

### Spooky October Programming

The library got into the spooky spirit this October, and provided several opportunities for all ages to participate in the fun!

The library hosted a collaborative “Spooky Storytelling” event where adults and teens could share their haunting or otherworldly stories. The Ochsner Park shelter provided the perfect spooky outdoor space for the event, and participants were able to roast marshmallows and drink hot apple cider while hearing both real life experiences and classic chilling tales, as told by their friends.



**A spooky storyteller takes the stage**

The library’s new walking book club, Books Afoot, braved a rainy day to walk around the historic Walnut Hill Cemetery and discuss mystery novels. Books Afoot, for people who want to get a little exercise while chatting about book genres and themes, is taking a winter hiatus, but will return in the spring.



**Walking in the cemetery for Books Afoot**

Teens have had a month full of fun, seasonal activities. They created “terrorariums” in glass jars and got to decorate sweatshirts with Halloween themed patches and drink



**Teens decorating sweatshirts**

pumpkin lattes at recent Teen Tuesday events. Teen Tuesdays happen every Tuesday from 4-5 PM and are open to kids ages 12-18.



**STEAMers Club slime**

Kids ages 8-11 got the chance to combine spooky fun with science in the library’s STEAMers Club. This club, which meets on Friday afternoons this fall from 3:30-4:30 PM, lets kids participate in fun, science-based experiments and crafts. In October, the STEAMers club made slime, inflated balloon

ghosts using baking soda and vinegar, and folded origami ghosts.

Even some of our littlest patrons were able to get in on the seasonal fun. At Storytots Art Smash, kids experimented with seasonal colors, painting autumnal trees and pumpkins in addition to their storytime. Storytots Art Smash is for kids ages 3-5 who want to learn by getting messy! It will



**Painting pumpkins**

continue through the fall on Wednesdays from 10:00-10:30 AM.

## Library Outreach

In addition to our in-library programming, librarians get out into the community, too!

Every month, the three programming librarians who focus on Youth Services visit many of the schools in the Baraboo area as well as community organizations such as Kid Stop, Head Start, Boys and Girls Club, and Pathway Home to promote library services and programs. They teach kids about getting their library cards, read stories, do fun activities with the kids, and talk about new books coming out. Our goal is to give every child in Baraboo a positive library experience, even if they're not able to visit the library building. Look for a librarian in a classroom near you!



**Ms. Amy reading a story during a class visit**

## Builders Club

Each early release Wednesday between 1:30 and 3:30 PM, the library offers Builders Club, a drop-in program where kids ages 6-11 can play with a variety of building block materials, and also build a virtual world playing Minecraft. This popular event gives kids a chance to practice their problem solving and spatial skills, and it's fun, too!



**Kids love builders club!**

## Library Construction Update

The plastic construction sheeting that has been blocking the view of the Carnegie building during its renovation has come down, and we are getting very close to completion! We will start moving library collections and furnishings into the renovated "Carnegie building" at the beginning of November. We expect the full building to be open to the public by December 1st! We look forward to sharing this new space with everyone. Our Building Dedication celebration will be held January 27th.



**Reading rooms in the Carnegie building, with glass-walled study rooms on the left**



**Future study rooms, viewed from where the Adult Non-fiction collection used to be**



**Lower level of the Carnegie building**