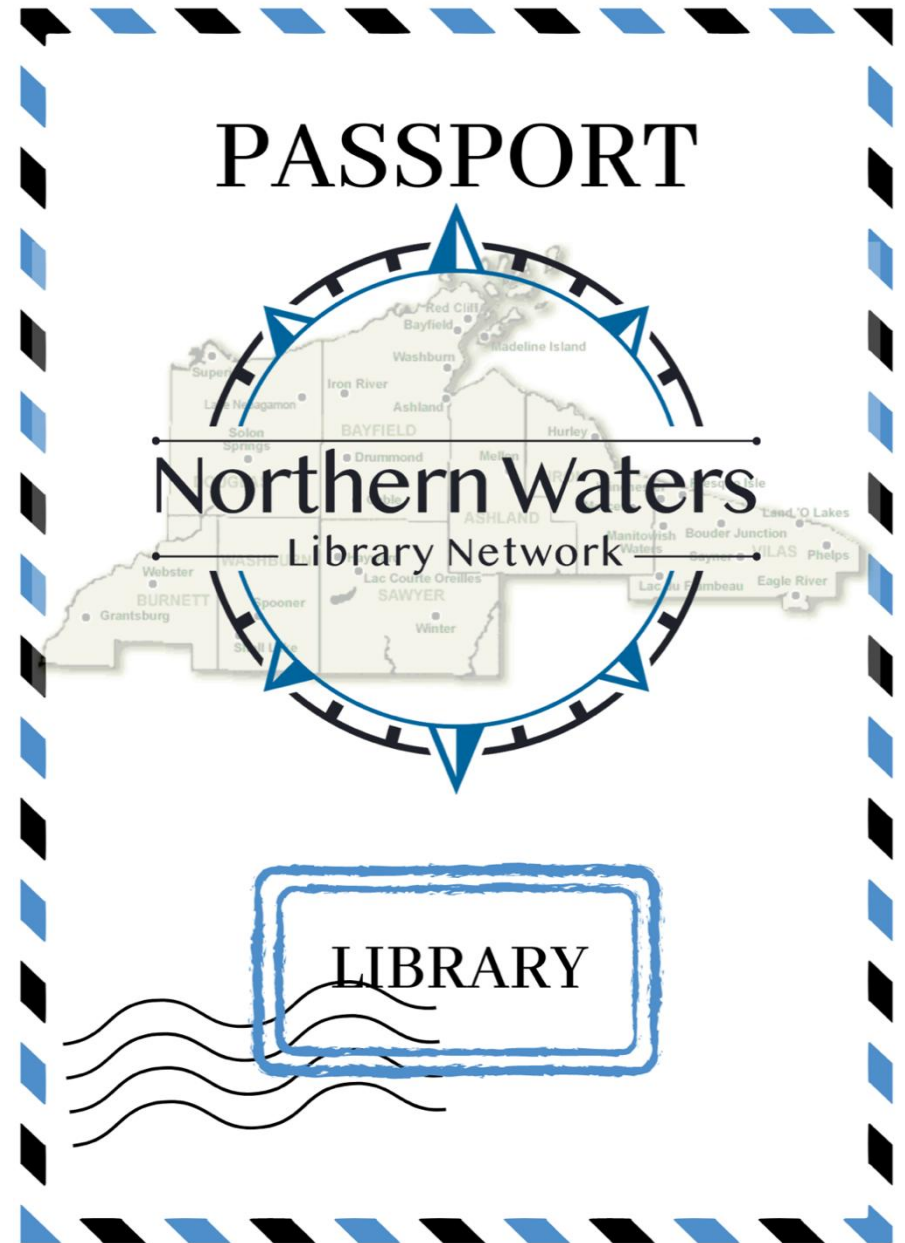




**Northern Waters Library Network**  
includes libraries in Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Sawyer, Vilas, and Washburn Counties in northern Wisconsin. Together, these 30 libraries provide public library service to the 155,000 residents of the eight-county area.





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1. **VAUGHN  
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

618 Beaser Avenue, Ashland, WI  
Ashland County  
[www.vaughnlibrary.org](http://www.vaughnlibrary.org)  
715-682-7060  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Built and opened in 1888, the Vaughn is the oldest library operating in its original building in the state of Wisconsin. We're currently being remodeled, so you can find us in a temporary location until early 2026!
- Public beaches on Lake Superior, an extensive lake walk, and lots of hiking/biking/walking trails make Ashland a great place to live and play!
- Our temporary location is right next to Beaser Park which has a playground for kids & the community garden! Stop in & pick a carrot!

