

Meet the Staff of Elroy Public Library

Kari Preuss. Kari moved to Elroy in 2004 from the La Crosse area and became the Library Director in 2016. She has deep roots in Elroy that run five generations back and a strong sense of community pride. Kari spends much of her time working either at the library, her movie theatre, or the “fixer upper” property with her boyfriend. If not working, you will hear her loud cheers from the bleachers where she is the #1 fan of her children Paige and Dane.



Nikole Verde. Nikole lives up in the hills near Elroy with her husband and three home-educated daughters, plus, two cats, a dog, a bunny named Blue, and a goose named Jupiter Zeus. She loves to read, garden, paint, and try out new skills even if she makes a creative mess of it at first. Nikole is a contributing columnist for Juno Magazine. She grew up in a Minnesota suburb and now loves living out in the country with rolling hills, fruit trees, and fertile land.

Renee Smith McCracken. Renee’s laugh will be recognized by many of the locals. She lives in Elroy, but grew up on the family farm outside of town. Renee’s favorite thing to do is to visit her beloved son, Regen. Other than visiting him, Renee enjoys reading suspense novels, volunteering for her church, cheering on her godchildren, and laughing while feasting with her friends.



Brad Lindberg. Brad is currently a resident of Tomah, where his wife Dawn is a pastor at Peace Lutheran Church. Her family grew up in the NOW School District, so they’ve almost made it home. Brad grew up in a smallish town just north of the Twin Cities, MN. “Dawn and I are avid state sports fans, so we consider ours a bit of a mixed marriage. I am a graduate of St. Olaf College and have worked in the church for the past 20+ plus years. I’m excited for this change and with two children at home (Ages 4 & 8), I am thrilled to get to get the opportunity to lead Story Time. Along with my work here at the library, I also have the privilege of coaching track at Brookwood.”