

Programs with the Library
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New Ulm is a wonderful community with a wide variety of interests and challenges. As a part of that community, the library is happy to present, partner for, and share programs that inspire, inform, educate, and entertain. Whether they happen at the library, in a park, at a school, or elsewhere around town, we are always happy and grateful to see people take advantage of the opportunities we strive to provide.

One of the biggest challenges with any program is scheduling. Our community has so many great activities to offer! Sometimes it can be hard to decide what to attend with only so many hours in a day. Another challenge is getting the word out. We love our community, and we hope that our efforts can reach as many people as possible. If you find yourself wondering what the library has going on or you learn about an interesting program only after it happened, then here are some places you can check to be sure you are on top of things.

First up of course, you can visit the library. We have two areas that feature posters and flyers of the library's upcoming programs for children, teens, and adults. One is inside the door near the outdoor book drop, to the right just as you come inside. The other is found at the intersection of the hallway to the Children's Room and the main circulation area. Posters for children's programs are on the wall, and adult programming posters are on the metal doors connecting the hallway to the circulation desk area. We also have a rotating slideshow of programs, services, and book recommendations on a screen overlooking the south side of the circulation desk. In addition, you can ask at the desk for a printed calendar of the current month's programs. Children's programs are on one side, and adult programs are on the reverse. Keep your eyes open when you stop by!

Second, you can check out the newspaper and places around town. Library events for children and teens are sometimes advertised for the schools. The New Ulm Journal and the Mankato Free Press feature items in their community events sections. The Grand downtown and the Brown County Historical Society also help advertise for adult programs, and Community Education and Park & Recreation also help us get the word out when we partner with them. Thank you to these community partners that help us bring such great programs to you!

Lastly, you can check out things online or on NUCAT. The library's website has an events calendar with information about upcoming programs and links to register for programs that require it. We also post about our programs on the Chamber of Commerce online calendar, sometimes on the KNUJ online community events calendar, and of course you can stop by our Facebook page to see what's coming up soon. If you watch NUCAT, their community events board features information about our upcoming programs each month. We frequently appear on the monthly Something Artsy program to share what we have happening here at the library.

If you have an interesting idea for a program, please, share it with us! Several of our regular programs started out as ideas from our patrons. If there's a place in the community that you would like to see the library's events shared, then let us know that too! Did you know we already have 38 different programs planned for June? We hope you'll join us for programs that fit into your schedule and interest you.

The library will be closed on Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day. The library is located at 17 N. Broadway and is open to the public Monday to Thursday 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.