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Library Construction Update

Progress on demolition of the eastern part of the 1982 library addition has become visible. The section that housed office space upstairs and part of the program room downstairs was gutted in the past couple of weeks. The yellow surface is the temporary east wall. The window above the vertical white panel near the middle of the building view below was once a tall window on the original Carnegie structure. It was modified to become an interior feature when the eastern addition surrounded it in 1982.



Part of the 1982 east library addition disappears on May 24.

Part of the framing for the new addition's foundation is visible in the foreground.

The building contractor, Vogel Brothers Building Co., is salvaging the tiles that are currently being removed from the affected areas of the library roof. These, and salvaged bricks from the demolished east side, will be re-used in the construction project.

During some of the construction, there will be considerable noise in the library. We appreciate how understanding our patrons have been about this and the physical changes taking place in the building.

The library will be closed all day on Saturday, June 25 for the Big Top Parade.

New Storywalk at City View Park

There is a new story on the Storywalk® at City View Park. The latest story is **Kite Day: A Bear And Mole Book** by **Will Hillenbrand**. Presented in large format pages set in elevated frames for easy reading by adults and kids, this is an interactive tale with lively illustrations that families will enjoy visiting repeatedly.

The Storywalk® is located on a paved path around the pond at City View Park, on Park View Drive in northeast Baraboo, just off Hwy T.

The Storywalk® was developed in 2007 by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, who wanted to encourage physical activity and literacy in families. The Youth Services department at the Carnegie-Schadde Memorial Public Library have maintained the Storywalk® at City View Park since the summer of 2016, in cooperation with the City of Baraboo Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department.



A lovely walk with a story around the pond at City View Park.

2022 Baraboo Reads Project Explores Gender Identity

Over 50 people participated in this spring's Baraboo Reads book discussion and author presentation at the Baraboo Municipal Building on May 21.

This community collaboration project featured the book ***Fine: A Comic About Gender*** by former Baraboo resident **Rhea Ewing**. The book is part memoir, part psycho-sociological exploration, based on Ewing's own odyssey of self-understanding, and interviews they gathered over a 10-year period that describe the many facets of gender expression.

Thanks to sponsorship from several area organizations, the project was able to provide free copies of *Fine* for community members who wished to participate in the book discussion and author presentation. Sponsors included CAB Theatre, Carnegie-Schadde Memorial Public Library, Community First Bank, First Presbyterian Church of Baraboo, Friends of the Carnegie-Schadde Memorial Public Library, Queers and Allies, Spirit Lake Arts, Trinity Episcopal Church, UW-Platteville Baraboo Sauk County, Village Booksmith, WCCU (Westby Co-Op Credit Union) of Baraboo, and publisher W.W. Norton. Community Supporters include Boys and Girls Club of West Central Wisconsin, Baraboo Kiwanis Club, and Baraboo Rotary Club. Planning partners included the Carnegie-Schadde Memorial Public Library, Baraboo Acts Coalition, and UW-Platteville Baraboo Sauk County. In addition, several community members volunteered to serve as trained discussion facilitators.



In addition to Rhea Ewing's presentation about their struggles to understand their own gender identity, representatives from Queers & Allies of Baraboo described the current landscape of challenges they encounter in the Baraboo area, as well as the resources they are



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building for people facing gender identity issues and living gender non-conforming lives.

Below are some comments from the survey participants filled out at the end of this event.

- *My sensitivities were heightened to the benefits of respect and kindness while growing in understanding.*
- *Realized more about the fluidity of gender (and difficulty in defining it).*
- *I have a better understanding of the broad range of human genders and how everyone is unique in their experiences.*
- *Reading *Fine: A Comic About Gender* reminded me to check my privilege and to widen my circle.*
- *In general, there were ideas about people I never thought about.*
- *I consider myself to be open-minded, but I am ALWAYS LEARNING and this beautiful book opened my eyes to facets of gender identity I had not previously thought about.*
- *I will definitely recommend the book to others because it really can help educate the non-LGBTQ community about the experiences of people who don't fit with the traditional M/F model.*
- *By reading and learning about other people's experiences we can build a world of more understanding and inclusivity. THANK YOU!*

For those who are interested in reading *Fine: A Comic About Gender*, copies of the book are available through LINKcat. Contact us at 608-356-6166 if you need assistance in obtaining a copy.



Author/illustrator Rhea Ewing addresses the audience at the 2022 Baraboo Reads event on May 21.

The New Library Addition: What's In It For Me?

Let's take a virtual tour of the library's addition, circa September 2023, to help answer the question a Baraboo area resident might ask, "What's in it for me?"

As you approach the library on Fourth Avenue, next to the charming original 1903 Carnegie structure on the Birch Street side of the block, a broad plaza (1) welcomes you into the new addition. Past a multi-level seating area for outdoor events, classes, and performances, and a whimsical playground where built-in, interactive percussion instruments invite children to play, two stories of gleaming south-facing windows (2) flank a street-level accessible entrance (3), which opens onto a bright, open concourse (4). To the left of the entrance is a stairway (5) and a roomy elevator (6). To the right of the entrance is the 130-person capacity Auditorium (7). This lovely and spacious venue for library events has an attached kitchenette (8), and large, south-facing windows and doors that can open onto Fourth Avenue and welcome the public to programs in warm weather. The space will also be available for use by community groups, including for after-hours programs. As you leave the Auditorium, an accessible restroom area is on the right side (9).

