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Library Needs You to Get Loud One More Time!

We were notified recently that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Rural Development office, the group processing our loan application for the library expansion, is requesting a public hearing to show that there is public support for the library expansion project. The public hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, October 14.

We know that many library supporters cannot make it to a public hearing. There is a wonderful way you can show your support for the expansion project that will be both convenient for you and very useful evidence of community backing: **Send an email!**

Email your support for the project to Pat Cannon, Executive Director of the Baraboo Community Development Authority, who is the city official who is overseeing expansion project funds. He will share the emails with the USDA. Send your supportive emails to

pcannon@cityofbaraboo.com
by Monday, October 11.

The email just needs to be a few sentences expressing your support for the project and asking for the loan approval. Thank you!

Book Clubs Make the Most of Fleeting Good Weather

Two of the library's adult book clubs recently enjoyed the last of their outdoor meetings for the season. On September 21, Tuesdays with Murder Book Club met at Ritzenthaler Park, 500 12th St., Baraboo. Embracing the early onset of darkness by that date, members bundled up and brought along camping lanterns and flashlights to help them read their notes and light their way back to their cars after the meeting. They will be moving their future monthly meetings to the warmth and light of the Baraboo Civic Center, gathering in Room 12/14 for their October 19 meeting.



Tuesdays with Murder Book Club after dark on September 21: (from left, back) Gretchen Viney, Barb McCormick, Mary Jean Miller, and Anne O'Brien. (Front, from left) Susan Heide, Peter Heide, and Diane Jones.



Part of the Readers Anonymous Book Club at Balanced Rock Winery on September 22: (from left) Nathan Mahinski, Zach VanCurine, Beth VanCurine, and Sarah Roth.

Book Clubs

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The Readers Anonymous Book Club has been enjoying meetings at Devil's Lake State Park and the patios of local restaurants. In October they will begin meeting at indoor locations for the fall and winter.

Circus Archivist Peter Shrake Traces History of Circus Street Parades

Peter Shrake, Archivist at the Robert L. Parkinson Library at Circus World, presented a program on September 23, tracing the history of circus street parades from the 1700s to the present day. Using historic drawings, advertising circulars, posters, and photographs, Shrake described the forces and conditions that prompted the rise of circus street parades, and encouraged their evolution from sole advertising medium for the coming circus performance to an entertainment spectacle in their own right.



Peter Shrake presented a program about circus street parade history at the Civic Center on Sept. 23.

Panel Discussion on Mental Health and Law Enforcement Begins Community Conversation

On September 9, a live Zoom panel discussion tackled the topic of the intersection of Mental Health and Law Enforcement in the Baraboo area. Moderated by Jenny Erickson, Community Development Educator at UW-Madison Sauk County Extension, the panel included Sara Jesse, Community Health Strategist, Sauk County Department of Health; Jessica Mijal, Director, Sauk County Department of Human Services; Jessica Baldauf, Crisis Supervisor, Sauk County Department of Human Services; Jared Pierce, Behavioral Health Specialist, Sauk County Law Enforcement Center; and community member Annette Crowder, who shared her lived experiences.

The panel addressed questions submitted by community members ahead of time, as well as questions offered by people attending the panel discussion.

A recording of the panel discussion is available for viewing at the library YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/cm60OwfJUh0>



The Sept. 9 panel discussion via Zoom started a Community Conversation about the intersection of mental health and law enforcement.

Scenes of Scarecrow Creation



On Sept. 18 the Youth Services Dept. held a Scarecrow Creation Workshop at Ochsner Park, with materials to help families or businesses create scarecrows to display in the Baraboo Scarecrow Parade. The participants supplied the imagination!

