

Storytots in Langer Park

This April, the library held our weekly “Storytots” story time at Langer Park, which is on the east side of Baraboo. We had one nice day to catch bubbles and sit in the grass for a wonderful sensory experience, but the other days were cold, so we cozied up in the shelter.



Cari Jo reads a fun story

The focus for the month was on building connections to the real world through literacy activities. Cari Jo, the library’s specialist in children ages birth through five years old, encouraged caregivers to share what they know about the world with their children, look into books to learn more and start conversations about our world, and apply what you read about in books to the real world. This not only builds young children’s exposure to new experiences, but it also builds their word knowledge and vocabulary. Also, when caregivers have fun with their kids through reading, singing, and playing, it creates positive learning experiences. It’s so important to have fun!



Playing with bubbles

Spring Piano Duet Concert

The library’s Public Services Librarian Zach Ott and retired librarian Gretchen Roltgen returned this April with a Spring Piano Duet Concert, featuring a fun selection of pop, Broadway, and classical songs. Audience members especially enjoyed the duo’s rendition of Celine Dion’s “My Heart Will Go On,” selections from Rodgers and Hammerstein’s Cinderella, and Queen’s “We Are the Champions.” Thank you so much to the First Congregational United Church of Christ for hosting the latest installment of this popular concert series!



Discovery Days - Bats!

Discovery Days is a program for kids learning outside of a traditional school setting in 4K through middle school with a focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics). In April, participants learned all about



Learning about bats



Bat masks!

bats! Sue Johansen-Mayolett, a naturalist at Devil’s Lake State Park, set up educational and craft stations around the room, including activities to hear bats, learn about their size, and make bat masks!

Library Construction Update

The time has finally come to move into our new addition! The library will be closed Saturday, May 6, then we will have a longer closure, Saturday, May 13 through Sunday, June 4 while we move everything from the old building into the new one. Over the course of the summer, our original Carnegie building will be renovated, and in the fall we will have a grand reopening with both wings of the building completed.

These pictures are from mid-April, and show just how close we are getting to move-in day! If you would like to support the library, feel free to look over our Amazon Wish List with items we would like for the new building: <https://a.co/azv6lck>



The main staircase and elevator



View of the new addition lit up at night

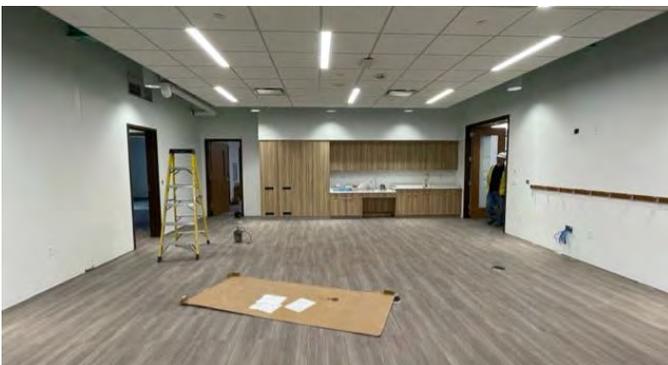
The Children's area on the second floor. The big windows face South.



The new Creative Classroom



View of the new Teen Room



Interior of the Children's Programming Room

The main service desk is being installed. Just above is the Children's Programming Room.

