

Noon Year's Eve



Storytime at Noon Year's Eve

The library held its 9th annual Countdown to Noon Year's Eve on December 31. This event, aimed at children 11 and younger, gives kids a chance to experience the excitement of a party and countdown to celebrate the new year. Children at this year's event enjoyed New Year's Eve craft projects, a storytime about beginnings and endings, bubbles, and playing with parachutes. Thanks to the Baraboo Civic Center for hosting this fun event!



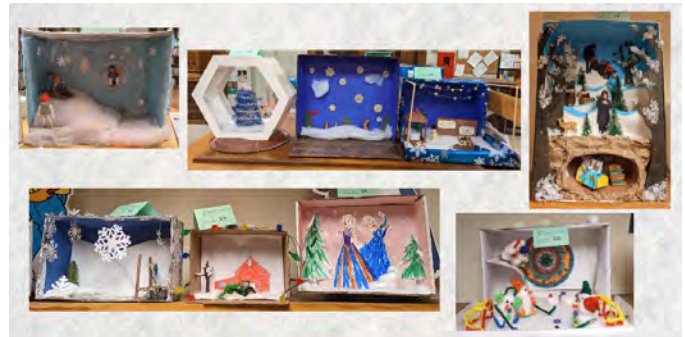
The children enjoyed playing with bubbles!



Craft activities included making paper 2023 crowns.

Winter Diorama Contest

During the month of January, the library held a winter-themed diorama contest open to all ages. This is our first year holding a diorama contest, and the submissions we've received have blown us away! We're very impressed with the amount of care and creativity people have shown in making their dioramas. The dioramas are on display in the library for voting during the first two weeks of February. Please stop by February 1-15 to check them out and vote for your favorites!



Common Scams and Frauds Targeting Seniors

The library was pleased to partner with the Baraboo Area Senior Citizen Organization and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to offer a presentation to protect seniors from scams that target them specifically. Jeff Kersten, the agency liaison for the Bureau of Consumer Protection within DATCP gave an interesting and informative presentation detailing common scams, warnings from people who had been scammed, and tips and tricks to avoid having it happen to you. Thanks so much, Jeff and DATCP for presenting, and to BASCO for hosting the event!



Library Construction Update

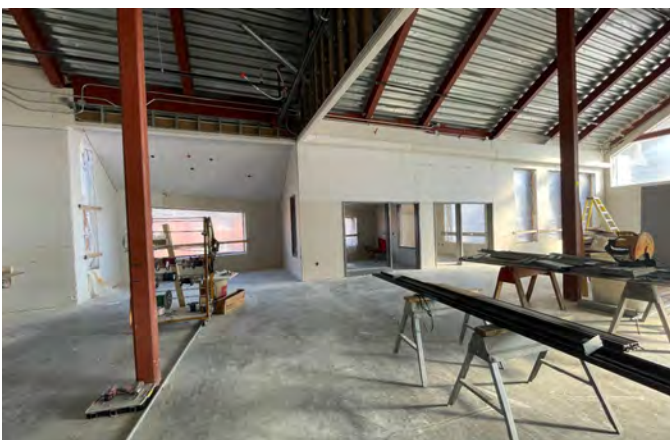
The library addition continues to proceed on schedule. On the outside, siding is being added, as well as some windows. Inside, the construction workers are currently working to install drywall and lights, and finishing stairs. The photos of the interior below were graciously provided by Tim Stieve.



View of the outside of the addition



View from the staircase connecting the old library building and the new addition, looking at the future Main Service Desk and program room above.



The future children's area on the second level, looking towards the east.

Storytots

On Wednesday mornings at 10 AM, the library presents Storytots, a fun storytime for children birth through 5 years old. During Storytots, participants read stories, rhyme, dance, and sing together. Storytots, in room 12/14 of the Baraboo



Civic Center, will continue every Wednesday at 10 AM through March 29.

Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club

Every Thursday at 4 PM, the library hosts the Choose Your Own Adventure book club, for kids in grades 3-7. At each meeting, the group reads out loud from a CYOA book and chooses their path through the book together. They also get a snack and work on a related activity. The CYOA book club will continue every Thursday from 4-5 PM through March 23.



New staff positions

We're pleased to welcome Autumn to the library as a Circulation Assistant! We're also happy to announce that Beth, our Teen Librarian, has been promoted to head of Programming and Outreach! Congratulations, Autumn and Beth!



Beth, left, and Autumn, right