

# Winter-Spring 2022/2023 Public Programs



- Friday, December 9 **A Storybook Walk and Adventure – *Bird Count*** (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM) This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book *Bird Count* by Susan Edwards Richmond on our kid-friendly boardwalk trail. Reading stations will be set up along the boardwalk for a self-guided walk to read a page or two at each station. Visit each station to read the entire book. After completing the book, be sure to explore the Conservancy Zone and trails! **FREE**
- Friday, December 9 **1000 Little Wonders – Bears** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3 – 5 year old and their caregiver. Listen to the book *Don't Feed the Bear* by Kathleen Doherty and learn where bears live in Wisconsin. This program will start inside and conclude outdoors. Please dress for the weather. **Pre-registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- Thursday, December 29 **World of Animals** (10:00–10:45 AM) Join our Naturalist at the Kaukauna Public Library as we talk about animals you find in Wisconsin. Get up close and personal with pelts and experience how each pelt feels. Meet our Russian Tortoise, Gonzo, and learn about turtles. **FREE**
- Saturday, January 7 **Owl Facts with Fran** (1:00 – 2:00 PM) Meet Ann Rosenberg and Fran the Great Horned Owl. Ann is an area wildlife rehabilitator and will speak about great horned owls with Fran. **Family Event and FREE**
- Friday, January 13 **1000 Little Wonders – Bald Eagles** (9:30 - 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3 – 5 years old and their caregiver. Listen to the book *Ella, Eddie, and Egg* by Stephanie Feuerstein. Learn what Bald Eagles eat and the children can try their hand on building an Eagle's nest. This program will be indoors and outdoors. **Pre-registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- Saturday, January 28 **Eagle Days** (7:00 AM – 5:00 PM) Join us at 1000 Islands as we celebrate the Bald Eagle. See a live Bald Eagle presentation by the National Eagle Center. Visit one of our Bald Eagle viewing sites to see if you can spot a Bald Eagle and participate in an obstacle course all about Bald Eagles. You can also go to the Kaukauna Public Library to read *Ella, Eddie, and Egg* by Stephanie Feuerstein along a storybook walk. **Family Event and FREE**
- Friday, February 3 **Moonlight Hike and Storybook Walk** (6:00 – 8:00 PM) Join us and the Kaukauna Public Library at 1000 Islands as we celebrate the moon. Take a hike along our lit-up trail to the Nelson Overlook and learn facts about owls. Then read the book *Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen on our kid-friendly boardwalk trail. Reading stations will be set up along the boardwalk for a self-guided walk to read a page or two at each station. Visit each station to read the entire book. End the night by relaxing by the fire and enjoying some S'mores. **Family Event and FREE**
- Saturday, February 4 **Animal Tracking for Adults** (9:00 – 10:00 AM) Enhance your outdoor experiences by learning basic wildlife tracking skills. Join our naturalist as we explore the Conservancy Zone and look for wildlife tracks and signs of wild animals. Tracking books will be provided. This is an outdoor program; dress for the weather. This program is geared for adults. **Pre-registration is required and group size is limited. The cost of this program is \$8 per person.**
- Friday, February 10 **1000 Little Wonders – Song Birds** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3 – 5 years old and their caregiver. Listen to the book *The Good for Nothing Button* by Charise Mericle Harper. Hear what different songbirds sound like and then we will take a walk outside to listen for some birds. This program will be both inside and outside. Please dress for the weather. **Pre-registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- Friday, February 17 **A Storybook Walk and Adventure – *Big Tracks Little Tracks*** (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM) This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book *Big Tracks Little Tracks* by Millicent Selsam on our kid-friendly boardwalk trail. Reading stations will be set up along the boardwalk for a self-guided walk to read a page or two at each station. Visit each station to read the entire book. After completing the book, be sure to explore the Conservancy Zone and trails. **FREE**

- Friday, March 10      **1000 Little Wonders – Deer** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This is a class for children 3 – 5 years old and their caregiver. Listen to the book *Little Deer Lost* by Janet Bingham. Learn what deer tracks look like and what deer like to eat. We will take a short hike and will look for deer. This program will start inside and end outside. Please dress for the weather. *Pre-registration is required and group size is limited. FREE*
- Monday, March 13      **A Storybook Walk and Adventure – Winter Trees** (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM) This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book *Winter Trees* by Carol Gerber on our kid-friendly boardwalk trail. Reading stations will be set up along the boardwalk for a self-guided walk to read a page or two at each station. Visit each station to read the entire book. After completing the book, be sure to explore the Conservancy Zone and trails! *FREE*
- Thursday, March 23      **Seed Starting Workshop** (6:30 – 8:00 PM) Would you like to add interest to your flower and vegetable gardens? Gardening techniques that have their roots 100's of years ago give a fresh perspective on how to design and maintain your limited garden space. Start your own Marigold or Tomato seed to plant in your garden. Learn about common problems you might encounter as you plant seeds. This program is geared for adults. *Pre-registration is required and group size is limited. FREE*
- Thursday, April 6      **The Power of the River Documentary** (6:00 – 7:00 PM) Join us at the Kaukauna Public Library to watch this powerful documentary about the Fox River's past, present and future of a waterway that dominates Northeast Wisconsin. *FREE*
- Friday, April 7      **A Storybook Walk and Adventure – A Nest is Noisy** (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM) This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book *A Nest is Noisy* by Dianna Hutts Aston on our kid-friendly boardwalk trail. Reading stations will be set up along the boardwalk for a self-guided walk to read a page or two at each station. Visit each station to read the entire book. After completing the book, be sure to explore the Conservancy Zone and trails. *FREE*
- Thursday, April 20      **Planting a Prairie Garden** (6:30 – 7:30 PM) Join us and the Kaukauna Public Library at 1000 Islands as we explore how to create a prairie garden at home. Learn what plants attract the most pollinators and take home native seeds to start your own prairie garden. This program is geared for adults. *Pre-registration is required and group sizes are limited. FREE*
- Friday, April 21      **1000 Little Wonders – Gardening** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3 – 5 years old and their caregiver. Listen to the book *The Tiny Seed* by Eric Carle. Plant your own seeds and take it home. Learn how to properly care for your seeds and explore the many different colors that flowers come in. *Pre-registration is required and group sizes are limited. FREE*
- Wednesday, May 3      **Birding for Beginners** (10:00 – 10:45 AM) Bird watching is a fun hobby you can do anywhere and anytime. Join us at 1000 Islands and learn the basics of birding to get started. You will receive tips for where to bird watch, books that help in identifying birds and other tools to utilize for birding. Take a hike after the class to practice your birding skills. This program is geared for adults and will start indoors and conclude with a hike. *Pre-registration is required and group size is limited. FREE*
- Sunday, May 21      **Nature's Images Art & Craft Fair** (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM) The Art Fair will be held on the picnic grounds of 1000 Islands Environmental center and will consist of 50 original art and craft vendors. A food stand, bake sale, basket raffle, Carnival Time Popcorn and musical entertainment by Forté and the Pianissimos. *FREE*

Please call the Nature Center building at 920-766-4733 or email [thousandisland@kaukauna-wi.org](mailto:thousandisland@kaukauna-wi.org) to register for a class.

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