2. **BAYFIELD  
CARNEGIE LIBRARY**

37 North Broad Street, Bayfield, WI  
Bayfield County  
[www.bayfieldlibrary.org](http://www.bayfieldlibrary.org)  
715-779-3953  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Our children's area is an exciting space with dress up clothes, a play area, and puppets available to play with and check out.
- Our historic Carnegie building is an inviting traditional library space, and our staff is a group of kind and caring, wild and crazy, loud librarians committed to building community.
- Picturesque Bayfield, on the shore of Lake Superior, is the gateway to the Apostle Island National Lakeshore.

### 3. BOULDER JUNCTION PUBLIC LIBRARY

5392 Park Street, Boulder Junction, WI  
Vilas County  
*boulderjunctionlibrary.org*  
715-385-2050

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- Boulder Junction is the Musky Capital of the World!
- The library has a Book Bike! Watch for this purple and green tricycle around town during the summer handing out free books and information.
- While the year-round population of our town is only slightly less than 1,000, the summer population of Boulder Junction jumps to around 7,500!

### 4. FOREST LODGE LIBRARY

13450 County Highway M, Cable, WI  
Bayfield County  
*forestlodgelibrary.org*  
715-798-3189

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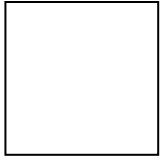


- The Forest Lodge Library, built in 1925, is one of two log cabin libraries in Wisconsin.
- First called The Community House, the log cabin was built to be a community meeting center and a ladies reading room. It has always functioned as a library.
- Cable is the home of the American Birkebeiner Cross Country Ski Race and the Chequamegon Fat Tire Festival.

### 29. WINCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

2117 Lake Street, Winchester, WI  
Vilas County  
*www.winchesterpubliclibrary.com*  
715-686-2926

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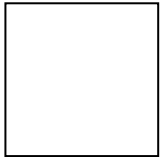


- Winchester is a small community most of the year, with about 528 permanent residents. Like many towns in the Northwoods, we have a larger summer population, with approximately 3,000 seasonal residents.
- Our small, cozy library is in a 1910 two room schoolhouse located in downtown Winchester adjacent to the town's Memorial Garden, serving the Winchester area since 1985. We have home-baked cookies and coffee every day. Come and see our Library Cat, Gus!
- The Winchester town site is located on the northwest shore of South Turtle Lake, the largest lake in the Turtle Chain.

### 30. WINTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

5129N Main Street, Winter, WI  
Sawyer County  
*www.winterwislib.org*  
715-266-2144

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



- The Winter Public Library was established in 1957 by the cooperation of the Winter Woman's Club and the Town of Winter. We are a joint library with seven municipalities: Towns of Couderay, Draper, Meadowbrook, Ojibwa, Radisson, Winter and the Village of Winter.
- Since 1957 there have only been three library directors: Ruth B. Tice, Susan Johnson and the current director, Donna Knuckey.
- The Winter Greenhouse is a travel destination for gardeners all over the Midwest.

## 27. WASHBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY

307 Washington Avenue, Washburn, WI  
Bayfield County  
[washburnlibrary.org](http://washburnlibrary.org)  
715-373-6172

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



- Our library was built in 1905 and it was the first all-electric lighted building in town.
- May Greenwood was our librarian from 1898 to 1964, when she retired at 96 years of age. She was the oldest active librarian in the United States at the time.
- We have perhaps the most extensive collection of materials on Tom Blake available. Blake is a Washburn native who invented the hollow surfboard and is credited with making surfing possible for the general public.

## 28. LARSEN FAMILY PUBLIC LIBRARY

7401 Main Street, Webster, WI  
Burnett County  
[websterlib.org](http://websterlib.org)  
715-866-7697

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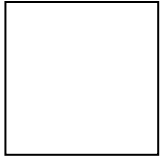


- Webster is located in the center of Burnett County, home to 508 lakes. We're known as the Sunfish capital of Wisconsin, and the world record "Jordan" buck – with a score of 206 1/8 under the Boone & Crockett Club scoring system – was shot in nearby Danbury in 1914.
- In our neighborhood is the Forts Folle Avoine Historical Park, an Ojibwe Village that offers insight into Ojibwe life during the time of the fur trade. Several museums, including a logging museum and one-room schoolhouse, showcase other aspects of Wisconsin and Burnett County history.
- The Gandy Dancer rail trail runs through Webster. The 47-mile stretch between Danbury and St. Croix Falls is a silent sport trail during the summer months.

