

COLLAB-O-GREAT!

How We Learned to Stop Worrying and
Enjoy Collaborative Programming

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INTRODUCTIONS

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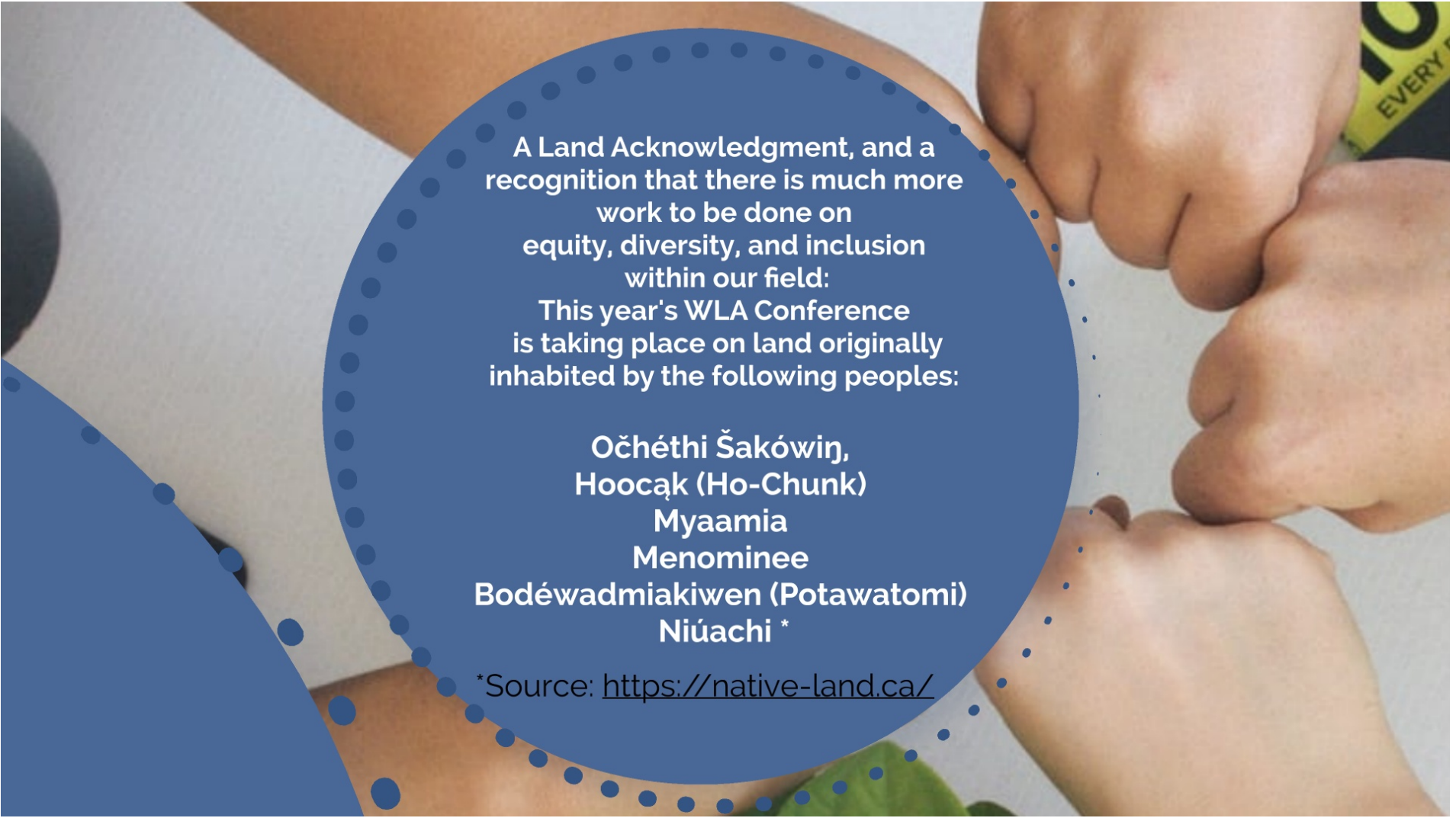


Welcome
and thank you
for joining us!

