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Library Summer Reading Programs

July was a busy month for our summer reading programs, with fun and educational activities happening most days of the week. Tuesdays brought us Eco Explorers, a weekly program meant to pique children's interest in the world around them by looking at and exploring things in nature. Ms. Cari Jo would pair a book with hands on experiments: they explored clouds by creating a cloud in a jar and then learned two techniques for painting clouds in their nature journals. They learned about bubbles by making a human sized bubble model, experimenting with changing the shape of bubbles by creating various shaped wands and bubble snakes, and tried their luck making huge bubbles. Eco Explorers is for children 4K-5th grade.



Fun with bubbles at Eco Explorers!

On Wednesday mornings, the library had Stories in the Park, which brought together children and their caregivers, encouraging bonding through early literacy experiences. Each week featured a few early literacy tips, songs, stories, and rhymes, as well as movement activities and outdoor activities that correspond to areas of child development. Stories in the Park is for children from birth to age 5 and their families.



Participants enjoyed learning about Jingle Dancing and exploring White Mound County Park

On Thursdays, we had weekly family programs at different locations in the Baraboo area. On July 21, we had the White Mound County Park Discovery Day. Staff from White Mound put together a pollinator scavenger hunt, UW Extension put out their StoryWalk® of *Jingle Dancer* by Cynthia Leitich Smith on a walking trail that goes by the lake, and two members of the Ho-Chunk Nation shared information about the cultural significance of the jingle dance and explained the meaning of their stunning regalia. Then, participants created owls out of recycled cardboard and sticks. *The StoryWalk® Project* was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. *Storywalk®* is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Summer reading activities will continue through the first week of August. Come join us!



Library Construction Update

Construction is visibly progressing at the library! Here's how it stands at the end of July:



The construction workers have finished the concrete foundation and have reinstalled the clay tiles that had been removed from the roof:



Teen Summer Programs

Teen Tuesday: The library had some great Teen Tuesday programs in July. Teens celebrated Shark Week by testing their sense of smell against a shark's, making oceans in a bottle, and painting some underwater scenes. The teens enjoyed using art to practice mindfulness with the creation of Buddha Boards, a special canvas in a frame that allows the painter to paint with water and watch their art and troubles vanish before their eyes. Other Teen Tuesday activities included making their own ice cream and walking around downtown looking for clues to complete a pirate scavenger hunt. Teen Tuesdays are for teens who have completed grades 6 through 12, and continue all year long!

Teen Volunteers: Over the summer, twelve incredible teen volunteers have helped make our programming a success! We are so thankful for them!



The first new construction we saw after the foundation was the building of the elevator shaft:



Next, the structural steel columns and beams are in the process of being lifted into place:



Soon they will be putting in the concrete slab, and before too long will be enclosing the space. The plan is for it to be enclosed before cold weather hits, so work can be done on the inside of the new construction during the cold weather.