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Library Adapts to Change and Uncertainty

Despite reduced or reallocated space in the library in the face of persistent COVID challenges and a delayed start of the library expansion project, library staff continue to provide the Baraboo community with services and programs.

After pandemic-related restrictions on public gatherings in 2020 and early 2021 forced library services to be provided at curbside, through contactless delivery, or by appointment only, the library is currently fully open to the public, with masks required for all people inside the building. Library hours are back to normal, Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 8 PM; Friday, 9 AM to 6 PM; and Saturday, 9 AM to 2 PM.

Accommodations Continue

If patrons cannot or choose not to wear a mask, staff members are ready to accommodate them by obtaining library materials for patrons and taking them out to patron cars or putting materials inside the elevator entrance for contactless pickup. Patrons who need special accommodations are encouraged to call the library at 608-356-6166 to arrange for them.

Full Service

LINKcat, the online catalog tapping into collections of all participating South Central Library System libraries, is fully operating, as is the interlibrary delivery service of library materials. Patron browsing through the Baraboo collection is freely available, although patrons are welcome to ask staff members for assistance in obtaining library materials. Chairs and tables removed from the adult reading room during the height of pandemic restrictions have been returned to that area, allowing for leisurely browsing through magazines and newspapers. Public computers are getting regular use, as are the printer/copiers, mobile printing service, faxing, and scanning. Photo and slide scanning are available by appointment, and microfilm searching, viewing, and printing are also available.

Virtual and Outdoor Programs

Library programs for youth and adults that were not possible in-person during the COVID shutdown and partial re-opening went virtual using Facebook Live, YouTube video, and Zoom to entertain and enlighten viewers and participants. With the approach of spring 2021, staff members were able to plan in-person programs outdoors, with the City of Baraboo Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department an invaluable partner in accomplishing this. This summer, kids and parents made the rounds of the parks with a variety of youth programs, while adult book clubs enjoyed discussing books in a quiet neighborhood park.

Fall Programs

With signs of autumn upon us—cooler days, earlier darkness, and school beginning—the youth programs will make use of Ochsner Park’s main shelter for story times, while programs for adults will largely take place at the Baraboo Civic Center, once again due to the generosity of the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department. After using Zoom for live programs during the pandemic, several adult programs also have a fallback plan in case of bad weather. (Continued next page)



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Summertime Teen games on the library picnic tables, finding a friend at the Pet Expo at Ochsner Park, and the first of the Autumn adult programs, “Identity Theft Prevention” at the Civic Center.

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Construction Plans Delayed

Construction on the long-awaited library expansion has been on hold for several months as library planners wait for word from the United States Dept. of Agriculture that a crucial \$6 million Rural Development loan for the project has been approved. Construction had been scheduled to begin this spring.

“With the loan approval delayed, we are hopeful we will begin construction this fall or next spring,” said Library Director Jessica Bergin. “Our staff members are ready to adapt to whatever changes will occur in the physical building once the project gets underway. The library will remain open to the public during construction.”

This summer, staff members and the public have been getting used to the library’s new identity as the Carnegie-Schadde Memorial Public Library, since the name change went into effect on July 1. The new name honors the family of a recent major donor to the library, Juanita Schadde, as well as the original major library donor, Andrew Carnegie. The new name now appears on the library’s website, Facebook page, Instagram account, and other communication tools. The original name of this historic building, Carnegie Free Library, however, will remain part of the edifice, even after the library expansion is complete.

Donations Limited By Space

Due to a lack of storage space, The Friends of the Library will not hold book sales until the library expansion is complete. The library can only accept donations of books that have been published within the **last two years**, as well as gently used



DVDs and CDs, as these can either be added to our existing library collection, or be sold on the Friends Book Sale cart. We thank you for your generosity and your understanding of our space limitations!

Baraboo Seed Library Season Ends September 15

The Seed Library is open until Wednesday, September 15. To get seeds from the Seed Library, go to the Seed Library page on the library website, <https://www.csmpi.org/2021-baraboo-seed-library-request>, where you will find a list of the current seed packets in our collection, and the link to our Seed Library Request Form. You will be notified when the seeds are ready for pickup.

Seeds in the Baraboo Seed Library have been donated by local gardeners or organizations, provided by the Carnegie-Schadde Memorial Public Library, or purchased through a grant from the Sauk County Master Gardener Association. The Baraboo Seed Library is a project of the Carnegie-Schadde Memorial Public Library and the Sauk County Master Gardener Association.



Seed Library Coordinator Doreen Hamburg, Sauk County Master Gardener Volunteer, stocks the Seed Library with seed Packets, Spring 2021, after testing seeds for viability before the season begins.

Closed

Monday, September 6

For Labor Day