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WHO
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WHERE
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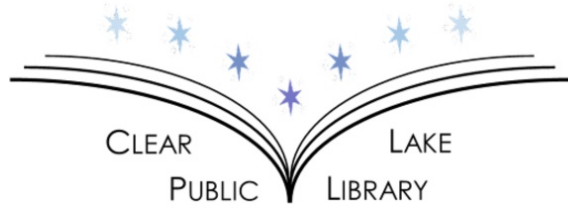
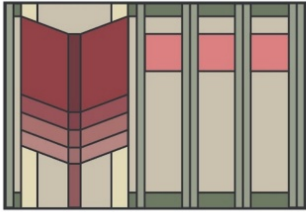


A Land Acknowledgment, and a recognition that there is much more work to be done on equity, diversity, and inclusion within our field:
This year's WLA Conference is taking place on land originally inhabited by the following peoples:

Očhéthi Šakówiŋ,
Hoocąk (Ho-Chunk)
Myaamia
Menominee
Bodéwadmíkiwen (Potawatomi)
Niúachi *

*Source: <https://native-land.ca/>

Amery Area
Public Library





VIRTUAL
TEEN
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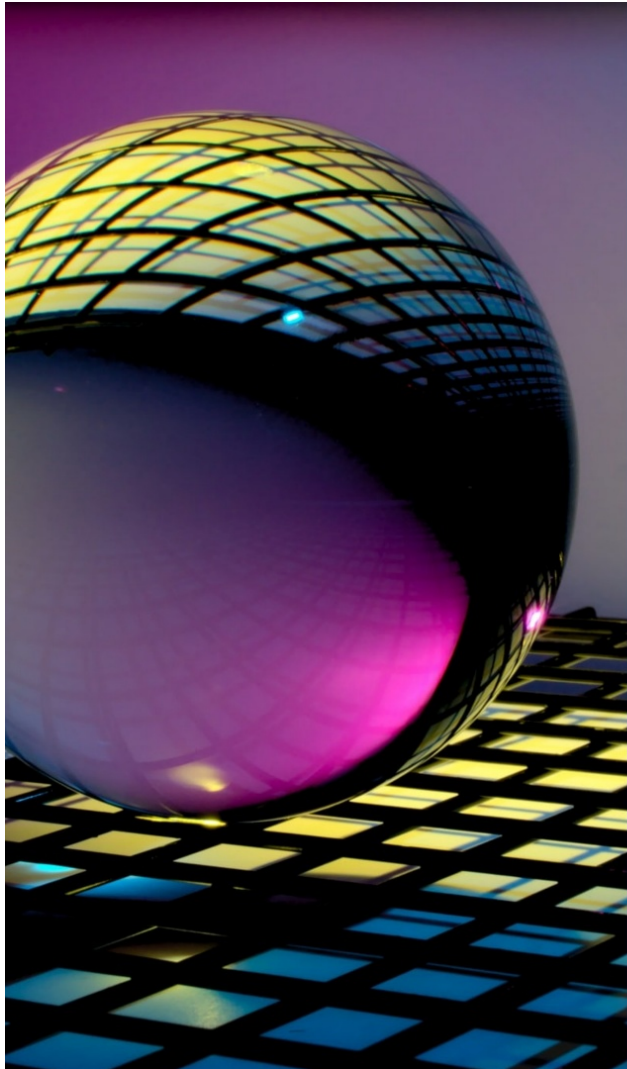
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ADULTS?

How it Started

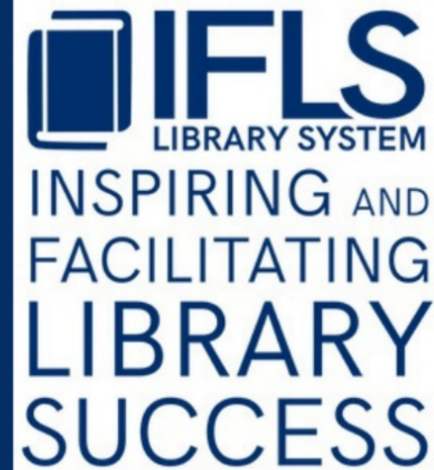


**NATIONAL
TEEN LOCK-IN 2020
DISCOVER A NEW TALE**

- Big success with teens in our community
- They wanted more!
- So...



