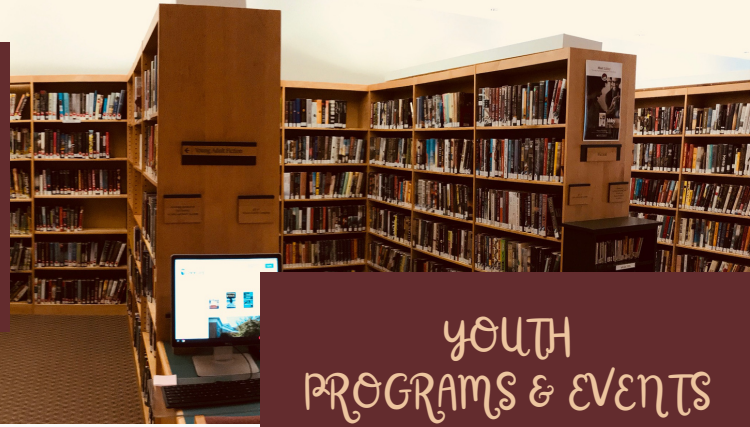




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YOUTH PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Thank you for an Awesome Summer!

FROM EVERYONE AT NAPLES LIBRARY

We would like to thank everyone that participated in our Summer Library Program this year! We had a total of 75 programs with 716 participants throughout the summer. Our Summer Library Program would not be possible without the Friends of Naples Library, our generous community, our many volunteers and our dedicated staff. We are already scheming for next summer, we can't wait!



Teen Herbalism Workshop



Bridge Busting



Chalk the Walk

Welcome, Mora!

Many of you may have already had the chance to meet **Mora Mundt**, our newest team member, and we are so glad she is with us! Mora joined as our **Adult Services Coordinator** and has been planning all of the excellent programming we have for adults and senior citizens. Not to mention working closely with Ally to plan some outstanding all-ages programming. Here's a little bit about her -



From left: Ally, John, Kendyl & Mora

Mora is a creative, curious, nature-loving, learner with a passion for cultivating community. Her knowledge of the social sciences, dedication to life-long learning, and variety of interests – including art, history, holistic health and wellbeing, herbalism, spirituality, etc. – shines through in the diverse programs she holds here at the library. Come to her if you'd like a recommendation for a good hike or a good self development book!

Mid-Kids Club

Mondays
2:45pm-4pm

Baby Sensory Exploration

2nd & 4th Tuesdays
10:30am-12pm

Cool Kids Club

Wednesdays
2:45pm-4pm

Video Game Club

2nd & 4th Wednesdays
3:30pm-5pm

Toddler Play Time

1st & 3rd Thursdays
10:30am-12pm

T.A.B. (teen advisory board)

1st Thursdays
4pm-5pm

Story Time

Fridays
10:30am-12pm

We have many more programs than what is listed here! Visit owl.libcal.com/calendar/napleslibrary or our Facebook page for a full listing of our events



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What's Coming up for the Kids

BY ALLYSON MAKEPEACE
YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

I am so excited to be "back in the saddle" after taking the month of September to reimagine Youth (and now Teen!) programming. We have a BUNCH of awesome programs to look forward to.

Our old classics, Story Time and Cool Kids Club, will be returning with gusto! We are also carrying on with some programs that made their debut this summer, and were very well received! Baby Sensory Exploration and Wild Kids are coming back, and Mid-Kids will return with a twist to include both art and STEAM based programming, with Mrs. Wordingham.

New on the docket are Toddler Play Time and Video Game Club, which are garnering a bunch of interest. And of course, Teen Programming is returning, with their first Teen Advisory Board Meeting happening October 5th, and a Teen Halloween Party on 10/31. We've also got some special programs available this month. Slime Time Live is always a fabulous hit, and welcomes friends 5-18.

And lastly, our biggest event yet: Mora and I are working diligently to bring a Fall Harvest Fest to Naples Memorial Town Hall as a completely free, all ages event on Saturday, October 28th. Come chat with us about all of the details, or if you would like to contribute! (see also more details on flyer below)

New Adult Programs

BY MORA MUNDT
ADULT SERVICES COORDINATOR

This October the adult programs calendar is full of opportunities involving crafting, community expert presentations, local history, mental health resources, and more.

We are particularly excited to be holding a series of programs focused on autumn herbalism! These programs (each Friday at 6pm) give patrons the opportunity to forage for herbs in the wild, learn about local agriculture, identify edible mushrooms, and learn the variety of uses herbs can have in your daily life.

In addition to our program lineup, it is a great joy to also be hosting the Naples Community Harvest Festival: an all-ages event which will feature seasonal crafts & activities, a potluck, a petting zoo, a soup competition, old time music, a bonfire etc.! We were inspired by events like Rotary's "Light Up Naples" to provide the community with more ways to come together for free, community-oriented celebrations of the seasons. We can not wait to gather with you all on **Saturday, October 28th** to take in the richness of the season and simply be together!



ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Homesteaders Club

First Mondays
@ 6pm

Book Club

Third Mondays
@ 5pm

The Lounge

1st & 3rd Tuesdays
10:30am-12pm

Writers Group

Tuesdays
5:30pm-7pm

Home School Resource Share

1st Fridays
1pm-3pm

Hooks & Needles

Every Saturday
@ 10:30am

Mushroom Identification Workshop

Friday October 27
@6pm

Graveyard History @ Fairview Cemetery

Monday October 30th
@5pm

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Accessibility and Expansion Project

PROJECT UPDATE

BY KENDYL LITWILLER-SUTHERBY

LIBRARY DIRECTOR



New lower level entrance located on Harwood Lane.

Our project is finally wrapping up! While we are still waiting on a few minor parts to be completed, the large portion of our project is done. The Accessibility and Expansion Project was started to help make our building more accessible by adding an elevator, ADA parking behind the building, and an updated lower level entrance to make entering our building much easier for our community. Other improvements as part of this project included the addition of a space just for teens, a specialized climate control unit in the library archives, a lower level circulation desk and some much needed natural light. This project was made possible with funding from State Aid for Library Construction, the Naples Library Endowment and the Friends of Naples Library. We would like to extend a very big THANK YOU to our community for all of your patience during this project. We appreciate everyone's flexibility and understanding while we were making these improvements. We will be celebrating the grand opening of the new lower level entrance and downstairs lobby very soon, and we sincerely hope you will be able to join us. Details will be released soon, stay tuned!

Kindly,

Kendyl



Lower level reading nook, located next to the meeting room.



Teen Room, located on the Main Street level

Check out our website for more expansion photos!

FRIENDS of NAPLES LIBRARY

The Friends of Naples Library are raffling off a gorgeous barn quilt, generously donated by Deb and Frank Lindbloom. The FoNL have a self-service ticket station at the library located near the circulation desk. The winner will be picked at the end of October, don't miss your chance!



Naples Library

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Tues. & Thurs. ...10am-7pm

Saturday ...10am-2pm

Sunday ...CLOSED

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