

Seeking Sasquatch

On a chilly Friday evening this October, participants in the library program “Seeking Sasquatch” boarded the Bigfoot Bus to ride to Devil’s Lake in



Riding the Bigfoot Bus!

the hope that they might find the legendary beast.

First, participants were taken on a nature walk by Devil’s Lake Naturalist Sue Johansen, in which they learned about the noises they might hear in



Naturalist Sue Johansen demonstrating how to use an infrared heat sensor

the forest at night that might sound like Bigfoot. They also used infrared sensors to examine the surrounding woods and tapped on logs to call any nearby Sasquatches that might be around.

Afterwards, everyone returned to the campfire, where Shelley Mordini and Gwen Herrewig, authors of *Haunted Baraboo*, told scary stories while everyone enjoyed hot cider (donated by Festival Foods) and cookies (donated by Neat-O’s Bake Shoppe). Thanks to everyone for coming out on a cold night to have fun!



Scary stories around the campfire

Piano Duet Concert

The library’s own Zach Ott and retired librarian Gretchen Roltgen returned with their popular piano duet concert series this October. The First United Methodist church graciously hosted the concert and a good time was had by all. The concert



featured such pieces as “Eleanor Rigby,” “Danse Macabre” by Camille Saint-Saëns, and the theme from *The Addams Family*.

New Storywalk® at City View Park

In October, a new book was installed in the StoryWalk® at City View Park: *Am I Yours?* by Alex Latimer. City View Park is located on Park View Drive in Baraboo, and our StoryWalk® is



located on a paved path that circles the small pond near the playground and basketball court. There’s still time to take your little dinosaur on a stomp around the pond!

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and

developed in collaboration with with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Library Construction Update

The addition is still on track to be enclosed by this winter and to be moved into in May of 2023. Construction is progressing on the walls of the new addition--most of the walls are enclosed with plywood and insulation, as well as a painted gray air barrier. Bricks and stones are being added to the outside to coordinate with the existing building. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for live video updates most weeks!



Full view of the structure of the library addition in late October



Scaffolding and newly laid bricks on the walls



Installing the new water line

Building Blocks



Every Wednesday afternoon in September and October, children in 4K through 5th grade have loved participating in Building Blocks, the library's program for free play with LEGO blocks. During these afternoons, the children gain valuable experience in their social skills and sharing, as well as practicing their engineering skills and using creativity and imagination to execute their designs. Children in 1st through 5th grades can also play Minecraft during this time if they have their library card. Building Blocks continues every Wednesday 1:30-3:30 PM through November 16.

Teen NaNoWriMo Workshop



Teen Librarian Beth VanCurine working with teen participants of NaNoWriMo

This October, teens had a chance to prepare for NaNoWriMo, National Novel Writing Month. Every Tuesday in October, they met to work on planning their novel. These meetings included writing exercises, and working through their character development, world building, and plotting their stories. In November, the teens will work independently on their novels, but come together to share inspiration. They'll also learn some tools to overcome writer's block. The Teen NaNoWriMo Workshops will continue each Tuesday in November at 5:00 PM.