

## Adult and Teen Holiday Programming



**Holiday Piano Duet Concert**

On an unseasonably warm December evening, the library held its inaugural event in the new Library Auditorium. Zach Ott and Gretchen Roltgen presented another of their popular piano duet concerts to a packed house. This concert was filled with holiday favorites, such as “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas,” “Jingle Bells,” and “Somewhere in My Memory” (the theme from *Home Alone*). After a standing ovation, they returned with a lovely rendition of “White Christmas.” Thanks to everyone who came out to get in the holiday spirit and to see the new auditorium!



**Decorating cookies!**

Adults had a chance to get creative and add frosting and sprinkles to tasty cutout cookies at the library’s Holiday Cookie Decorating event. Earlier in the month, the Baraboo Buds Garden Club focused on creating garden-themed paper crafts that could be used as gifts for the holidays.

The Fortnightly Literary Club also provided a

holiday theme for their December 19 meeting. Hosted at the house of some longtime Fortnightly members, the group enjoyed gathering to chat about their holiday traditions, and read a short story written by a past member about his family tradition of pretending to be a reindeer on the roof of his family’s house on Christmas Eve night. Regular Fortnightly meetings continue on the first and third Tuesdays of the month; members give presentations on this year’s theme of “round or rectangular.”

The Readers Anonymous Book Club, the library book club for Millennials, enjoyed their second December in a row reading a murder mystery that takes place in a mansion and meeting at the historic Van Orden Mansion, which is beautifully decorated for the holidays. Thanks so much to the Sauk County Historical Society for allowing the group to meet there after hours!



**Readers Anonymous at the Van Orden Mansion**

Teens got to be crafty for their December Teen Tuesday programs. They made sock snowmen early in December, then created



**Making bath bombs**

candles and bath bombs to give as gifts during the holiday season. At a later Teen Tuesday, they created Vision Boards to look ahead to 2024.

## Special Youth Winter Programming

In the last week of December, when kids are on their winter breaks, the library offered a series



**Movie Matinee: *Balto***

of special winter programs. On Tuesday, kids got a special screening of the movie *Balto*, an animated

movie from the 90's about a real sled dog who helped save the lives of children with diphtheria. On Wednesday, it was "Play-Doh Palooza," where kids could drop

in and make creations out of Play-Doh. With dozens of colors to choose from and fun cookie cutters to shape their



**Play-Doh Palooza**

play-doh, the kids had a blast. On Thursday, it was time to "Paint the Town"; kids could drop into



**Play-Doh heart**

the youth program room to paint! Kids got to use straws to paint with watercolor paints, and also used foam paint and tempura paint to creatively express themselves. The week culminates with the popular Noon Year's

Eve program on Saturday, December 30

from 11 AM to Noon. At this special yearly event for kids aged 0-11, they get to dance with bubbles,

do a craft, have a storytime with Ms. Cari Jo, and finally have a count down to the New Year at Noon.



**Painting the town**

## 2024 Youth Programming Preview

The library is offering a variety of new programming in 2024. For our littlest patrons ages 0-5 and their caregivers, Babygarten will now be



**Babygarten will be Lullaby Club and Babygarten Bounce**

two different programs with two different energy levels: Lullaby Club and Babygarten Bounce.

Both of these programs are on Tuesday mornings (Lullaby Club at 9:30 AM and Babygarten Bounce at 10:30 AM) starting January 16.

This fall, kids ages 0-5 had fun getting messy with Storytots Art Smash; this winter, they'll have the chance to enjoy music and movement at Storytots Sing-Along on Wednesday mornings at 10 AM starting January 17.

Once per month on Monday nights (the last Monday of the month January through April), children ages



**Storytots Art Smash will be Storytots Sing-Along**

0-5 and their families are also invited to cuddle up and be cozy at a special evening storytime.

New this year for kids ages 6-11 will be a book club reading the "Who Would Win?" series of books, every Tuesday at 3:30 PM starting January 16. This club will invite kids to learn about different animals and have fun activities to go along with that week's animal match-up.

Also new this winter will be a rotating set of activities on Wednesdays 1:30-3:00 PM instead of Builders Club every week. Starting January 17, activities will



**Builders Club**

rotate between Pokemon, a movie day, and the Builders Club kids know and love.