

Hoop Elation

People of all ages enjoyed a beautiful July afternoon in Ocshner Park where they were able to get a little silly and learn how to do some fancy hooping. Danielle from Hoop Elation taught the group 10 fun hoop tricks set to music, then put it all together in a lively hoop dance routine.

Our last big all-ages summer program will be our annual Clown Workshop, which will be held in front of the library Thursday, August 24, starting at 10 AM.



Multi-Generational Book Club

The library held its first meeting of the Multi-Generational Book Club, which is a space where people of all ages can read on a topic, then come together to discuss in a safe setting. The first topic was a historical look at the LGBTQIA+ community. The librarians shared book recommendations for all age groups, and the group talked about what we had learned.

The August meeting will be about disabilities and ableism and tie in to the Baraboo Reads book, *Sitting Pretty: The View from My Ordinary Resilient Disabled Body* by Rebekah Taussig. We will meet Thursday, August 24 from 6-7 PM.



Summer Mondays

Adults have been able to participate in a wide range of activities during Summer Mondays programming.

Every Monday this summer, activities have rotated between a movement/exercise class, a food workshop, a craft, and a Spanish practice



Making kimchi!

space. In July, participants had a yoga class, a bad art night where they used their creativity to



Campfire songs, with a cardboard campfire

work with random art supplies, a kimchi demonstration, and a “campfire” singalong.

Summer Mondays will continue on Mondays in August from 5-6 PM. Please register in advance on the library website!

July Book Clubs

There are several monthly book clubs organized by the library that meet either at the library or in a park during the summer. In July, Readers Anonymous, the book club for Millennials, read the book *Fuzz* by Mary Roach and met at Devil’s Lake.



It was a fitting setting, getting buffeted by high winds and watching turkey vultures circle, while discussing Roach’s work all about human-wildlife conflict. Readers Anonymous regularly meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM.

Summer Story Times: Out and About

This summer, we've been getting out of the library to bring story times to people all around town! One new story time location this year is Oak Park Place, where we are holding Babygarten



Ms. Cari Jo leads participants in Babygarten activities

once per month. The families with their babies and the senior residents all enjoy the silly stylings of Ms. Cari Jo, who leads participants through activities designed to build bonds between babies and their caregivers. We will be holding

one more Babygarten at Oak Park Place on Tuesday, August 15 at 9:30 AM.

Another fun story time the library is putting on every week is our popular Stories in the Park on Wednesday mornings. At



Playing with the parachute!

Stories in the Park, Ms. Cari Jo leads kiddos in a more active story time, involving games and dancing. Participants are then welcome to stay in the park and play afterwards. Stories in the Park



Story time at the fair

will continue every Wednesday morning at 10 AM at Ochsner Park through the end of August. Ms. Cari Jo was even able to present a fun story time at the fair this summer. Kiddos filled the building with animal sounds and had a blast during the hot July fair days!

Badgers and Cubs Programs

School-aged kids have been able to participate in fun rotating events this summer as part of the Badgers (completed grades 4-5) and Cubs (completed grades K-3) programming. The activities in July included playing retro board games, a visit to the fire station, air-dry clay sculpting, and a book club (either "Choose Your Own Adventure" or "I SURVIVED" depending on age group). Badgers programs will continue every Tuesday at the library from 2-3 PM and Cubs programs will continue every Wednesday at the library from 2-3 PM.



Cubs participants enjoyed their visit to the fire station, despite the rain that day!

Teen Lock-In

The Teen Lock-In this year was the first after-hours program for teens since 2019, and the teens were excited to play around in the closed library. They ran around the building playing laser tag, and also did two STEM-based



activities: an egg drop off the second floor railing and "Six Legos," an activity where each teen had to create something innovative using only six legos. They also got to enjoy a popcorn bar and cupcakes! Teens regularly get to enjoy

Teen Tuesdays every Tuesday from 4-5 PM.