

AGENDA

**Library Board of Trustees-Verona Public Library
500 Silent Street Verona, WI 53593
608-845-7180**

**Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
Library Conference Room**

Call to order

- Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of 7/12/23
- Review and approval of the July 2023 invoices
- Public Comments
- City Council Liaison's report
- Library Director's report
- Old Business
 1. Discussion of the 2024 library budget
- New Business - none

VPL Board Meeting Minutes
Library Board of Trustees-Verona Public Library
500 Silent Street Verona, WI 53593
Wednesday, July 12, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Present: Burkart, Hopp, Voss, Spencer, Cronin, Conwell

Absent: Jones, Fuller

Call to order:

Hopp called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Spencer seconded by Voss to approve the amended Regular Meeting Minutes of 6/7/23. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Invoices: A motion was made by Spencer, seconded by Conwell to approve the June 2023 invoices. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

City Council Liaison Report: Cronin reported that road improvement projects are underway around the city, the city budget process has begun, the council passed a policy on commemorative flags, and the boundary agreement between the city and town is up for renewal in three years. The city will be benefitting from shared revenue funds from the state in the 2024.

Library Director's Report: Burkart reported that the library will be awarded a grant from Epic towards the purchase of a lactation pod. Staff from Epic also shared positive feedback with Conwell about bird collision mitigation measures on their campus.

Old Business:

- *Discussion of the 2024 Library budget*
The board briefly discussed 2024 budget ideas and will discuss further at future board meetings.

New Business:

- *Discussion and possible action regarding 2024 planned closures*
A motion was made by Voss, seconded by Spencer, to approve the revision to the 2024 planned closure dates, changing the fall staff in-service closure date from October 13 to September 29. Motion carried.
- *Discussion and possible action regarding the Program, Event, and Exhibit policy*
A motion was made by Conwell, seconded by Cronin, to approve the revisions to the Program, Event, and Exhibit policy. Motion carried.
- *Discussion of proposed changes to Dane County Standards for Public Libraries*
The board discussed proposed changes to Dane County Standards with a vote on the changes from individual library boards expected this fall.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Voss, seconded by Spencer to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm. The next meeting will be held on August 9 at 6:30pm.

Library board approved:

VERONA PUBLIC LIBRARY
DIRECTOR'S REPORT
July 2023

I. Collection Development

Number of items added and deleted in June 2023:

Item Type	Added	Deleted
Books	772	1728
Audio	24	9
Software	1	20
Video/DVD	47	25
Other (kits, etc.)	0	5
Magazines	128	76
TOTAL	972	1863
YTD	6637	9055

II. Circulation

Circulation

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
January	47,722	46,024	29,669	49,255	44,153
February	46,003	42,218	28,925	46,500	44,487
March	52,026	49,314	36,647	29,964	49,074
April	46,674	47,514	31,448	2,021	46,215
May	44,226	42,775	32,633	8,861	43,274
June	59,454	52,827	52,142	18,507	55,425
July	58,102	52,448	52,220	29,609	59,493
August		55,184	51,007	31,025	53,415
September		45,066	42,894	31,115	44,582
October		42,440	43,527	34,075	46,108
November		43,939	43,507	28,171	44,084
December		42,000	39,089	28,194	42,479
Total	354,207	561,749	483,708	337,297	572,789

New Library Cards

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
January	188	119	27	184	121
February	137	149	36	161	109
March	176	155	24	74	133
April	152	129	36	9	118
May	142	140	71	18	96
June	290	344	179	33	225
July	218	239	160	58	164
August		206	129	57	167
September		141	105	51	150
October		150	99	50	110
November		144	64	18	108
December		122	87	31	83
Total	653	2038	1017	744	1584

Holds

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
January	14,929	15,139	18,260	14,651	13,725
February	13,005	11,617	17,130	12,246	12,081
March	13,586	12,878	18,193	7,277	12,569
April	12,658	12,098	15,698	5,645	11,811
May	13,483	11,820	14,236	10,869	11,636
June	13,854	11,984	13,328	13,616	12,378
July	14,445	11,735	11,621	15,910	12,447
August		13,389	13,510	15,672	12,577
September		12,506	13,252	16,166	12,001
October		11,924	13,304	16,502	11,919
November		12,888	12,679	16,108	12,016
December		10,313	11,069	14,567	9,859
Total	68,623	148,291	172,280	159,229	135,160

III. Reference

Statistics, July 3 – July 27:

Computer Use: 590

Test Proctoring: 2 exams

Outer Library Loans: 66 requests

Personal Archiving Lab Sessions: 1

Library Visits

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
January	16,114	10,780	0	18,887	17,062
February	15,945	11,193	0	18,969	16,673
March	18,160	13,628	0	0	19,993
April	18,062	16,488	2,889	0	20,038
May	16,049	12,366	5,015	0	19,355
June	24,827	16,624	11,757	2,850	23,672
July	20,232	17,057	13,407	6,765	23,853
August		18,830	13,267	*	22,506
September		13,890	10,746	*	18,496
October		14,009	10,346	*	19,540
November		15,729	9,371	0	18,531
December		13,552	10,562	0	16,780
Total	129,389	174,146	87,360	47,471	236,499

Reference Questions

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
January	1,640	1,061	821	3,152	2,218
February	2,034	1,653	924	1,632	2,117
March	1,821	1,758	1,347	1,974	1,937
April	2,235	1,226	948	24	2,454
May	2,031	1,117	1,085	116	2,660
June	2,655	2,183	2,200	846	3,642
July	1,878	1,691	2,365	2,431	2,662
August		2,075	1,847	2,039	3,721
September		1,341	1,543	2,521	2,359
October		1,566	581	2,045	3,213
November		1,628	458	1,060	2,321
December		1,356	721	1,092	1,978
TOTAL	14,294	18,655	14,840	18,932	31,282

Meeting Room Use

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
January	474	164	-	616	568
February	607	206	-	565	531
March	468	272	-	286	596
April	626	305	-	-	671
May	470	328	-	-	631
June	370	314	-	-	547
July	423	316	-	-	542
August		411	-	-	524
September		327	-	-	542
October		398	-	-	706
November		453	-	-	601
December		396	-	-	529
TOTAL	3,068	5,912	2,021	3,487	9,007

IV. Personnel and Staff Development

Morgan Sandler resigned her Library Page I position, effective July 14. Lucy Trueman will be leaving her Library Page I position as of August 19. Theresa posted the open positions and is accepting applications through August 6.

