

EVENTS

Artistic Universe / October 24 @ 12:00 PM / Horwitz-DeRemer Planetarium

Journey through the worlds of art and science, from ancient cave paintings to modern astronomy, and uncover the beauty and mystery of the universe.



Scholar Panel

October 26 @ 6:30 PM

Waukesha Public Library

Local scholars will examine 33 *Place Brugmann* from the perspectives of their respective academic disciplines.

Finding Home in America

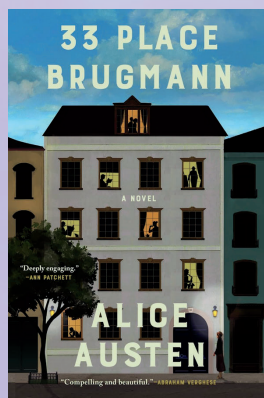
October 27 @ 10:30 AM

Waukesha Public Library

Hear firsthand stories of resiliency, identity, and belonging as students from Literacy Services of Wisconsin share their immigration experiences and the paths that brought them to the U.S.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Join us to discuss *33 Place Brugmann* by Alice Austen. All discussions are open to the public.



OCTOBER 7, 5:45 PM
Martha Merell's Bookstore

OCTOBER 12, 10:30 AM
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OCTOBER 19, 6:30 PM
Waukesha Public Library
Led by former Waukesha Mayor & County Board Supervisor Larry Nelson.

OCTOBER 21, 10:30 AM
Waukesha Public Library
Led by a Waukesha Public Library librarian.

Sips, Songs, and Cinema

October 30 @ 6:00 PM / Waukesha Public Library

Join us for a special after-hours event celebrating the 20th Anniversary of Waukesha Reads! Enjoy beer, wine, and light snacks while taking a walk down memory lane with the Waukesha Reads Cabaret. Then, sit back and enjoy the 2021 star-studded British wartime drama *Operation Mincemeat*.

15 Years: A Retrospective of Waukesha Reads

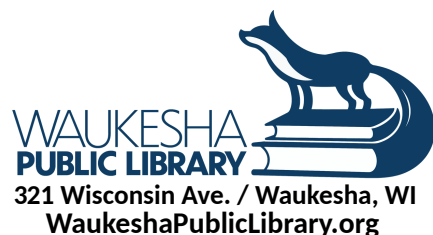
Candace Decker and Phil Smith will reminisce about cabarets past and perform some of their favorite stories and songs from 1984 to 33 *Place Brugmann*.

Operation Mincemeat tells the story of two British intelligence officers and their extraordinary efforts to outwit the German army. The film is rated PG-13 and is 128 min.

Attendees must be 21 years old and must present an ID upon entry to the event. Register on WaukeshaReads.org.



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WAUKESHA *Reads* 20th Anniversary

33 PLACE BRUGMANN



BY ALICE AUSTEN

WAUKESHAREADS.ORG



FREE COPIES of the book are available at **Waukesha Public Library** while supplies last. All events are free, open to the public, and do not require registration unless otherwise indicated.

KEYNOTE EVENT

BEYOND THE PAGES WITH ALICE AUSTEN



October 22 @ 6:30 PM - Waukesha Civic Theatre

Spend the evening with Milwaukee novelist, playwright, and filmmaker, Alice Austen. Listen as she shares the inspiration behind *33 Place Brugmann*, sheds light on her creative process, and delves into why her novel resonates with readers today. A Q&A and book signing will follow. Books and refreshments will be available for purchase. Doors open at 6:00 PM.

Pick up your free tickets at the Civic Theatre box office, at waukeshacivictheatre.org, or at the door.

Alice Austen won the John Cassavetes Award for her debut film *Give Me Liberty* and is a past resident of the Royal Court Theatre. She studied creative writing under Seamus Heaney at Harvard, where she received her JD, after which she moved to Brussels and lived on Place Brugmann. Austen currently lives in Milwaukee and is working on a new film and her next novel.



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Books and Brews / September 20 / 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
North Pillar Brewing Co.

Stop by the brewery to pick up a copy of *33 Place Brugmann*. Then, celebrate the 20th anniversary of Waukesha Reads by purchasing a pint of our anniversary beer, Cast of Characters.