A collaboration began with
5 libraries from IFLS





Why not adults, too?

- Find potential collaborators
- Amery Library interested
- Planned 1st virtual event

WHAT WE DID:

HOLIDAY CRAFTS
& TREATS

VIRTUAL SPA
&
WELLNESS EVENT

GALENTINE'S
DAY

TRIVIA
NIGHTS

GARDENING
SERIES

Virtual Holiday Craft & Treats Workshop

Make Holiday Crafts Perfect for Gifting
and Create Delicious No Bake Treats!

Monday, December 7

10 AM

Register at bit.ly/hctws



Hosted by
Amery & Augusta Libraries





- Crock Pot Apple Crisp
- Sock Gnomes
- Crock Pot Candy
- Sock Snowmen
- Savory Cheeseball
- Hat Ornaments



Holiday Crafts & Treats Workshop on Monday, December 7th from 10 AM - 12 PM

Supplies needed for snowman craft:

1 child size white sock (tube or ankle socks work best) Dollar Tree sells 3 pair for \$1
Fill - uncooked white rice, beans, cotton batting or other to stuff the sock
5-10' of yarn/string or twine for tying off sections OR use 2 heavy duty rubber bands
Fleece strip, ribbon, or yarn to make a "scarf" for the snowman (10-12" length)
Buttons for eyes & the body OR use stick pins with colored balls on ends (for face)
Orange button, felt or tiny foam piece for a carrot nose
Sharpies to draw a face and/or decorate the snowman
Scissors
Glue or hot glue to attach embellishments

Supplies needed for mini stocking cap ornaments:

Scissors
Yarn cut into 13-15" lengths (need about 28-36 strands depending on yarn thickness)
Toilet Paper cardboard tube (can make 5 hats with 1 tube)

Supplies needed for No-Sew Sock Gnomes:

Super glue
Wax paper (to place fabric on to glue)
Popsicle or craft stick (to press fabric together with)
Cut sock (small or medium women's size works best)
Plastic filler beads (about 3 Tablespoons) (you can use rice or beans or other heavy items-just be careful how you store it!)
Stuffing
Zip tie or string
Pre-cut fur (for beard)
Wooden bead for nose (you may paint it to be any skin tone)
Pre-cut flannel (for hat)

Crock-Pot Candy Ingredients/Supplies:

1 jar unsalted peanuts
1 jar salted peanuts
16 oz bag semi-sweet chocolate chips
2 lbs. Almond bark
Optional: Sprinkles
Supplies: 4-5 quart Crock-Pot, parchment or waxed paper & cookie scoop

Crock-Pot Apple Crisp Ingredients

2 cans apple pie filling (or other favorite pie filling)
1 box yellow cake mix

1 stick of butter

Optional: Walnuts, Cinnamon, Nutmeg, Ground Ginger, Allspice, Cloves
Supplies: 4-5 quart Crock-Pot

Homemade Cheese Ball Ingredients

1 pound cream cheese, softened
2 cups freshly grated cheese: cheddar is most common but use anything you like!
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 tsp. Tabasco or other hot pepper sauce
½ tsp. garlic powder
½ dried oregano, parsley, or dill
1 dash fresh ground black pepper
½ cup pecans, finely chopped: feel free to substitute another nut if you prefer
Optional: 2 chopped green onions
Supplies: Stand mixer or hand mixer with paddle attachment, or bowl and whisk, spatula



Sock Gnome

Materials needed:

Super Glue

Wax paper (To use as work surface for glue)

Wood stick (To press fabric together)

Cut sock (Women's size socks work best)

Plastic filler beads (About 3 Tablespoons)

Stuffing

Zip tie

Pre-cut Fur (for beard)

Wooden bead

Pre-cut flannel (For hat)



Directions:

1. Pour plastic filler beads into bottom of sock. (Sock is cut straight across just below the heel.)
2. Add stuffing, fill as full as you like.
3. Close the sock with the zip tie. Pull as tight as you can. Snip off extra. This is the top of the gnome body.
4. Place fur on wax paper, along the edge with the V, squeeze Super Glue.
5. Quickly place the beard about 1/4 to 1/3 of the way down from the top of the sock. Use the stick to press the fur to the sock. You may need to add more glue in places.
6. In the V of the fur put a generous bit of Super Glue, then push the wooden bead into the glue spot. If using a bead with a hole that goes all the way through, make sure the hole is straight up and down with the bottom hole a bit towards the sock.

