

Halfway There Open House

The library was finally able to reopen its doors Monday, June 12. On Wednesday, June 14 we held our “Halfway There” Open House where we welcomed the public into the new library space. Staff members gave tours of the new areas and explained the plan for the next phase of renovation for the old Carnegie building, which will



Looking down on the open house from the second story



Enjoying the ice cream treats!

have a grand reopening November 4 after being renovated all summer and early fall.

Attendees got to enjoy ice cream treats from Sugar Rush Truck and coffee from The Frenchie Press coffee truck. Over 500 people showed up to see the library!



Thank you to the Friends of the Carnegie-Schadde Memorial Public Library for providing treats for the event! Thank you also to the public for coming out to see us in our new space!

Summer Reading Programming - Baraboo Is Better Together

The library has been excited to offer a variety of summer programming for all ages starting in June and continuing through August. This also includes a reading BINGO card that encourages participants to consider the many ways that we can all come together and to make Baraboo a better place.

Babies and Toddlers:

Children from birth to Kindergarten and their caregivers have been enjoying different types of story times in different places around Baraboo, such as Oak Park Place and Ochsner Park.



Crafting with the letter “A” at Storytots

“Babygarten” is on Tuesday mornings, “Stories in the Park” is on Wednesday mornings, and “Storytots” is on Thursday afternoons. Each of these different story times encourages different literacy activities and bonding with caregivers.

Kids Kindergarten through 5th Grade:

Every week at the library on Wednesdays, kids in grades K-3 can participate in the Cubs program,



Badger kids painting rocks

and on Tuesdays kids in grades 4-5 can be in the Badgers Program. Both of these programs offer a rotating variety of activities, such as

crafts, board games, and a book club.

Teens:

Teens have been enjoying their weekly Teen Tuesdays every Tuesday from 4-5 PM, as well as a new program, “Wizards, Thinkers, and Settlers of the Bluffs,” that lets them play Dungeons and Dragons, Settlers of Catan, and chess on Thursday afternoons from 4-6 PM at the library.

Big Top Parade

Each year, the library marches in the Big Top Parade to celebrate the graduates of our 1000 Books before Kindergarten program. It was a hot, sunny day, but everyone had a great time participating in this local tradition! After the parade was all over, the 1000 Books graduates and their families got to come back to the library for sno-cones!



The Programming team dressed as the Pigeon!



Some of the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten graduates dressed in their cowboy finest!

STEM Stations

Kids who have finished grades K-5 have been having a blast with the library's STEM stations, new this summer. The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) stations rotate every two weeks and invite kids to experiment with different STEM projects. The first station in June allowed kids to plant a seed and watch it grow; the second one had a scale and a variety of different weighed objects, letting kids guess which one is heavier. STEM stations will continue to be available in the Youth Department of the library all summer long!



Kids had the opportunity to plant a bean seed and take it home

Summer Mondays

Every Monday this summer, the library is offering a variety of weekly programs for adults. The events rotate between an exercise/ movement



Laurie Dummer showing the participants how to make the book-page beads

class, a craft project, a food demonstration, music, or an hour to practice conversational Spanish. In June, participants were able to make bracelets with beads made out of book pages, practice their Spanish, and make energy bites. Summer Mondays will continue at the library every Monday from 5-6 PM through the end of August. Please register in advance on the library website!

Tuesdays with Murder Presents Patricia Skalka

In June, the Tuesdays with Murder Book Club had a special meeting where they welcomed award-winning mystery author Patricia Skalka to present on her books, the Dave Cubiak Door County mystery series. Patricia gave an engaging, informative talk about her seven-book series, explaining the inspiration and research process for each of her books. She also signed copies of her books at the event.

The Tuesdays with Murder Book Club regularly meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM and is open to anyone who likes mystery novels!



Patricia Skalka addresses the group