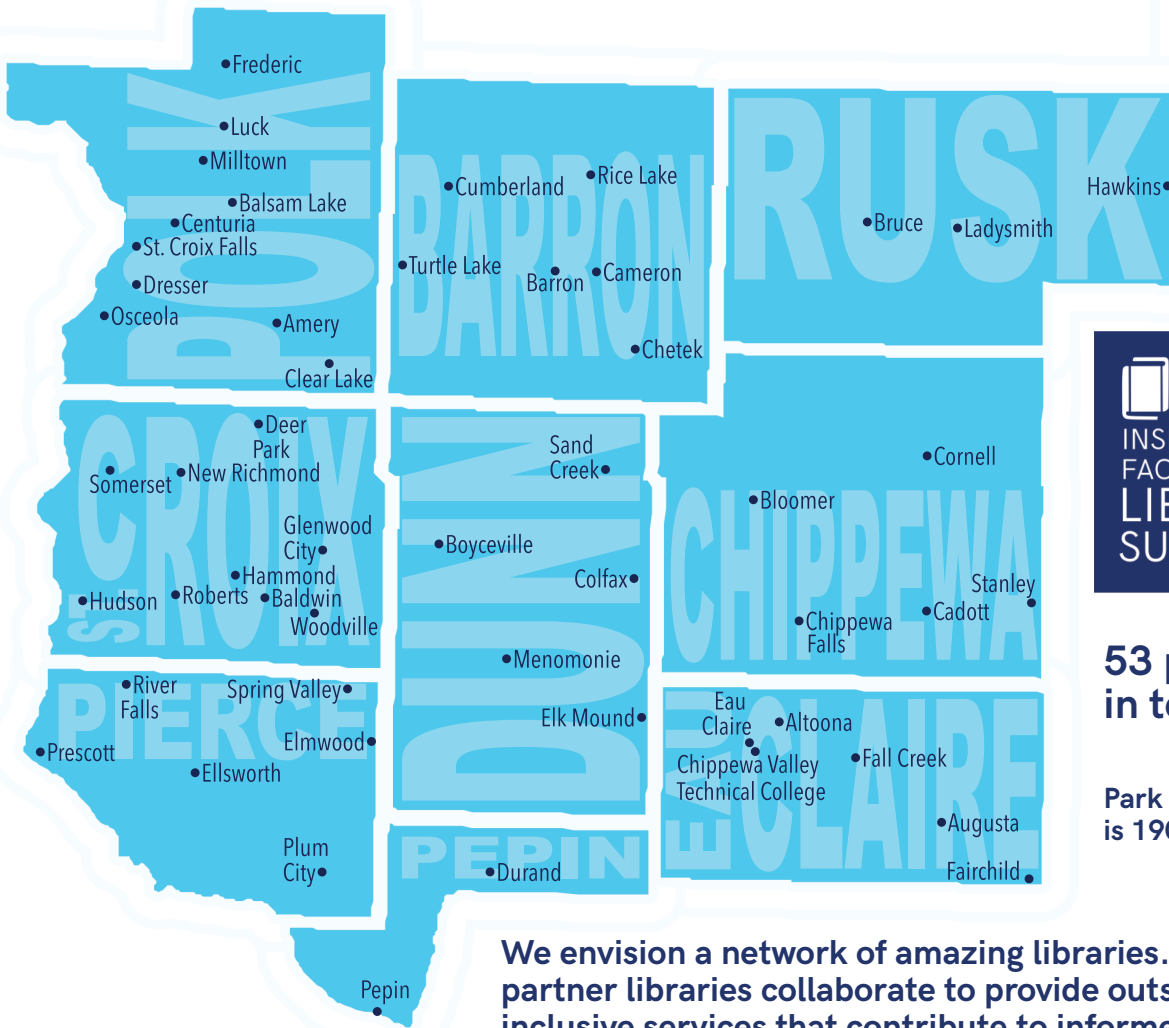
- I love Ms Monica so much. If her door is open, I can go in her office and play with her. She has animals on her shelf. She plays with them with me, on her desk. The squishy librarian rubber duck is my favorite. She is always very nice to me. She helps make the library the highlight of my week.

Ms Julie is cute. I love her so much. She reads me stories and plays with me. She knows I like music and she plays that too. I really like when we go to the park for story time so I can swing. Swings are my favorite! I love Ms Ashley. She is nice to me. She can sing pretty. I like to sit in her lap during storytime. She always asks about my mommy too! She is lovely. I like when she plays with me. Ms Jennifer works at the office part of the library. She always knows my name. She gives me stickers, lots of stickers. She always looks at me through the slot when I return my books and makes me laugh. Ms Nora has her own desk in a room but sometimes she checks out my books and gives me stickers. She always smiles at me. Ms Jessie is sweet and cute. She checks out my books and gives me stickers. She always smiles at me. I like her a lot. She's cool. Ms Eve says Hi to me and smiles a lot. She works at the computer and checks out my books. She makes the library fun. Ms Diane is always working on books. She laughs a lot and is funny. She pushes a cart sometimes. She's funny. Saoirse

Park Falls Public Library

- Our young family enjoys the summer reading program. It's more than just reading; searching for a mascot, trivia, and crafts. All things to engage our kids. Also, the Christmastime is very engaging and inviting to our littles.
- We love the library! I am able to read so many books through our library. My daughter, who is 10, also loves it! Recently, she has taken to the Harry Potter series, and because of the library, she can read the books without having to buy them. I love to read, and if I had to buy all the books I only read once, I'd be in debt up to my eyeballs! I was talking to one of my students about the library and how much I love it, and she told me she always wanted to visit the library in her town but was never able to. One night after practice, we stopped and I took her in. She was in love. We were able to get her a library card, and I love how our very own library is now going to open many doors for this young lady!
- Enjoy the programs beyond books ie chair yoga, craft classes, paint class, pickleball, cornhole, movie night, community programs, cooking programs. **Our library is more than books.** The staff is friendly and super helpful. It is a blessing to have our library in our community. Mary
- I love the Park Falls library I started going there immediately when I moved to Park Falls in 1998 everyone was so friendly and fun. 14 years ago, I started a yarn group that meets every Monday night

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