7. Place the flannel on the wax paper. Squeeze Super Glue along one straight side, on the right side of the fabric. Fold the fabric over, pressing the other straight side so they are even with each other. Use the wood stick to press them together. The hat will be inside out.
8. Turn the hat right side out. Make sure the glue is dry before you do this. The fabric will be stiff from the glue, but work the tip of the hat out as much you can.
9. Place the hat on top of sock. Put a spot of Super Glue just on the top front side of the wooden bead. Pull the hat down and press down so hat glues to the bead. Use the wooden stick to press the hat onto the glue spot. Place glue spots around the sock, making sure the hat covers the top edge of the fur. In each spot, press the hat into the glue with the wooden stick. If your bead has a hole, make sure to cover the bead's hole and the bottom hole is slightly towards your gnome's chest.

Tips and alternatives:

1. A glue gun works as well as super glue.
2. The hat can be machine or hand stitched to make it more supple so it can flop over. Use a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.
3. To make the hat longer, trace the hat pattern given. Find the middle of the hats arc, mark it. Then, using that point, make a dot further out from the tip of the hat point. Draw lines from the ends of the arc to the dot. This is your new hat pattern.
4. Color the nose with a marker or paint.
5. Add odd buttons to the front of the hat.
6. Add a pompom or bell to the tip of the hat.
7. Wooden unpainted doll heads work great for the nose.
8. Name your gnome.

Enjoy your new gnome!



No-Sew Sock Snowman Instructions



Supplies:

- 1 - child size white tube sock (if large sock need more filling)
- 3 - rubber bands, zip ties, yarn or string for tying off
- 2-3 c. of uncooked rice, beaded fill, cotton balls or fiberfill
- 8-12" long strip of fleece or fabric to tie around neck for a scarf

Scissors

Glue gun or Fabric Glue

Options for face & embellishments:

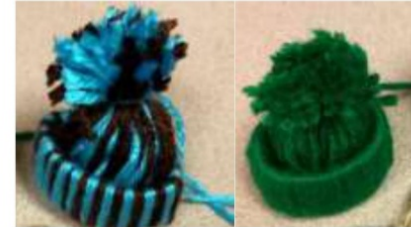
Markers, buttons, stick pins with colored balls on end, orange felt, orange foam, googly eyes, or thread and needle for stitching on a face.

1. Fill the bottom of the sock with about 1-2 cups of rice or stuffing to get body to the size and desired fullness. Divide a section for the head.
2. Tie off a section for the body with strong rubber band, string or zip tie – leave enough excess at the top for the head.
3. Tie off the top of the head in the same way and crop short (this cut piece will be hidden under the hat).
4. With the remaining section of sock you may turn it inside out and tie it off and then roll it up for the brim of the stocking cap or you may make your own hat for the snowman and attach it to the top of its head.
5. Tie a scarf around the snowman's neck.
6. Decorate the snowman's face with marker or optional embellishments.



Yarn & TP Tube Stocking Cap Ornament Instructions

Supplies: Yarn – cut into about 30-40 – 12” lengths
Toilet Paper Cardboard Tube cut into 4 equal rings
Scissors



1. Cut the TP tube in half and then cut each section in half again so that you have 4 equal sections (only 1 is needed per cap).
2. Cut the yarn into 20 strings each about 12” long.
3. Fold one piece of yarn in half and match the two cut ends, forming a "U" on one end. Feed the "U" part of the yarn through the center of the TP tube.
4. Feed the other ends of the yarn through the "U"; wrapping the yarn around the TP tube and pulling it tight to form a knot at the end.
5. Continue wrapping strings of yarn around the TP tube until it is completely covered with yarn and all knots at the same end of tube.
6. Shake out the strings and untangle the yarn if needed.
7. Gather the yarn with one hand and hold tube with the other, push yarn section through the tube and untangle it.
8. Use a separate piece of yarn to tie off the hat and knot it. This piece of yarn will function as the string for hanging the ornament.
9. Trim the excess yarn to form a pom-pom ball at the top of the hat, leaving the tied section if you wish to hang the hat as an ornament. You may also use this hat for your snowman.



