

Solar Eclipse Viewing Party

On Monday, April 8, the big day of the solar eclipse was finally here! The library hosted a viewing party that featured eclipse glasses, sunoculars (which look like binoculars, but are used to view the sun and magnify it 6x), and low-tech devices to



Watching the eclipse!



Viewing the eclipse through a colander's shadow

view the eclipse like a cereal box pinhole viewer and a colander. Inside the library was NASA's livestream

coverage of the event from locations in the path of totality for the eclipse and sun-themed snacks. Everyone was happy that the sun decided to come out that day, so we could see it slowly disappear!

National Library Week Visit

In celebration of National Library Week, April 7-13, the library was happy to receive a visit from Dr. Darrell Williams, Assistant State Superintendent for the Division for Libraries and Technology, and Dr. Jill Underly, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The visitors got a tour of the library, and even got to enjoy a storytime!



Dr. Jill Underly at storytime

Taylor Swift CD Release Party

Taylor Swift's new album, *The Tortured Poets Department*, was released on Friday, April 19 and the library threw a party to celebrate! The event had decorations in the color schemes of the different album eras



Playing team trivia

and black and white snacks as an homage to the new album's color aesthetic. Participants could make blackout poetry from book pages and beaded friendship bracelets to keep or trade with each other. The main event was a big trivia contest, which pitted teams against each other over five rounds of Taylor Swift-themed trivia. The winners came away with fun prizes inspired by the lyrics of Taylor Swift's songs, as well as a copy of the new CD. Another fun element was the



Trivia winners!



Costume contest participants, winner in center of photo

costume contest, the winner of which also won a copy of the new CD. Classic and new songs were

played throughout the event. Thanks to everyone who came out for this fun time celebrating pop culture and music!

Children's Spring Programming

In the second week of April, our programming for children started back up after a brief break. For this new spring season of programming, we have lots of fun options for kids of all ages.

For our littlest patrons, we have three different storytimes that feature different energy levels and activities. First up on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 AM is the Lullaby Club, a gentle and quiet bonding time for babies and their caregivers. Little ones also enjoy interacting with each other during social time after the program.



Social time after Lullaby Club

Following Lullaby Club on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM is Babygarten Bounce. This higher energy storytime features rhymes, bounces, and dancing for little ones who like to move! Another storytime for children who like to dance and move is Storytots Sing Along on Wednesday mornings at 10 AM. This storytime is focused on music and movement and is intended for children 0-5 and their caregivers.



Singing the ABCs "dragon-style" at Storytots Sing Along

For kids ages 6-11, we have the *Who Would Win?* Book Club on Tuesdays at 3:30 PM. Kids read a *Who Would Win?* book together, then do an activity related to the animals they learned about in the book. On Wednesdays from 1:30-3:00 PM, the library has rotating programs for kids ages 6-11: Builders Club, Pokemon Club, and Movie Wednesday.



Howling while learning about coyotes at the *Who Would Win?* Book Club

Adult Educational Programs

The library provides many opportunities for adults to learn and connect. At our monthly Baraboo Buds Garden Club, we have partnered with the Sauk County Master Gardener Association to bring in speakers, such as at April's meeting where



The Baraboo Buds Garden Club learns about Wisconsin pollinators

Laura Ahola and Lenny LaCrosse from the Sauk-Columbia County Honey Producers Association gave a presentation on Wisconsin Pollinators.

We have also been pleased to partner with the Baraboo Range Preservation Association to



Cabin Fever Lecture

present their Cabin Fever Lecture Series. The fourth event in the series was "Firewise: Let's Be Ready,"

which taught homeowners how to protect their property from wildfires.

If you enjoy educational content like this at the library, you are in luck! We will be presenting more lectures this spring and summer. On Tuesday, May 14, Baraboo Buds and Powered Up Baraboo are co-sponsoring "Through the Looking Glass: Studying and Reducing Bird-Window Collisions," presented by Brenna Marsicek from the Southern Wisconsin Bird Alliance. And on Thursday, July 11, we will have Dr. Sissel Schroeder presenting "From Wood to Watercraft: Dugout Canoes of Wisconsin," made possible by the UW Badger Talks program.

The Joy of Reading



The love of reading starts early! This young patron just couldn't wait to start reading her book!