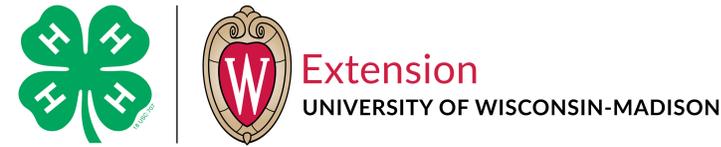


# VERNON COUNTY 4-H WELCOME TO THE LIBRARY LENDERS 4-H CLUB



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## JOIN IN THE 4-H EXPERIENCE

Greetings families, we have some exciting news for you! Vernon County 4-H has partnered with McIntosh Memorial Library to offer a 4-H club housed within the after-school and regular youth programming offered at the library. The Library Lenders 4-H club is a full fledged club, which means your youth will have access to all of the amazing programming happening locally, state and nationwide, and internationally!

Being a part of the Library Lenders 4-H club means the opportunity for your youth to learn a variety of skills such as leadership, communication, problem-solving, and decision making. Youth have the opportunity to work on and participate in service learning, volunteerism, financial management, career goal planning, and form youth-adult partnerships.

The Library Lenders 4-H Club is also able to access all programming opportunities. This means your youth can attend 4-H camp, county project meetings, travel on 4-H excursions such as Spirit East, participate in fair, and more. There are so many opportunities within 4-H--really the possibilities are endless.

Our goal within 4-H is to form partnerships with your youth, and help them to grow and learn life skills that they will use well into adulthood. 4-H is backed by Wisconsin's flagship university, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and uses university-backed research and methods to interact with your youth.

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I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, for my club, my community, my country and my world.

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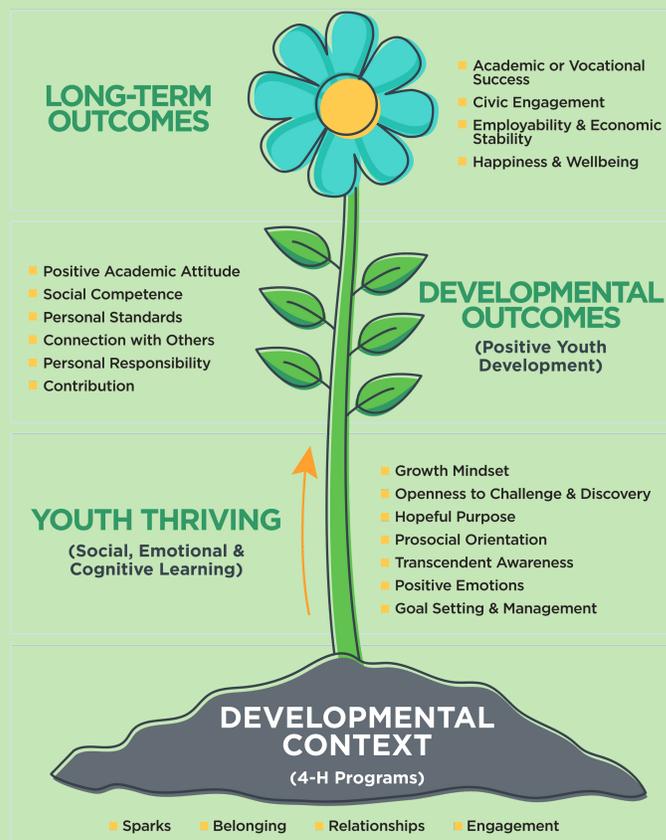
# JOIN THE MOVEMENT!

4-H programs are grounded in the belief that kids learn best by doing. Youth complete hands-on projects in areas like the arts, science, agriculture and technology in a positive environment where they receive guidance from adult mentors and are encouraged to take on proactive leadership roles. Regardless of the project area, all 4-H programs include mentoring and career readiness as core elements.

Did you know 4-H youth are...

- 4x more likely to give back to their communities
- 2x more likely to make healthier choices
- 2x more likely to participate in STEM activities
- 4-H Youth participate in 5M science projects, 2.5M healthy living projects, and 2.5 citizenship project annually.

If this sounds like something you'd like your youth to participate in, please head to our online database to register for 4-H under the Library Lenders 4-H Club. Have your youth choose project areas that interest them so that we can help get them connected! Detailed instructions can be found in our new 4-H family guide. We highly recommend working through the guide. 4-H wants to make sure that we have something for everyone, however, that means it has a lot of layers! Learning 4-H can take some time, but your club leaders and county 4-H Educator are here to help. Ask lots of questions!



## GET CONNECTED

Once you've added your youth to our 4HOnline system, you will begin receiving emails and the 4-H newsletter. However, we also recommend liking our Facebook and Instagram pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/vernoncounty4h>

<https://www.instagram.com/vernoncounty4h>

Our website is here:

<https://vernon.extension.wisc.edu/>

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