"Great recipes! I made your cheese ball and apple crisp for Christmas Eve! Big hits. I'll make again. Thanks for inspiration and time to make the zoom cooking show." - Barb J



THE AUGUSTA, ELLSWORTH &
AMERY PUBLIC LIBRARIES
PRESENT:

A VIRTUAL SPA AND WELLNESS EVENT

Join us for demos and tips on how to rest, relax, and
rejuvenate in the New Year.

There will be door prizes and giveaways, too!

SATURDAY

JANUARY 2ND, 2021

THE EVENT BEGINS AT NOON

REGISTER AT [BIT.LY/VIRTUALSPA4U](https://bit.ly/virtualspa4u)

The first ten people to register will get a goody bag of samples!!



Thank you for joining our virtual event!

This event was coordinated by the Amery, Augusta, and Ellsworth libraries.

Scheduled Demo	Session/Demo Type	Name
12:00 - 12:30 PM	Caroline will talk about mindfulness and lead you through light stretching exercises.	Caroline Herfindahl
12:30 - 1:00 PM	Chrissy will lead you through the process of giving yourself a facial as she talks about skincare.	Chrissy Anderson
1:00 - 1:30 PM	Sandy will talk about healthy living to improve mind, body and skin. She believes in a holistic approach to beauty, health and wellbeing, focusing on the whole person to help them flourish inside and out.	Sandy Sorenson
1:30 - 2:00 PM	Amanda will talk to you about nailcare and lead you through the application of nailstrips. There will be a prize drawing to win a set of nail strips.	Amanda Conrad
2:00 - 2:30 PM	Hannah Koschak, RDN, CD and founder of Wholesome Endeavors will lead us through a cooking demonstration and share health and nutrition tips. She will also discuss her monthly cooking club.	Hannah Koschak
2:30 - 3:00 PM	Crystal will discuss the benefits of essential oils and demonstrate how to make a foot soak and shower melts.	Crystal Johnson

A special thank you to all of our presenters who donated their time, product samples and/or door prizes. We appreciate your participation in and support of our library programs.

Presenters:

Chrissy Anderson, Mary Kay
Independent Beauty Consultant, call or 715-382-3022 or email anderson.chrissy.30@gmail.com or visit www.marykay.com/chrissylynn

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Crystal Johnson, doTERRA Wellness Advocate, call 406-480-0729 or email bottomfarms@gmail.com

Hannah Koschak, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, call (608) 515-3882 or email wholesomeendeavors@gmail.com or visit www.wholesomeendeavors.com/

Sandy Sorenson, Arbonne Independent Consultant, call 715-456-4600 or email sorensen95@charter.net or visit www.sandrasorensen.arbonne.com

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Before joining a Zoom meeting on a computer or mobile device, you should download the Zoom app on your device. Otherwise, you will be prompted to download and install Zoom when you click the link to join.

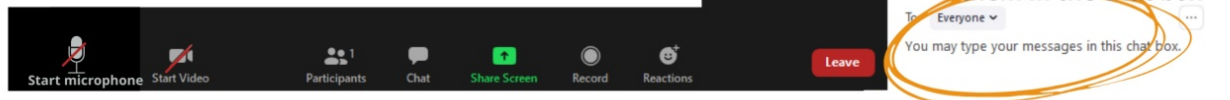
To join the meeting click the link in the email that you received when you registered for the event. For a new link, re-register at bit.ly/VirtualSpa4U.

