

March is National Reading Month
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March is National Reading Month. It's a month to motivate everyone of all ages to read every day. Reading is fun and exciting! It also has a lot of benefits for individuals of all ages. It has been said that reading regularly has been linked to the development of positive mental health.

My goal for the year is to spend a minimum of 15 minutes each day reading. This can include an audiobook in the car while driving around town, a book in every room in the house, and usually three books on my Libby app. There's always something within reach to read. What reading goal have you set or do you plan to set this month?

If you're looking for exciting things to do to celebrate National Reading Month at the library, check out the following programs:

We have Children's Story times on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. throughout March. Join us for stories, songs, and more. Story times are open to all children and their parents or caregivers.

An ECFE (Early Childhood Family Education) Bedtime Storytime will be held on Wednesday, March 18 at 6 p.m. We are also celebrating author, illustrator, and New Ulm native Wanda Gag's Birthday Party on Saturday, March 14 at 10 a.m. in partnership with the Wanda Gag House Association. Children will have the chance to do a coloring and craft project, listen to a special reading of "Millions of Cats", and have a birthday snack.

We are excited to host another session of Lego Club on Thursday, March 19 starting at 3:30 pm. Children ages 5 and up are invited to join us to accept the challenge of the day or just for some fun with free Lego building until 5 p.m.

Join us for an hour of fun as we play Blacklight Bingo at the library, eat snacks, and possibly win prizes. Participants are encouraged to wear something white so we can find you when you yell, "BINGO!" This program is on Friday, March 20 at 3:30 p.m. for those in fifth through eighth grade and registration is required.

We also have several adult book discussion groups to join. Adult Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month. They usually read fiction titles. The Poetry Reading Group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month. The History Book Group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 12 p.m. and the Mystery Book Discussion Group meets on the last Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. If you're looking to read some good titles and meet some wonderful people, check one out! Stop by the library to pick up your chosen club's latest pick.

Make March a spectacular reading month this year. As always we look forward to seeing you in the library!