

The Whole Library is Open!

After many months of construction, the library expansion and renovation is now complete! We now have our adult collections open for browsing, as well as the adult study rooms, reading rooms, and other spaces of the library open for everyone to use.

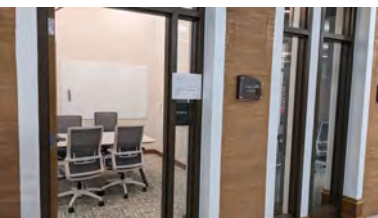
Let's take a tour through the newly renovated space:

The adult fiction collection is located on the upper level of the renovated building. The copier and computers have been moved into this space as well.

Four adult study rooms are located on



Computers on the right, fiction ahead, and doors to study rooms on the left



Study rooms

This policy will also cover the W.R. and Floy A. Sauey Foundation Community Meeting Room and Auditorium.

If you walk around the bank of study rooms in the center of the floor, you will find the Dayl F. and Carol

this level. Through the end of the year, study rooms will be first come first serve, but look for a comprehensive room reservation policy and system in January.



Sorg Reading Room, with fireplace



Persche Reading Room, with frieze

D. Sorg Memorial Historic Reading Room and the Ronald Persche Memorial Historic Reading Room on the south side of the building. These spaces have

maintained the historic woodwork, fireplace and frieze and added replica light fixtures from the original 1903 library.

The Auditorium, near the Main Service Desk, will be able to be used for larger programs and events. Our inaugural



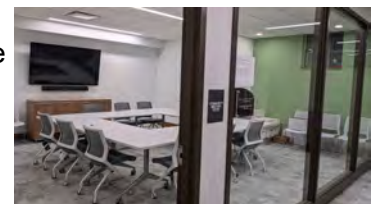
Auditorium, with stacked chairs



Nonfiction collection

event in the Auditorium will be the library's Holiday Piano Duet Concert, featuring Zach Ott and Gretchen Roltgen on December 7 at 6:30 PM.

On the lower level of the renovated side of the building, we have the adult nonfiction and media collections. The Sauey Community Meeting Room is also



Sauey Community Meeting Room



Wichern Quiet Reading Room

located on this level, as well as the Wichern Family Quiet Reading Room.

We're so happy with the space and we hope you are, too!

Thank You, Library Volunteers!

Many hands make light work! Over the course of just a few days, teams of volunteers helped move the adult collections out of storage and into their new homes. Everyone worked so efficiently that the job was completed early!



Volunteers starting to move the nonfiction collection

Turkey BINGO



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Our Annual Turkey BINGO program was a hit! At this all-ages event, people started out by making their turkey hat that they can wear during the program. Next came the BINGO! Winners received different food prizes that are often used to make a seasonal feast, with a turkey and ham as the two grand prizes. Thanks to everyone for coming out to Turkey BINGO; you make this one of our biggest programs every year!



Happy Turkey BINGO participants!

Babygarten

On Tuesday mornings this fall, we've offered Babygarten, a program focused on building the bond between babies ages 0-2 and their

caregivers through songs, rhymes, and shared literacy activities.

Babygarten continues in December on Tuesdays 10-10:30 AM.



Babygarten storytime with Ms. Cari Jo

Language Labs

This fall, the library has offered a space for language enthusiasts to practice communicating together to learn three different languages on alternating weeks: Spanish, French, and American Sign Language. During these programs, which are not formal language classes, people who are working to learn these languages have had conversation practice with each other in the language, synthesizing their language skills and learning from each other.

In November, in place of our regularly scheduled American Sign Language Lab, we had a special presentation from the Wisconsin Educational Services Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, which is part of the Wisconsin Department of Public



Julie Russotto presenting on ASL

Instruction. Julie Russotto, a sign communication specialist, gave a presentation on the basics of American Sign Language, including explaining common hand shapes. Thank you Julie and WESP!

Multigenerational Community Conversation

The library held a multigenerational community conversation on the topic of death, dying and grief. Mandy Ertz, the director of the Redlin-Ertz Funeral Home spoke to the group about working with families dealing with the death of a loved one, funeral preparations, and grief.

Books for different age groups on the topic were available for checkout.



Mandy Ertz, left, addressing the group

The library is planning on holding more of these all-ages conversations on serious topics in the future.