You will be prompted to enter your name. You may receive a message that indicates that you are waiting for the host. The meeting host will admit you to the virtual meeting. **Please try to keep your mic muted and your camera off to limit any distractions to the session which may already be in progress. This will also help with slow connections.**

At the bottom of your screen you should see a menu similar to the one shown below. Click on the icons to start or stop them. When you click "Participants" you will see a window open similar to the one on the right. Here you can see who is signed in as a participant. **Click on chat and a group chat box will open up similar to the bottom right corner. Here you can type a question or let us know if you are having technical issues.**

If you get booted off the internet just log back into the meeting, using the same link from your email. If you need further assistance you can call the Augusta Library at **715-286-2070** and library staff will try to assist you over the phone.

We ask that you please keep your microphone muted and camera off especially if you are planning to come and go to the sessions. This way we hope to have fewer distractions as new people join in. We hope to conduct the prize drawings throughout the event as each presenter finishes her demo so that way those who viewed her session have a chance to win her prizes.



Quotes from participants...

“It was well organized and a creative way to learn a lot of good information. It was difficult to rank them as they had diverse topics, but all did a good job. Some topics interested me more than others.”

“This was really neat and I'm glad I got to be a part of it.”

“The presenters were very informative. I wouldn't mind doing this again in another month or so.”

“I loved the idea of this virtual event- totally genius idea!”



Quotes from presenters...

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“This can always lead to sales, but by having the opportunity to help others in a fun event it brings awareness to others on how they can care for themselves.”

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“I did get a client out of it and a few people joined my FB group. That made it worth it!”

Grab your girls for a

Galentine's Day Get-together

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN GATHERING CELEBRATING
THE POWER OF FEMALE FRIENDSHIPS!
FREE EVENT, REGISTRATION REQUIRED, 18 AND OVER

<p>REGISTRATION NOW OPEN:</p> <p>Space is limited! Register for this event on our website.</p>	<p>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019</p> <p>11 AM to 2 PM AMERY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY</p>	<p>CRAFTS, FOOD, AND DRINKS:</p> <p>Essential oil roller- bottles, cards, chocolate, DIY cocoa/coffee bar, and donuts!</p>
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In-person Galentine's Day Parties:

- Pre-registration required
- Three-hour open house style event
- Special craft sessions with essential oil roller bottles, DIY gal pal trading cards, etc.
- Big buffet of snacks, treats, DIY Cocoa/Coffee Bar
- Music, elaborate decorations
- Party favors for each attendee



"Thank you for the event. I had a great time!!"

"Galentines...at the library??!!?! What would Leslie Knope say?
This looks super fun!!"



GRAB YOUR GAL PALS & JOIN US
FOR A VIRTUAL

Galentine's Day Party!

Saturday, February 27th
1 PM-3:30 PM

WE'LL HAVE CRAFTS, SELF-CARE
TIPS, PRIZES AND MORE!

REGISTER HERE!

Registration includes a complete
party supply goody bag, including
two craft kits, snacks and more!
Available while supplies last.

GRAB YOUR GALS AND JOIN US FOR A

Galentine's Day Party!

Saturday, February 27th
1 PM to 5 PM

Register at bit.ly/galentine21
18 and over, please

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Schedule of activities:

- 1:00-1:30 PM Libby Richter's Mental Health presentation/discussion
- 1:30-2:00 PM Crystal Johnson's essential oils talk while making aromatherapy bracelets
- 2:00-2:30 PM Hannah Koschak's talk about nutrition & mental health
- 2:30-3:00 PM Chrissy Anderson's fast & fabulous makeup demonstration
- 3:00-3:15 PM Heather Wiarda's demonstration for tissue bleeding canvas art

Thank you to our presenters who donated their time and samples. We appreciate your participation in and support of our library programs.

Libby Richter, MSW, APSW, Community Resource Specialist L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library call (715) 839-5061 or email libbyr@eauclaire.lib.wi.us

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TRIVIA

Thursday, January 28

6:30 PM

Register at bit.ly/VATN21

Form your own team or join one of ours!
Intended for adults, but teens are welcome to join in.

Presented by Amery, Augusta, & Ellsworth Libraries

For more information call 715-286-2070

Zoom
TRIVIA
NIGHT!

