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Bridges Library System announces 2026 Memory Cafés

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The Library Memory Project is proud to announce the 2026 schedule for Memory Cafés, available five times a month across various locations within the Bridges Library System. These cafés provide a space where care partners can attend alongside individuals experiencing early-stage dementia, mild memory loss or mild cognitive impairment. By fostering an environment of support and fun community connection, participants can engage in enriching activities, enjoy meaningful interactions and find support.

In 2026, there are 60 Memory Cafés scheduled at 19 different libraries in the Bridges Library System.

“As the population of those experiencing memory loss increases, it is crucial that we continue to meet the needs of families affected by memory loss,” said Bridges Coordinator of Youth and Inclusive Services Angela Meyers. “Our mission is to create a welcoming environment where attendees can find community support and maintain social connections.”

The Library Memory Project is an initiative of the Bridges Library System, public libraries in Jefferson and Waukesha counties, local aging and disability resource centers and the Alzheimer’s Association Wisconsin Chapter. The five project areas provide monthly Memory Cafés for free.

2026 Schedule

- **Glacial River Project** – Meets second Monday of the month, 10:30 a.m.–noon. Rotates between the public libraries in Fort Atkinson, Jefferson, Palmyra and Whitewater.
- **Lake Country Project** – Meets first Friday of the month, 10:30 a.m.–noon. Rotates between the public libraries in North Lake, Pewaukee, Oconomowoc, Delafield and Hartland.
- **Purple Springs Project** – Meets second Thursday of the month, 1:30–3 p.m. Rotates between the public libraries in Mukwonago, Eagle, New Berlin and Muskego.
- **Waukesha Project** – Meets fourth Wednesday of the month, 10:30 a.m.–noon. Runs monthly at the Waukesha Public Library.
- **Wild Plum Project** – Meets the third Monday of the month, 3–4:30 p.m. Rotates between the public libraries in Menomonee Falls, Brookfield and Sussex.

The Bridges Library System provides individual member libraries, as well as residents of Waukesha and Jefferson counties, benefits in the form of greater fiscal security, increased access to information and services, and progressive, collaborative relationships.

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