



## A Note from the Director

I am so excited to get to know the Oostburg community and all of the patrons of the Oostburg Public Library as I begin my new position as Library Director.

For those that haven't met me yet, I earned my Master's of Library Science from the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill. I began my work in libraries in Suffolk, Virginia as a Children's librarian and held various other positions including the branch manager and interim library director. Then, I took a break from working in libraries to focus on my family and moved to Wisconsin with my husband and children. Now that my children are older, I am excited to be back in a library again.

I have a passion for libraries and the work they do—I love library programming, helping people learn new skills, and the joy of getting the right book to the right person.

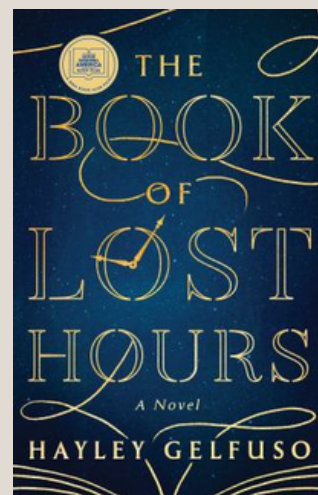
As I settle into my new position I am hoping to help the library run smoothly and make sure we can serve the community the best way we can. Libraries change to keep up with the varied needs of the community and society in general, but one thing stays the same: our goal is to connect people with resources and be a center of the community.

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received!

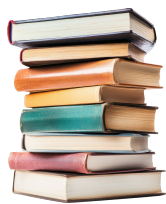
Julie Darnell  
Director, Oostburg Public Library

## New at the Library

*The Book of Lost Hours*  
Hayley Gelfuso



For fans of *The Ministry of Time* and *The Midnight Library*, this is a sweeping, unforgettable novel following two remarkable women moving between postwar and Cold War-era America and the mysterious time space, a library filled with books containing the memories of those who bore witness to history.



## Book Clubs at the Library

Are you looking for a good book to read? Do you want to get to know other readers? Join us for one of our ongoing book discussion groups! Oostburg Public Library currently offers two book clubs.

**Third Tuesday Book Discussion Group** meets on the third Tuesday of the month, October through May at 6:30 pm.

- January 20, 2026 *Everything is Tuberculosis* by John Green
- February 17, 2026 *Every Note Played* by Lisa Genova

**The Mystery Book Club** is held on the third Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm.

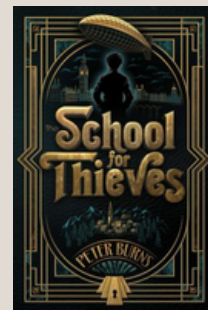
- January 15, 2026 *The Crossing Places* by Elly Griffiths
- February 19, 2026 *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger

All books for book clubs are available at the front desk a month prior to club meetings.

## New At the Library

### *School for Thieves*

*Peter Burns*



Tom Morgan's life on the streets of London consists of shining shoes, picking pockets, and keeping his group of street kids out of the hands of snatchers. When he fails at the last and their home is raided, Tom is the only one not carted off to the workhouse. He's determined to rescue his friends, but breaking into the workhouse is a nearly impossible task, let alone breaking back out.

Tom is at a loss until he's approached by a mysterious figure claiming to be an accomplished thief and Tom's ticket to the best training in the clandestine arts in the world: an elite international boarding school that would teach him all the skills necessary to help his friends. Without any better ideas Tom accepts the invitation. Tom has to learn fast and uncover the nefarious secrets within the league to have any chance of saving himself, his friends—and maybe even the world.

## Experience Passes at the Library

Have you checked out one of our Experience Passes yet? Experience Passes can be checked out by patrons for free admittance to area attractions. All Passes check out for three (3) days and are available on a first come first served basis. You are allowed to check out one pass at a time. Ask a Librarian if you have further questions!

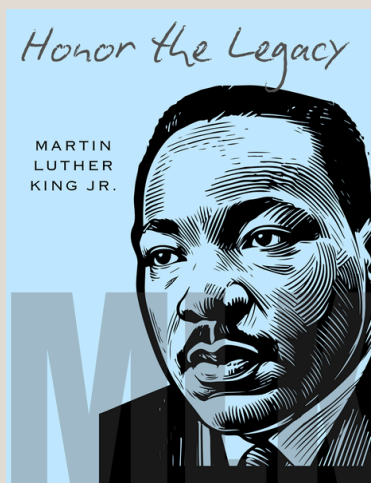
### Passes include:

- Above and Beyond Children's Museum Pass
  - *Update for 2026: this pass allows admittance for 6 people at a time instead of 12*
- Bookworm Gardens Pass
- Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center Pass
- Milwaukee County Zoo Pass
- Mitchell Park Domes Pass



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**IF YOU OR YOUR BUSINESS IS INTERESTED IN SPONSORING AN EXPERIENCE PASS, CALL THE LIBRARY AT (920)564-2934 AND ASK FOR JULIE**



## Honoring MLK Jr

*Read about Martin Luther King, Jr and those inspired by him with these titles:*



*King: a Life* by Jonathan Eig (2023)

*My Life, My Love, My Legacy* by Coretta Scott King (2017)

*King of the North: Martin Luther King Jr.'s life of struggle outside the South* by Jean Theoharis (2025)

*Martin Luther King, Jr.* by Laurie Calkhoven (2023)

## Changes at the Library

Here are a few small changes we are making in the library:

- **Curbside Pickup:** We will no longer be offering curbside pickup for checked out materials in a bin outside of the library. If you have special circumstances where you need extra help getting materials out to your car (recent surgery or other mobility issues), just call the library and we can help: 920-564-2934
- **Library Cards Needed for Check Out and Picking Up Holds:** Please have your library card with you to pick up holds or check out materials. It makes it easier for us to ensure your card is being used appropriately and with your permission. Don't like carrying a physical card? We have an app for that! The *Monarch2Go* app lets you save your barcode number in the app and we can scan it from there! Or, save a picture of your barcode on your phone, that works too! When picking up books for other people's accounts, please bring their library card with you (with their consent, of course!). If you are picking up holds for another family member, you may use your own card by having us link your accounts. Ask a librarian for more information.



## Cake Pan of the Month

### Wilton Double Tier Heart Cake Pan #52

Check out our Double Heart Cake Pan! Just in time for celebrating Valentine's Day next month--or any special occasion! This cake pan is great for making a cake that looks like it has tiers, but baking is a breeze as it is only one layer making it the perfect holiday cake pan. We have many cake pans to choose from so if you want to get creative stop in and check one out!



# 2025

## YEAR IN REVIEW



### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We welcomed new patrons, connected with returning users, and saw thousands of materials move through our shelves and into people's homes.



**12,100**

Electronic Items  
Checked Out



**164**

Number of New  
Patrons Welcomed



**3,058**

Total Number of  
Patrons



**63,312**

Physical Items  
Checked Out



**20,210**

Holds Picked Up



**1,593**

New Items Added



### TOP TITLES

Our community made their favorites loud and clear. These titles led the way!



**ADULT**  
Fiction & Nonfiction



**YOUNG ADULT**  
Fiction & Nonfiction



**JUVENILE**  
Fiction & Nonfiction