Thursday, March 11
7:00 pm

Play by challenging yourself, with other people in your household or adults and their favorite teens could have fun playing together, too.

Register at bit.ly/Mar21Trivia

Hosted by Ellsworth, Augusta,
and Amery Libraries



TRIVIA

Thursday, April 29

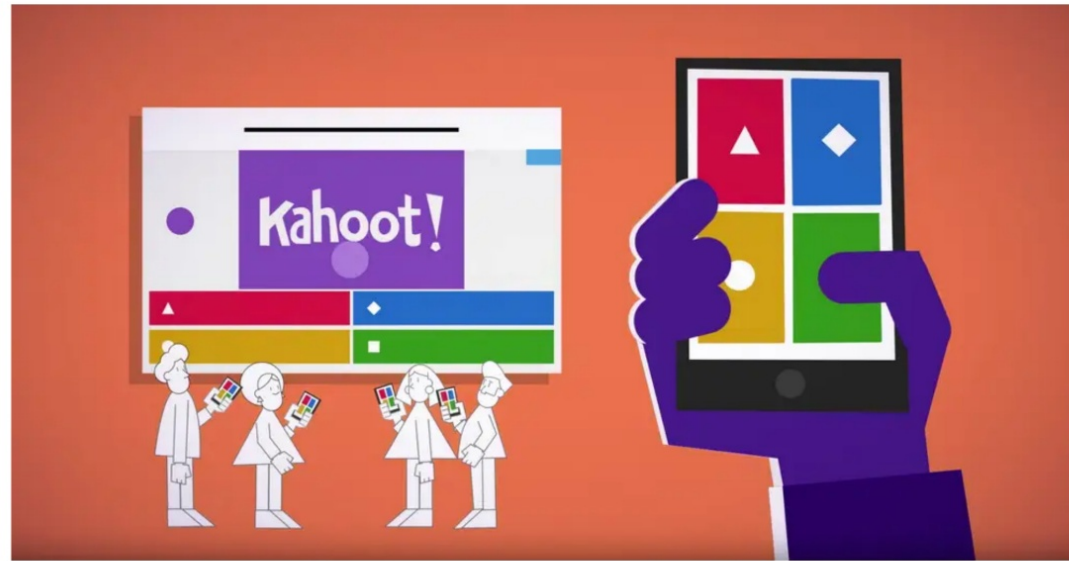
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Register at bit.ly/AprilTrivia_aae

Presented by Amery, Augusta, and Ellsworth Libraries

Kahoot!

- targeted to educators
- free accounts
- creates quizzes and games



A promotional graphic for a virtual gardening series. It features a green border and a central text box. The text is in white and black. There are images of tomatoes, carrots, and bell peppers around the text.

VIRTUAL GARDENING SERIES

MONDAYS
6:30-7:30PM

Watch these on Augusta Library's YouTube channel at bit.ly/AMPLwi

March 8th: Seeds: selection, starting indoors, testing seeds for germination, storing and direct sowing

March 15th: Learn about taking soil tests and deciphering the results to determine fertilizer needs for houseplants, lawn, flower beds, and vegetable gardens

March 22nd: Alternative Gardening Methods: Straw bale, lasagna, companion planting and raised beds

March 29th: Weed control: Learn about organic and inorganic methods to eliminate or at least decrease the weeds in your garden beds

April 5: Kitchen/Herb gardening presented by Jeanne Chromey, an EC Co. Master Gardener volunteer

April 12: Money Saving Gardening Tips presented by Master Gardener volunteers

April 19: Learn about CSA farming presented by Brandon Wiarda of Sleepy Root Farm.

Hosted by Amery, Augusta, Clear Lake & Ellsworth Libraries in collaboration with UW-Extension

- Live stream to YouTube
- Presenter and librarians on Zoom
- Questions asked via YouTube chat

VIRTUAL GARDENING CLASS:

MONDAY, MARCH 1ST AT 6:30 PM



Learn how to make a smart garden plan for the year to translate your gardening dreams into reality. Topics include figuring out how much to grow, how to time your plantings to get produce all season, and more.