## 5. DRUMMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY

14990 Superior Street, Drummond, WI  
Bayfield County  
[drummondwilibrary.org](http://drummondwilibrary.org)  
715-739-6290

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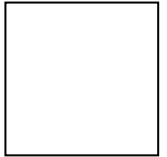


- Drummond was originally a Rust-Owen Lumber Company Town. The Drummond Historical Museum is located inside the library and gives visitors a real sense of what it was like to live during the 1800's logging era in Northern Wisconsin.
- Home of the Drummond Dirt and Sno-Jacks Barstool Races on Presidents Day Weekend.
- Drummond is the largest Township in Bayfield County in the middle of the Chequamegon National Forest.

## 6. WALTER E. OLSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

203 N. Main Street, Eagle River, WI  
Vilas County  
[www.olsonlibrary.org](http://www.olsonlibrary.org)  
715-479-8070

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- The Olson Library has a great "Library of Things" that includes items like cake pans, ukuleles, luggage, sewing machines, seeds, and more!
- Eagle River is known as the "Snowmobile Capital of the World" because of the World Championship Snowmobile Derby held there for over 50 years. There are over 500 miles of groomed snowmobile trails in the county. The World Snowmobile Headquarters and International Snowmobile Hall of Fame are located in Eagle River.
- The WI Hockey Hall of Fame is located at the Eagle River Sports Arena, a.k.a. "The Dome."

## 7. GRANTSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY

414 S. Robert Street, Grantsburg, WI  
Burnett County  
[grantsburglibrary.org](http://grantsburglibrary.org)  
715-463-2244

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- Grantsburg is situated along the Wood River, which is dammed on the western edge of town to form the small body of water named Memory Lake.
- Grantsburg is near Crex Meadows Wildlife Area, the largest wildlife area in Wisconsin.
- The library recently created a new teen area.

## 8. SHERMAN & RUTH WEISS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

10788 State Hwy 27/77, Hayward, WI  
Sawyer County  
[www.weisscommunitylibrary.com](http://www.weisscommunitylibrary.com)  
715-634-2161

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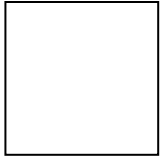


- Hayward is an old logging town with historical and unique buildings such as the McCormick House, Angry Minnow, and the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame that features a giant musky landmark reaching four and a half stories tall.
- The library grounds include a half-mile nature trail around a pond with a StoryWalk® and a four-season audio guide. The trail connects with miles of trails on the hospital's property.
- The library also features sculptures inside and out by international artists Sara Balbin, Peter Toth, and Peter Ringheim.

## 25. SPOONER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

421 High Street, Spooner, WI  
Washburn  
[www.spoonerlibrary.org](http://www.spoonerlibrary.org)  
715-635-2792

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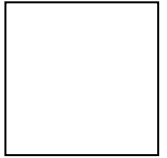


- Spooner is the home of the World's Largest Musky & Walleye Fish Hatchery.
- Spooner was once a railroad town and was the hub of the Omaha Railroad Line.
- Spooner is the home of the Heart of the North Rodeo which has been running every summer for about 70 years.

## 26. SUPERIOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

1530 Tower Avenue, Superior, WI  
Douglas County  
[superiorlibrary.org](http://superiorlibrary.org)  
715-394-8860

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



- Our library has exquisite murals painted by a local artist that depict the history of Superior and Douglas County. Take yourself on a self-guided audio tour and learn more about our history!
- Our Friends of the Library group maintains an ongoing book corner where a variety of gently-used books can be purchased by donation! Browse the Friends of the Library's book corner, make your selection, and deposit your donation in the wooden box the book is yours to keep!
- Superior is home to both the oldest of 63 Carnegie libraries built in Wisconsin (the former main library building on Hammond Avenue) and the last Carnegie library building built in Wisconsin (the former East End branch library, now a private residence).

## 23. SHELL LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY

501 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Shell Lake, WI  
Washburn County  
[shelllakelibrary.org](http://shelllakelibrary.org)  
715-468-2074

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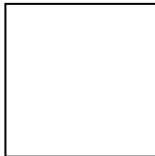


- Visit the Shell Lake Library and see our cephalopod.
- We play Wii at the library.
- Visit on Fridays for popcorn!