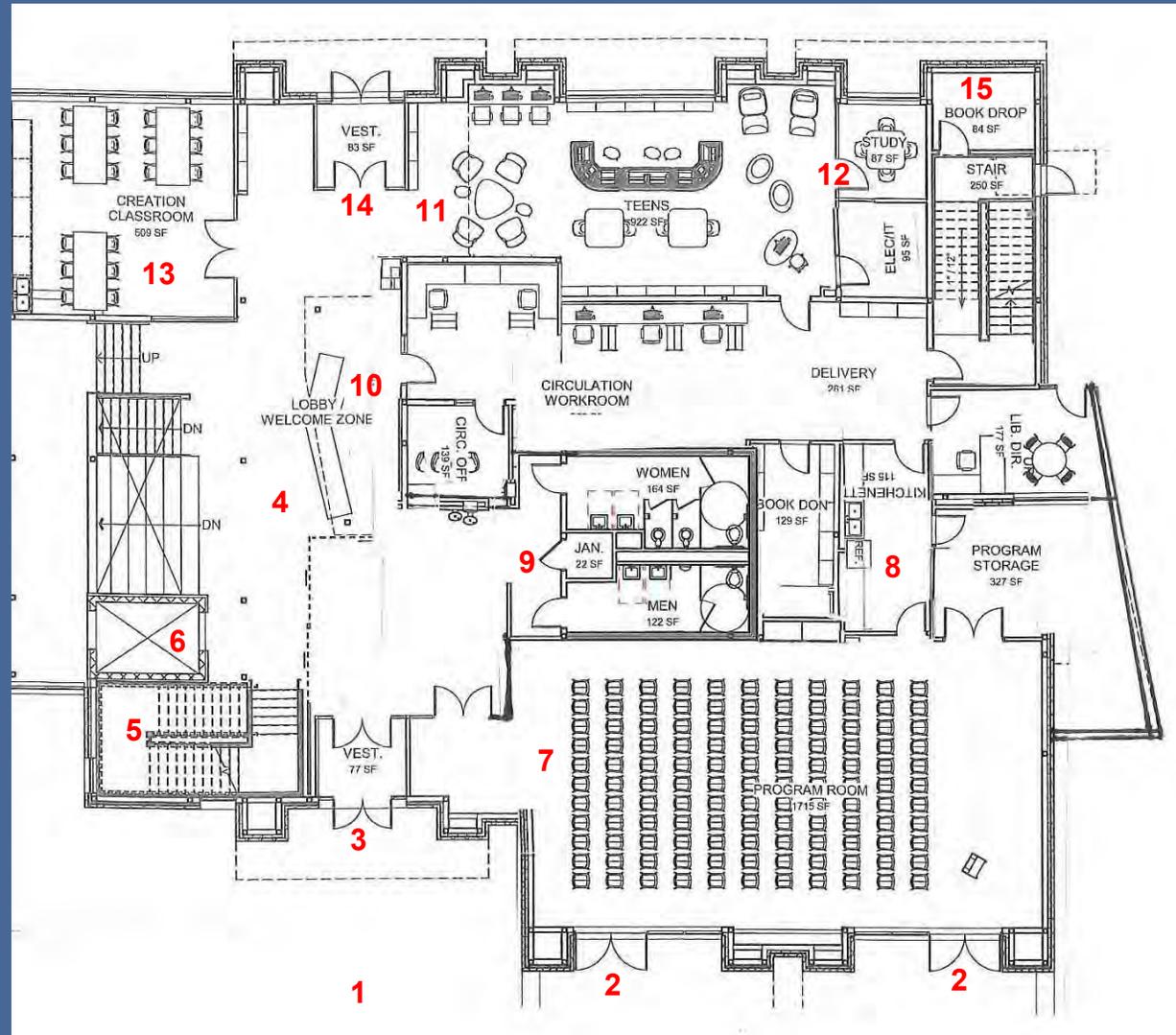
As you move forward down the concourse, you will see a Service Desk (10) along the right-hand side, where

library assistants will assist you in obtaining library materials, researching information, faxing, scanning, copying, printing, and other library services.

Next to the Service Desk, enter the Teen area (11). This lively room will offer teens a dedicated space that

includes the teen collection of books, games, and media, a quiet study room (12), and space for small group meetings, collaborations, and book clubs.

In addition to this teen area, many of the creative, hands-on teen programs will happen in the Creative Classroom (13), across the concourse. The Creative



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Classroom is a space for all age groups, with room for crafting, technology, culinary classes and workshops.

To the right of the Creative Classroom is the accessible, street-level north entrance of the building (14). As you look through the vestibule and out the doors, you can see that a crosswalk extends from the doors, across the one-way alley and into the parking lot. These features will increase the safety and convenience of patrons, including those with mobility issues and those with small children. Traffic will approach this area from the east end of the alley. The one-way traffic flow will take vehicles past the book return (15) on the northeast side of the library. The book return will be accessible from the driver's side of vehicles.

To explore the Children's area, return south across the concourse towards the front entrance, and take the elevator or the stairway to the second floor of the addition. As you enter this area, you will see a light-filled space, with floor-to-ceiling windows on the right (16), facing south onto Fourth Avenue. The Learn and Play Literacy Center (17), near the room's entrance, will include toys for imaginative play, including Lego® bricks, puppets, kitchen setup, and games. Along the left side of this area will be a service desk (18) where a library assistant can help you find items in the children's collection of books and media. Behind the service desk, you can see the dedicated children's story time room (19). It will have a 45-person capacity. Continuing along the wall

on the left side, you will see an accessible family restroom (20) and a quiet/wellness room (21). Along the east wall of the children's area, two study rooms (22) can be used by tutors, homeschool groups, families, or students. Occupying the main space of the children's area will be shelves (23) containing the children's collection, with comfy places for reading, studying, and playing.

Offering more accessible, safe, and functional space for concurrent events and quiet study, as well as efficient traffic flow and amenities, the new library addition has a lot to offer Baraboo area residents.