To join the class, simply tune in to the Augusta Public Library's Youtube channel at bit.ly/AMPLwi

- 20 live attendees
- 185 views since streaming

Alpacas, Barrels and Composting: The ABCs of Sustainable Food Gardening

Saturday, March 27
11 AM - 12 PM



Ellen Terwilliger will share some of the things her family does to make fruit and vegetable gardening more sustainable for the earth, themselves and their pocketbook.

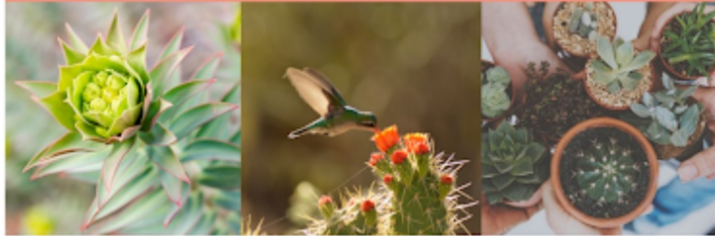
No registration for this free presentation which will be available on our YouTube channel bit.ly/AMPLwi.



CACTUS & SUCCULENTS

Saturday, April 24

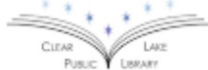
11 AM - 12 PM



Learn how to build a beautiful, healthy, and ethical cactus and succulent collection

Jael Wolf will discuss how to tend these popular & charismatic plants:

- when & how to water them
- what soil & pots to use
- the best place at home to have them
- how to propagate them
- Additionally, you will learn how our love for succulents & cacti has its downsides & places many species at risk



Watch on
 YouTube
bit.ly/AMPLwi

7 live attendees
41 views since



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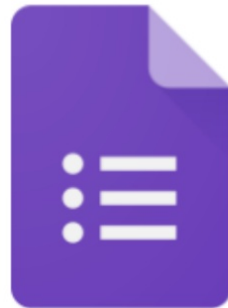
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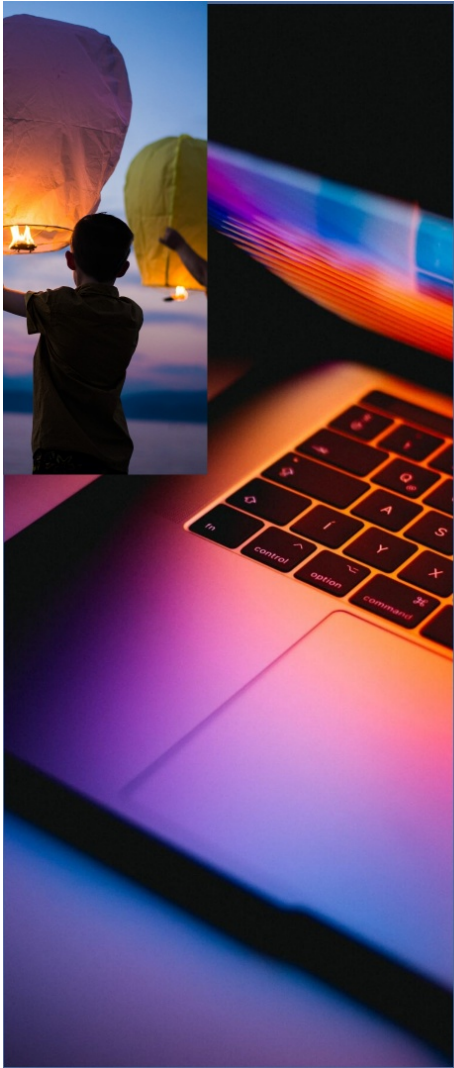


Roll with it, trust & let go

- give grace to yourself and your fellow collaborators
- roll with the flow
- comfort and support

Tools we use...





Money matters

- who pays for what
- supply bags/goody bags
- donated product samples
- presenters volunteered
- gift cards



Tracking the numbers:

- annual report
- programming numbers
- collaborators decide



HOW IT'S GOING...
AND WHAT'S NEXT

QUESTIONS?



Email us if you have any further questions...

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