## 24. SOLON SPRINGS JOAN SALMEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

9420 E. Main Street, Solon Springs, WI  
Douglas County  
[superiorlibrary.org/about/branch-libraries/](http://superiorlibrary.org/about/branch-libraries/)  
715-378-4452

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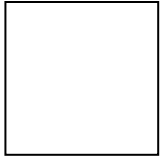


- The library is located in the Old Village Hall in Solon Springs. Part of the space was originally used as a garage for fire trucks. The space was briefly converted into a teen recreation center before becoming the public library.
- A trail that leads to the beautiful Lucius Woods County Park is located behind the library. The park includes an amphitheater, playground, beach with swimming area, picnic tables, and beautiful wooded areas to enjoy.
- The Little Gift House next door is a must-see shop with a variety of unique items and a coffee shop in the back. Make a day of your Monday or Thursday visit to Solon Springs by enjoying the library, lunch, and time in the park.

## 9. HURLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

405 5th Ave N, Hurley, WI  
Iron County  
[www.hurleypubliclibrary.org](http://www.hurleypubliclibrary.org)  
715-561-5707

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



- Hurley's annual ATV Parade was recognized by Guinness as the world's largest, with 687 participants in 2005.
- In 1884, attorney M.A. Hurley won a lawsuit against the Northern Chief Iron Company. Instead of his usual fee for services, he requested that the town involved be named after him.
- Ralph Capone, brother of infamous gangster Al Capone, died in Hurley in 1974.

## 10. EVELYN GOLDBERG BRIGGS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

68235 S. Main Street, Iron River, WI  
Bayfield County  
[ironriverlibrary.org](http://ironriverlibrary.org)  
715-372-5451

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



- The Iron River National Fish Hatchery includes a visitor center, over 3 miles of snowshoe/hiking trail, a 3D archery range, and snowshoes and a tracked wheelchair for visitors to use.
- From Iron River one can access thousands of miles of snowmobile trails and almost 200 miles of ATV trails. We are home to the Northern Pines Dog Sled Race.
- The library exterior features a mural depicting bygone Iron River Landmarks and the Blueberry Reader, a steel sculpture measuring 4' x 4' x 2'.

## 11. LAC COURTE OREILLES OJIBWE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY



13466 W. Trepania Road, Hayward, WI  
Sawyer County  
*lco.edu*  
715-634-4790

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- We are the only NWLS library in a Community College.
- We are one of three tribal libraries in the Northern Waters Library system.
- Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College announced a change in name effective August 15, 2022, and we are now known as Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University.

## 12. BEN GUTHRIE LAC DU FLAMBEAU PUBLIC LIBRARY



622 Peace Pipe Rd, Lac du Flambeau, WI  
Vilas County  
*ldflibrary.org*  
715-588-7001

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- The Ben Guthrie Library is located on the Lac du Flambeau Native American Reservation. There are over 3,400 Lac du Flambeau tribal members.
- The library was once an education office, museum, and library together.
- The library completed a meeting room in August 2022.

## 21. RED CLIFF GINANDA GIKENDAASOMIN LIBRARY



36750 Highway 13, Red Cliff, WI  
Bayfield County  
*redcliff-nsn.gov/library*  
715-779-3766

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Red Cliff is the administrative center of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. The reservation population is 924, primarily Native.
- Our collection is focused on Native authors and subjects.
- We are located adjacent to the Red Cliff Pow Wow grounds.

## 22. PLUM LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY



8789 Peterson Street, Sayner, WI  
Vilas County  
*plumlakelibrary.org*  
715-542-2020

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Sayner was the birthplace of the snowmobile in 1924.
- Sayner is the home of one of the nation's oldest summer camps for boys, Camp Highlands, founded in 1904.
- The Plum Lake Golf Course is the oldest nine-hole golf course in Wisconsin.

## 19. ELEANOR ELLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

4495 Town Hall Road, Phelps, WI  
Vilas County  
[phelpspubliclibrary.org](http://phelpspubliclibrary.org)  
715-545-2887

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



- Phelps is located on the banks of North and South Twin Lakes, nestled in Northern Wisconsin.
- Though we are a small library, we are the hub of our community and surrounding area.
- Our library is like coming home: good books and DVDs, 24/7 Wi-Fi, copies and laminating service, fax service, hot spots for check out, our own little snack and coffee bar, and more.

