The following programs are presented virtually via Zoom. Please visit veronapubliclibrary.org to register.

Conservation of a Recovered Population of Gray Wolves in the Great Lakes Region

Thursday, September 10, 6:30 – 7:30 pm.
The recovery of gray wolves in the Great Lakes region is a conservation success story, although not without controversy. Tim Van Deelen, Ph.D., Professor of UW-Madison Forest and Wildlife Ecology, will review the history of wolf recovery and talk about how our understanding of wolf biology changed during recovery and how research addresses both the conservation of the region’s top predator and the controversies it generated.

Wolf 101

Thursday, September 17, 6:30 – 7:30 pm.
The International Wolf Center staff will cover the basics of gray wolf biology and behavior: including where wolves live, what they eat, and how they have adapted to different environments. This interactive program is a great introduction to the world of gray wolves. This program will be presented via Zoom and limited to 100 attendees.

Coyotes and Red Foxes in the City

Wednesday, September 15, 6:30 – 7:30 pm.
The UW Urban Canid Project has been live trapping and radio collaring coyotes and red foxes in Madison since 2014. David Drake, Ph.D., professor and extension Wildlife Specialist at the UW-Madison, will explain why these animals live in urban areas, and share the methods they use to study these fascinating animals. He will share some of their results to date that seem to be unique to urban coyotes and red foxes relative to their non-urban cohorts. Register in advance so we can send the Zoom link via email.

Wolf Ecology

Wednesday, September 23, 6:30 – 7:30 pm.
Using the gray wolf as an example, International Wolf Center staff will introduce you to basic concepts of ecology and the various interactions that these apex predators have with other animals. Gray wolves are just one animal in their ecosystem, but they can have a large impact on other creatures around them. This program will be presented via Zoom and limited to 100 attendees.
Wolf Pup 101

Wednesday, September 30, 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

Ever wondered what it is like to grow up as a wolf? Step into the shoes of our wolf care International Wolf Center staff and follow our ambassador wolves through their first year of life. You will learn the stages of pup development and what it takes to raise wolves at the International Wolf Center. This program will be presented via Zoom and limited to 100 attendees.

Wolf Research

Thursday, October 15, 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

Discover how wolf researchers learned to track wolves. The International Wolf Center staff will look at the history and methods behind tracking wolves. We will explore the reasons wolves are tracked, what radio telemetry is, and what information is gathered once they are found. What do you think we can learn from them? This program will be presented via Zoom and limited to 100 attendees.

Arctic Wolves

Thursday, October 8, 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

The Arctic is one of the harshest places on earth, but it still supports a complex ecosystem that includes an artic subspecies of the gray wolf. Join the International Wolf Center staff and learn more about their very own artic ambassadors, Axel and Grayson, and the ways they would interact with their prey and other animals. This program will be presented via Zoom and limited to 100 attendees.

Wolves in Wildlands

Thursday, October 22, 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

Gray wolves are an incredibly widespread species and can be found in many of Earth’s ecosystems, from the desert to the Arctic. In this program, the International Wolf Center staff will introduce you to different subspecies of the gray wolf from around the world and delve into the ways they have adapted to their environment. This program will be presented via Zoom and limited to 100 attendees.