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Story Time



Employees



Julie Lassa



Mayor Rob Nelson

Library Groundbreaking Ceremony



Elected Officials



Pete Vogel



Joan Fordham

April 28, 2022



Dr. Mary Grant



Library Building Project Team



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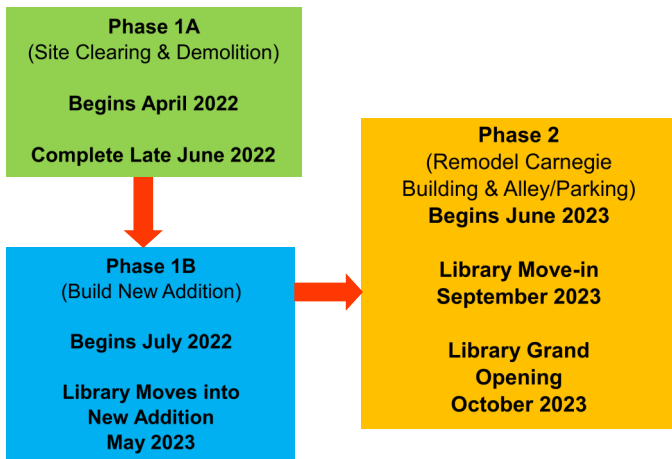
It was a chilly day for an outdoor gathering, but spirits were high at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Carnegie-Schadde Memorial Public Library Expansion and Remodel Project. The event attracted quite a few stakeholders, library card holders, planners, and public servants interested in the future of Baraboo's public library.

Before the ceremony began, library assistant Cari Jo Teasdale read a story about building a library to small children in attendance. The kids got to take home little construction helmets and special cookies provided by the Friends of the Library.

Mayor Rob Nelson kicked off the event, followed by remarks by Pete Vogel, President & CEO, Vogel Brothers Building Co.; past Library Board President Dr. Mary Grant; Joan Fordham, Vice Chair, Baraboo Community Development Authority (CDA); and Julie Lassa, State Director, Wisconsin's office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Rural Development.

The event finished with the ceremonial breaking of ground and group photos.

Library Construction Timeline



Now that we can see progress on the library expansion and remodeling project, many people are asking, “When will you move in?” We are currently in **Phase 1A** of the project, site cleaning and demolition, which should be completed in late June 2022.

Phase 1B, building the new addition, should begin in July 2022. Library operations are expected to move into the new addition in May 2023.

After that, **Phase 2**, remodeling the Carnegie building and preparing the alley and parking lot, should begin in June 2023. Library operations that will be situated in the Carnegie building will move into that freshly-remodeled space in September 2023. Our Library Grand Opening is roughly set for October 2023.

We are remaining flexible, to allow for changes in the construction schedule. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

Library Construction Updates



Our new outdoor book return is now located on Birch Street. During our open hours, you can also return your library items in our indoor book returns.



Our holds shelf is still in the same place. Just the surroundings have changed! The new, temporary east wall of the Adult Department is now up against the end of the holds shelf.



Just across from the holds shelf is a shelf of local history materials right next to the self check out.



Several of our “backroom” operations have moved up front into the space formerly occupied by the public computers and our local history materials. Our microfilm collection is now in the “Staff Only” area. If you would like to use the microfilm reader to view microfilm from this collection, you will need to ask for assistance from a staff member to get the microfilm reel you want.



With our back entrances now closed, a new emergency entrance is being constructed in part of the Youth Services Department.



The former program room has been reduced in size by 2/3.



Youth materials displaced by construction have been moved to the Youth Services reading area.



This remaining section of the program room is now used by some employees whose office areas are being removed from the east side of the library.



Program supplies for Youth Services which used to be stored in closets in the program room have been moved to off-site storage or to bins in the former play area in Youth Services.



The upstairs bathrooms are no longer available. Patrons are welcome to use the public restrooms in the Youth Services Department.

Summer Reading Program Begins Soon

Library Assistants for Programming and Outreach Beth VanCurine (left) and Cari Jo Teasdale have begun their annual visits to local elementary school classrooms to tell kids about this summer's library programs. "The annual summer reading program is how we are getting and keeping kids reading during the summer," explained Teasdale. "Based on the ocean theme, we chose to focus on waterways, conserving water, and the benefits of water within our environment."

The youth services summer reading program has three components: Eco Explorers, Stories in the Park, and Weekly Family Programs.

Eco Explorers is an elementary-age program series for kids in 4-K through 5th grade this summer. These programs will take place at the Maxwell-Potter Conservancy, 700 Hill Street, Baraboo.

"We're going to do different STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) activities, mostly related to water," Teasdale said. Activities will include investigating aquatic insects and other water critters in the Baraboo River; the science of clouds, bubbles, and rainbows; and the history of the fur trade through the experience of a voyageur. "Along with these activities, we'll also be doing nature journaling. We hope to incorporate science and art in relating to the environment."

Stories in the Park, Wednesdays at 10 AM, will be the traditional, family story time, with rhymes and songs. These will be multi-age programs, with things that little children and older children can do.

"After the story time, we encourage families to stay and socialize, letting the kids play on the playground, and get to know our City parks a little bit better," Teasdale said. Stories in the Park will travel to a different City park each week. The park schedule will be listed in the Summer Reading Program brochure and on the library Facebook page.

Weekly Family Programs will also rotate around the various City parks. Most of these programs focus on the water theme, except for perennial favorites like the annual Clown Workshop and the Worm Races. The summer will begin with a free program to introduce kids and their families to the fun of fishing. "Free Fishing For Fun" will invite families to Deppe Pond where



On April 21, Beth VanCurine and Cari Jo Teasdale told visiting West School students about the summer library programs.

there will be fishing equipment available for participants to use, and mentors on hand to help with techniques. "Water Tales" will be presented in Lower Ochsner Park by actors from the Baraboo Theatre Guild depicting famous water stories. Another water-related activity is picking up trash along the River Walk. Campbell Park Pool will be the site of a session on how to build canoes out of cardboard and duct tape, led by Andy Skwor, an engineer at MSA. Families can build their own canoes and then test them in the pool.

During May, Youth Services staff will visit all the elementary schools in the district to give almost every class a presentation that includes an ocean trivia game, a short skit about the library's summer family programs, and information about the **READO game** in which they can read and win prizes throughout the summer.

"We'll also encourage them to get a library card and attend our programs," Teasdale said. "Our hope for the Summer Reading Program is that families will enjoy opportunities to learn together and to build our community through literacy and connection."



Gretchen Roltgen (right) and Zach Ott teamed up in April to play a variety of music selections arranged for four hands at one piano. This concert was co-sponsored and hosted by the First United Methodist Church. Bob Roltgen served as page turner for this performance.