

CURRENT September 2022

Library Summer Reading Wrap-up

The 2022 youth summer reading program has ended! Congratulations to our youth who have completed all 36 activities on the READO/Bingo card, as part of the annual youth summer reading program. The youth who completed all 36 activities were able to go on a behind-the-scenes tour of a local business/organization. The options this summer were: Baraboo Police Department, Baraboo Fire Department, Bula 'Pleasant Valley' Farm, Baraboo Valley Vet Clinic, and Sauk County Humane Society.

Baraboo Valley Veterinary Clinic:



Participants learned about the many ways the clinic assists pets and their caregivers. They were able to see the X-ray room and participated in a scavenger hunt through x-rays from animals that had swallowed "nonedible" objects. Dr.

Emma showed them the surgical room and Dr. Emily showed how they give an animal an exam. Plus, they got to snuggle a few extra special creatures!

Humane Society: Participants were able to get up close to the various

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adoptable animals at the shelter and see how they socialize the



animals, do health checks, and make sure each animal's needs are being met. They learned so much about the great work that the Humane Society does in providing animals with care and shelter. They work with animals who are in some really tough situations and have many animals who are looking for a safe place to call home.

Baraboo Fire Department:



Participants were able to walk through the fire station and learned about fire safety. They were shown the various pieces of equipment on a fire truck and what

each item was used for. They got to sit in the fire truck and see a firefighter in their full gear.

Bula's Pleasant Valley Farm:

Participants were given the opportunity to see a variety of animals ranging from pigs, cows, horses, sheep, and even bees. They learned about rotational



grazing and got a closer look at some beautiful chickens. They were able to see all the hard work that goes into running a farm and learn about the importance of taking care of the land.

Baraboo Police Department:



Participants got to sit in a squad car, take a tour through the police station, see the various equipment that a police officer uses daily, and check out the evidence room. Kids also earned badges and stickers!

Thank you so much to the organizations who hosted us!

Library Construction Update

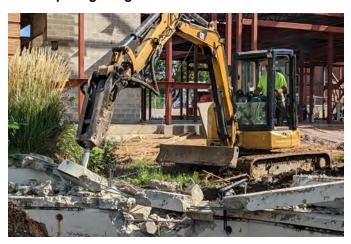
Construction of the new library addition is progressing on track! The structure has taken shape, there is a walkable floor for the second level, and parts of the roof are going up. Additionally, the concrete slab was installed and the bench to the west of the existing library building has been demolished.



Full view of the structure of the library addition



Preparing the ground for the concrete slab



Demolition of the old bench

Magic: The Gathering Club for Teens

The Magic: The Gathering Club is going strong. In July, the club received a generous donation from MagiKids, a non-profit organization that donates Magic: The Gathering cards and supplies to kids and teens playing the game in an educational setting. The library has big plans for this donation, as it will allow more teens to take home their own decks as they learn to play the game.

Magic Club meets every other Friday at the library from 3:30-5:45pm and is open to teens of all MTG experience levels.

Teen Update

This month, the teens played Throw, Throw Burrito, which is a card game that lets the players throw squishy burritos at one another, they taste tested sodas, and took a hike at Maxwell-Potter Conservancy. We are looking



forward to a fall full of Teen Tuesdays, Magic Club, Teen Book Club, and many other great activities. Teen programs are for teens currently in grades 6-12, and primarily take place in the Teen Space of the Youth Services Department.

Haiku Contest

This August, adult library patrons had a chance to exercise their creativity in a Haiku Contest! We received some lovely, whimsical, and heartfelt submissions, and the results are in! The first prize goes to Erin, with the haiku:

Our hills hug us strong. / Standing stable, their shadows / Wrap us up like home.

Second prize goes to Jaire, with the haiku:

Wicking sunlight's heat / Ink the smell of dying leaves / Rain showers patter

The two winners will receive chamber bucks gift certificates, good at over 130 downtown businesses!

An honorable mention also goes to Sara, whose playful poem contemplates the process of writing a form of poetry with syllable constraints:

Six-syllable lines / Are plentiful I'm finding. / Fiver, where art thou?

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