

#### Library Expansion Update



Things are starting to move quickly with the library expansion project. Six contractors attended a pre-bid meeting on January 13, for contractors interested in the project. Contractor bids are due February 8. The project is scheduled to be formally awarded to a contractor by March 8.

We expect construction to begin in April. Phase One of construction will include site preparation along the east side of the library, demolition of the building to the east of the library, and demolition of the east wing of the library. During this phase, a new emergency exit will be constructed in the lower level along the west side of the library. We will announce further updates as the project develops.

# Tax Forms Have Arrived at Library

The eagerly-awaited Wisconsin tax forms have arrived at the library and are available, while supplies last, for you to pick up. If the forms you need are not available on our display, we can print out the required forms for you at the cost of 10¢ per page. IRS tax forms are



expected to arrive soon. Feel free to call the library (608-356-6166) to check if they have arrived before making the trip over to pick them up.

#### More Cozy Reading for All Ages



Why are picture books on display in the Adult Department? We hope to inspire you to check out some of these cozy picture books to read aloud to little ones in your life. Everyone can feel cozier when sharing a book with engaging illustrations and a charming story. Stop by to see if something strikes your fancy!



Our Cozy Winter Reading Challenge for Adults continues until February 26. Turn in one slip each week for your best chance to win \$20 worth of Baraboo Chamber Bucks. With each slip you turn in, you can receive a packet of hot chocolate mix. All slips are saved for a final Grand Prize drawing

on February 28 for \$50 worth of Chamber Bucks. Keep cozy and keep reading!

#### Friends Book Sale Cart: Impulse Buys are Encouraged!

When you visit the library, consider stopping by the Friends Book Sale Cart near the front entrance. You will find CDs, DVDs, and recently-published books, all in gently-used condition, at super-low prices. All proceeds go to support library resources and programs.





### **Ringing Out the Old Year**

On December 30, the Youth Services staff and youth volunteers helped children and their parents or caregivers celebrate the new year with their annual party, Countdown to Noon Year's Eve Eve. The party, held at the Baraboo Civic Center, included activities like playing games, making crafts, and dancing. At noon, balloons were dropped, much to the delight of the kids.

# **Community Snowman Contest**

The first Baraboo-wide snowman contest for families, individuals, and businesses is going on now through February 26. Create your snowman on your property or at one of the snowman workshops scheduled for 10 AM to 11:30 AM on February 5 at Oak Park Place or 10 AM to 11:30 AM on February 19 at St. Clare Meadows. Preregistration is necessary for participating in a workshop. Call the Youth Services Department at 608-356-6166 to pre-register.

Visit the Snowman Contest webpage at https://www.csmpl.org/best-snow-2022-snowman-contest for further information.



### Teens Bake in a Mug



Under the supervision of Teen Services Coordinator Beth VanCurine (top, right), teens baked pancakes and simple treats using a mug and the microwave during Teen Tuesday on January 25.

#### Story Times in the Program Room



Story Times have been meeting in the library's program room since the beginning of January. During Puppy Club (above), Youth Services Program Assistant Ms. Cari Jo leads children from birth to 5 years old in activities featuring songs, rhymes, flannel board stories, and books on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM or 11 AM.

During Crafternoon sessions, children in 4K through 5th grade can create fun stuff with assistance. Crafternoon sessions are at 3:30 PM on Thursdays through March 31. Below, Ms. Cari Jo helps kids at the January 27 session make infinity cubes—a "fidget" toy—using duct tape and wooden cubes.

