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## November 2021

### Thank You For Getting Loud For the Library!

Last month when we announced that the United States Department of Agriculture - Rural Development (USDA-RD), the department processing our loan application for the library expansion, had directed the City of Baraboo to hold a public hearing to show that there is public support for the library expansion project and funding using the rural development loan, we asked that you show your support by sending an email to the Baraboo Community Development Authority (CDA).

Pat Cannon, Executive Director of the CDA, announced that he had received over 170 emails or letters of support. In addition, about a dozen library supporters expressed their support for the project and funding at the October 14 hearing.

“We are extremely grateful for the ongoing support that the Baraboo community maintains for the library and the expansion project,” said Library Director Jessica Bergin.

Pat Cannon will forward the emails and letters, along with the minutes from the hearing, to the USDA-Rural Development office in Washington D.C.

We now wait to hear the next step from USDA-RD. Once we get loan approval we will put the project out for bid for the general contractor. At this time, we expect to begin construction in Spring 2022.



### Youth Story Times Finish Fall Sessions in Ochsner Park

An extended period of warm, fair weather this fall helped make the Youth Services Story Time sessions at Ochsner Park a weekly appointment for fun and learning for many children and their caregivers. Anne Horjus, Youth Services Program Coordinator, and Cari Jo Teasdale, Youth Services



Program Assistant, headquartered in the main shelter and adjacent playground area at the park, read stories to the audience, and led them in nursery and action rhymes, and songs.



Story Times in the Park featured Mr. Anne (standing in top photo) and Ms. Cari Jo (standing in bottom photo) entertaining children from birth to 5 years old, as well as their caregivers.

**The library will be closed:**

**Friday, Nov. 12**

Staff Development Training

**Thursday, Nov. 25 & Friday, Nov. 26**

City Holidays

## Jeff Nania Introduces His Latest Book

During a presentation at the Baraboo Civic Center on October 14, Columbia County author Jeff Nania discussed how he draws on his background as a law enforcement officer and a conservation educator, as well as his knowledge of the small but resilient communities of Northern Wisconsin, to build the world of John Cabrelli, the protagonist in Nania's Northern Lakes Mystery series, and his latest installment in that series, *Bough Cutter*.

The presentation was co-sponsored by the Carnegie-Schadde Memorial Public Library and the City of Baraboo Department of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry.

*Bough Cutter* and Nania's first two books, *Figure Eight* and *Spider Lake*, are available through LINKcat. You may also call the library at 608-356-6166 for assistance in obtaining a copy of these books.



After his October 14 presentation, Jeff Nania, (seated, right) talks to Sylvia Kriegl as he signs her copy of his book.

## Haunting Good Times for Youth



On October 19, teens gathered for a tour of local haunted sites conducted by Shelley Mordini (left photo).

## Mike Hardy Explains “Why Trees Matter” to Baraboo

On September 30, 2021, Mike Hardy, Director of the City of Baraboo Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Dept., told what makes the trees on City property so important in helping to mitigate the effects of climate change, and how the City manages its urban forest. Mike's presentation, “Why Trees Matter”, was co-sponsored by the Dept. of Parks, Recreation, & Forestry; the Carnegie-Schadde Memorial Public Library; and Powered Up Baraboo.



A recording of Mike's presentation is available for viewing at the library YouTube channel: [https://youtu.be/\\_VWWa9F-nT8](https://youtu.be/_VWWa9F-nT8)

## Piano Duo Returns

On October 21, Zach Ott and Gretchen Roltgen reunited for their first piano duet concert in two years. The free concert,



co-sponsored by the Carnegie-Schadde Memorial Public Library and the First United Methodist Church, was held in the sanctuary at the church, and featured a mix of pop, jazz, Broadway, and classical pieces arranged for one piano and two pianists.



On October 23, families gathered at the Mid-Continent Railway Museum to create ghost busting equipment (left) and then go on a ghost busting adventure!