

What's going on in our Great Lakes?

The Great Lakes contain one-fifth of the world's supply of surface freshwater – the greatest single freshwater resource on the planet. Yet despite their size, these lakes are surprisingly fragile and are subject to a host of complex and interacting stresses.

Join the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences Arts & Letters and the Mead Public Library Foundation for an Academy Talk with Dr. J. Val Klump exploring what is happening in the Great Lakes today and what the future holds for them and for us.

Join us for light refreshments from 6 to 7 p.m. in The Loft on the third floor of Mead Public Library. The lecture and discussion will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Rocca Meeting Room on the first floor. Event is free and open to the public.

Advance registration is encouraged at www.wisconsinacademy.org.

New this fall at Mead – Baby & Me Storytime

Mead Public Library is excited to announce the launch of our new "Baby & Me Storytime" from 9:30-10 a.m. every Monday beginning Sept. 11.

Babies ages 6-23 months can bring their favorite adult to this interactive 20-minute early childhood literacy class, featuring simple books, lap bounces, songs, rhymes and other activities, with socialization and free play to follow.

Also check out Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5) on Wednesdays, along with Little Listeners (ages 2+) and Sundown Storytime (all ages) on Thursdays.

Video games now available at Mead

Mead Public Library is now offering Playstation 4 and Xbox One video games for checkout!

The collection is located just outside the second-floor teen center or reserve online using the Monarch Catalog.

Learn ukulele with Lil' Rev

This fall, Mead Public Library is hosting a series of events focused on the small but mighty ukulele, with award-winning artist Lil' Rev.

We'll kick things off with a look at the history and culture of the ukulele during a special maker session titled Featuring... Lil' Rev: Intro to Ukulele, from 6-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 26, in the Rocca Meeting Room.

Beginning in October, Lil' Rev will cover ukulele basics in a four-part class for teens and adults titled Uke Can Too with Lil' Rev. No experience is needed, and we'll supply the ukuleles.

The class will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Mondays in the Rocca Meeting Room. Register for one of the following two sessions at the www.meadpl.org events calendar.

- Session 1: Oct. 9, 16, 23 & 30
- Session 2: Nov. 13, 20, 27 & Dec. 4

Lil' Rev will also lead our Ukulele Club, which will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Oct. 24 & Nov. 28, in The Loft.