## 20. PRESQUE ISLE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

8306 School Loop Road, Presque Isle, WI  
Vilas County  
[www.presqueislelibrary.org](http://www.presqueislelibrary.org)  
715-686-7613

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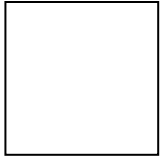


- Our friendly staff and volunteers are always happy to help!
- We have a community garden right outside the library and walking trails with an apple orchard nearby.
- We always have homemade cookies at the front desk.

## 13. LAKE NEBAGAMON IMOGENE MCGRATH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

11628 East County Road B, Lake  
Nebagamon, WI  
Douglas County  
[superiorlibrary.org/about/branch-libraries/](http://superiorlibrary.org/about/branch-libraries/)  
715-374-3477

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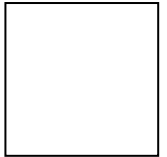


- Volunteers at the Lake Nebagamon Imogene McGrath Memorial Library extend library hours throughout the week for their lending library, in addition to the hours staffed by the Superior Public Library. Before housing the library, the building was once a fitness center, and before that, a garage.
- The Village was named from the Chippewa phrase “Nee-bay-go-moh-win,” meaning a place to hunt deer by fire on the water.
- The Dairy Queen in Lake Nebagamon is likely the oldest one in the state of Wisconsin.

## 14. LAND O' LAKES PUBLIC LIBRARY

4242 County Road B, Land O' Lakes, WI  
Vilas County  
[landolakeslibrary.org](http://landolakeslibrary.org)  
715-547-6006

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



- Land O' Lakes has more than 100 lakes!
- We do not make butter in Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin – that is Minnesota.
- We are the shining star in the center of Land O' Lakes. Our amazing staff and volunteers along with our perennial garden are just a few of the reasons people visit our library.

## 15. MADELINE ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

1 Library Street, 249 Big Bay Road,  
La Pointe, Madeline Island, WI  
Bayfield County  
*madislandlibrary.org*  
715-747-3662

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



- The Ojibwe name for Madeline Island is Moningwanekaaning, "home of the yellow breasted woodpecker." Madeline Island is the spiritual center of the Lake Superior Chippewa, the Anishinaabe people. According to Anishinaabe history, the people were led there by Gitche Manitou, the Great Spirit, who told them to seek the place where food grows upon the water. The Ojibwe were here hundreds of years before European settlers.
- Our historical building was originally built as the Bayview School House in 1873 and was moved to its current location in 1960 when it became the library.
- The island library campus includes indoor and outdoor makerspaces, a gazebo, a garden, a forest and a cozy meeting space we like to call "the living room."

## 16. FRANK B. KOLLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

5761 Hwy 51, Manitowish Waters, WI  
Vilas County  
*www.kollerlibrary.org*  
715-543-2700

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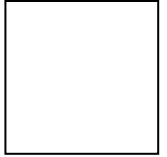


- The library has an Internet Cafe: the room is open 24/7 and has chairs, a counter, and great Wi-Fi.
- The library is located on the Heart of Vilas County Bike Trail, a popular paved bike trail system throughout the area.
- Our library has very welcoming, friendly staff and volunteers providing great customer service.

## 17. LEGION MEMORIAL LIBRARY

106 Iron Street, Mellen, WI  
Ashland County  
*legionmemoriallibrary.org*  
715-274-8331

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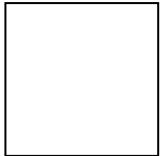


- Our library has an outdoor space with a beautiful view of the Penokee Range. Power outlets are available here to recharge your devices.
- The North Country Trail runs in front of our library. The library has seating and a picnic table for a rest stop.
- Mellen/Town of Morse is the home of Copper Falls State Park.

## 18. MERCER PUBLIC LIBRARY

2648W Margaret Street, Mercer, WI  
Iron County  
*mercercpubliclibrary.org*  
715-476-2366

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



- The Mercer Library and Community Center was built in 1938 as a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project. Finnish builders from Michigan's Upper Peninsula were employed to construct the building using hand-hewn logs and traditional techniques.
- Mercer is known as the "Loon Capital" because of the high concentration of nesting loon pairs in the area, particularly in the nearby Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area.
- Mercer was home to the first wearable Smokey Bear costume, created in 1950 by staff at the Wisconsin DNR Mercer Ranger Station. You can see the first costume head on display at the Mercer Library.