



Scarecrows on Parade

This September, the library hosted its Scarecrows on Parade event, an annual contest that encourages families, individuals, and businesses to build scarecrows that can be viewed across Baraboo!

Some participants chose to come to the library's scarecrow building workshop at Ochsner Park, where, with the help of library staff and teen volunteers, they were able to create scarecrows that day and had the option to display their scarecrow at the Zoo.



Library staff judged the scarecrows in the categories of "Silliest," "Most Creative," "Best Book Character," and "Best Business." In addition to those, the community had a chance to vote on the "People's Choice." The votes are in, and the winner, as chosen by you, is #12, from Community First Bank (shown below)! Come to the library to see pictures of all the winners in the Youth Services area, or check them out on



Facebook! Though the contest is over, the scarecrows will stay on display until October 10. A map of scarecrow locations can be found on the library website:

www.csmpl.org/2022scarecrows-parade

Thanks to all who participated!

Rain Barrel Basics

On a rainy Saturday morning, dozens of people gathered to learn how to put stormy weather to good use in "Rain Barrel Basics," a program that the library co-sponsored with Powered Up Baraboo. Powered Up Baraboo is an organization that promotes environmentally sustainable activity in the Baraboo area.



Rick Eilertson, a stormwater engineer, used his 25 years of experience with planning, implementing, and inspecting stormwater facilities to teach the group about rain barrels--why one might use them, and how to set them up and use them. At the end of the event, eight people won rain barrels to take home that day!

Stories in the Park



Stories in the Park has been continuing through the fall every Wednesday morning at 10 AM with a focus on fall and

animals. Each storytime features a poem about fall, and stories about animals in nature, the sounds they make, how they live. Stories in the Park is designed for children from birth to five years old and will continue through November 2!

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Library Construction Update

The addition is still on track to be enclosed by this winter and to be moved into by May of 2023, and every day the progress is visible. The walls are being framed and insulation is being added. Most of the building has roofing and walkable floors at this point. The new water main and sewer line are going to be installed soon. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for live video updates most weeks!



Full view of the structure of the library addition as of late September



Attaching the framing for the walls



Walls are going up and insulation is being added

Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club



The Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club for kids in grades 3-7 got started this September and is off to a good start! At these weekly meetings, the group reads a CYOA book out loud and works together to choose the group's journey. Each meeting also has snacks and a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) activity related to the book. CYOA Club meets Thursday mornings at 10 through Nov. 10.

Teen Update

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Once per quarter, the library uses our Teen Tuesday programming to get teens involved in a service project, and this time, the teens helped maintain the library grounds by weeding the landscaping in front of the building. Other Teen Tuesday activities the teens participated in were a Mario Kart Tournament to celebrate National Video Game Day, and a kickball game at Pierce Park!

Teen programs are for teens currently in grades 6-12, and primarily take place in the Teen Space of the Youth Services Department.

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