Free brewery tours will be offered at 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM by North Pillar Brewing staff. A sample will be included for tour attendees ages 21 and older. **Register on WaukeshaReads.org.**

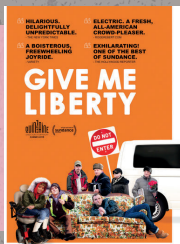


Belgian Beer Tasting with North Pillar Brewing Co.
October 1 @ 6:00 PM / Waukesha Public Library

Ethan Boehm, co-owner of North Pillar Brewing Co., will break down the unique world of Belgian beers and share insights into modern craft beer trends. Then, we'll sample Cast of Characters, a collaborative beer brewed with the Library to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Waukesha Reads and the 130th Anniversary of Waukesha Public Library. Attendees must be 21 years old and must present a valid ID upon entry to the event. **Register on WaukeshaReads.org.**

Movie Matinee: *Give Me Liberty*
October 5 @ 10:00 AM / Waukesha Public Library

Join us for a special screening of Alice Austen's acclaimed film *Give Me Liberty*, an energetic, deeply human story of one chaotic day in the life of a medical transport driver and the unexpected encounters that bring a community together. (NR, 110 min)



The Past Is Not Past / October 6 @ 6:30 PM / Carroll University, Stackner Ballroom



Dr. Kimberly Redding, Associate Professor of History at Carroll University, and Allison Hayden, Assistant Director of Hillel Milwaukee, will explore how societies become vulnerable to division, intolerance, and antisemitism from both historical and modern perspectives.

Remembering Kay Kurz / October 8 @ 10:30 AM / Waukesha Public Library

Discover the life and legacy of local artist Kathe "Kay" Kurz (1922-2015) who immigrated to the U.S. after fleeing Nazi Germany as a Jewish teenager. Her sons Mark and Robb Kurz, along with Lynn Preston, the Library's Public Art Committee Chair, will share pivotal moments in Kay's life, trace the evolution of her artistic style, and reflect on her enduring impact on the community. Two pieces of Kay's artwork are featured in the Library's permanent public art collection, along with a life-size depiction of Kay in the Library lobby.

Public Art Collection Tours

October 10 @ 10:30 AM / Waukesha Public Library

The Library's Public Art Collection is available to all residents, enriching the community and enhancing quality of life through art. Come and let a member of the Library's Public Art Committee show you around.

Keeping the Community in a Community Garden

October 10 @ 2:00 PM

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Waukesha

In 2015, the church began exploring how a small urban garden could make a meaningful difference in its community. As you read about the challenges of food insecurity during World War II, discover how one local congregation continues to support and sustain its neighbors in times of need.

Plundered Masterpieces:

The Secret History of WWII's Stolen Art

October 13 @ 6:30 PM / Waukesha Public Library

Just as the Raphaël family had to safeguard their art collection before the Nazi takeover of Brussels, real-world collectors and curators faced agonizing choices to protect Europe's cultural heritage. Join art historian Jeremy Schrupp for a fascinating look at Hitler's obsession with stolen masterpieces, the brave individuals who risked their lives to save them, and the modern-day treasure hunts that continue to this day.



Bus Trip: Books, Bombers, and Bravery

EAA Aviation Museum / Oshkosh, WI

October 14, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Registration deadline is Sept. 18 / \$99, Ages 55+

Explore the inspiring history of aviation and the courageous WWII pilots who shaped it. Tour the Eagle Hangar and discover legendary aircraft and heroic wartime veterans. Enjoy a boxed lunch and browse the exhibits. Participants will receive a copy of *33 Place Brugmann*. **Contact Waukesha's Parks, Recreation & Forestry Dept. to register at 262-524-3737.**



Bringing Ten Chimneys to Life

October 20 @ 10:30 AM

Waukesha Public Library

Join Mary Ann Noe, local author and docent at Ten Chimneys, for a fascinating look at the history of the Ten Chimneys estate, the storied lives of Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontane, and her Lynn & Alfred Tales book series.

Brown Bag Conversation

The Senior Players React

October 21 @ 12:00 PM

Frame Park Rotary Building

The Waukesha Civic Theatre Senior Players will use song and humor to perform scenes based on *33 Place Brugmann*. Dessert will be served.



**Maker Monday:
Art Through a
Different Lens**

October 12

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Waukesha Public Library

Learn how the use of colored lenses can help artists experience color in a new way. The Donna Lexa Art Center will be joining us.

Ages 18+

Register on

WaukeshaReads.org.