Tonja took the webinar *Backup: How coworkers SHOULD provide backup during conflict*.

Stacey attended the SCLS all-directors meeting and the continuing educational session “Materials Challenge Readiness” on July 20.

Leah attended the Make, Play, Learn conference hosted by UW-Madison. Sessions included exploring gardens and seed production, making handmade dyes, facilitating events like bad art, light play, basic coding, gamification, diversity and inclusion in gaming, etc. She came away with many practical ideas for future programming and engagement.

V. Equipment and Physical Facilities

A leak was discovered in the ceiling of the men’s restroom, which was repaired by our HVAC contractor.

Planning is underway for the carpet project on the east side of the building, which is set to start on September 11. The project will last approximately one month and patrons will have limited access to the adult non-fiction section during that time, but staff will retrieve items from that collection on request.

VI. Administration and Internal Operations

Stacey is has been working on the draft of the 2024 operating budget.

VII. Marketing and Public Relations

Abby created 40 event graphics (website, Facebook, TV) along with related event bookmarks/flyers/signs.

Jenny created a display featuring spicy cuisine cookbooks. Maureen created a display for gardening themed books.

Kris, Katie, Jenny, and Maureen contributed short reviews to the Verona Press for a monthly book recommendations write-up.

Social Media Engagement:

Facebook: 4,816 followers, 56 posts/events

Twitter: 1,730 followers, 0 tweets

Instagram: 1,5460 followers, 5 posts/reels/stories

Events Newsletter: 10,057 recipients

VIII. System and Interagency Cooperation

Theresa attended the Collection Maintenance Subcommittee Meeting on July 12.

IX. Fundraising

Nothing to report

X. Events, Programs and Exhibits

Kid's Events and Programs:

1000 Books before Kindergarten

15 kids were registered this month, bringing the total number of registrants to 2486.

Recently, a mom took a photo of her pre-teen daughter standing next to her much-younger 1000 books photo on the wall. She told us they had moved away seven years ago and were back visiting and the experience was very meaningful to her.

Summer Library Program

Summer library program registration began June 1. For kids ages 0 – 11, tracking of books or minutes read is returning to a paper log this year. Beanstack will still be utilized for the activity challenge, where kids do activities that earn tickets for a chance to win grand prizes.

Summer Library Program registration to date: Ages 0 - 4: 392 Ages 5 – 11: 1380	Beanstack registration (grand prize drawings) to date: Ages 0 - 5: 319 Ages 5 – 11: 641
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Summer Story Times, June 12 – July 28

Baby Story Time: 14 story times, attendees: 287, average: 21

Toddler Story Time: 14 story times, attendees: 564, average: 40

Preschool Story Time: 14 story times, attendees: 373, average: 27

Sensory Story Time: 7 story times, attendees: 166, average 24

Outdoor Story Time: 11 story times, attendees: 836, average 76

Total: 60 story times, 2,226 attendees

Tween Dungeons & Dragons

Wednesday, July 5, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Play a Dungeons & Dragons adventure with other gaming and fantasy fans. The entire adventure will be completed during this event. Characters and dice will be provided. No previous experience necessary!

Ages 8-11. Registration required.

Attendees: 2

Wild Rumpus Circus

Thursday, July 6, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

World Famous clown Alfredo Tortellini is the horn-juggling host for a lively and engaging performance. Combine hilarious clowning with aerial artistry, fantastic stilt characters with mask theater and rapid-fire juggling, and watch the Wild Rumpus ensue. Sponsored by the Friends of the Verona Public Library. *The Wild Rumpus Circus brought three performers who were easy to work with and presented a fun show that introduced theatrical concepts and featured humorous acts.*

Attendees: 228

Crafternoon: Kindness Crafts

Monday, July 10, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Drop in and get creative with different art projects each week. Ages 4 - 10. No registration.

Attendees; 72

Music & Movement Story Time

Tuesday, July 11, 9:30 – 10:00 am

Join us for singing, dancing, instruments, and stories in this active story time for children and their caregivers. Ages 1-5. No registration.

Attendees: 72

Minecraft Club

Thursday, July 11, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Build in Minecraft based on a new theme each session! Ages 6-11.

Attendees: 24

Tween Craft: Bath Bombs

Wednesday, July 12, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

The only explosions here will be the joy when you give your loved one a homemade bath bomb. Choose from different scents and colors to mold your bomb to your liking. Space is limited and registration is required. Ages 8-11.

Attendees: 28

Pokémon Club

Thursday, July 13, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Join fellow Pokémon fanatics for a Pokémon related activity each month. Bring your Gameboy, Switch, or learn to play the trading card game and compete against other kids! Bring your own deck or borrow one of ours. No registration. Ages 6-11.

Attendees: 53

Read to a Dog

Saturday, July 15, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Grab your favorite book and read to a furry friend. Independent readers can sign up for a 15 minute spot to read to a registered therapy animal. Families may share a time slot. Please come early (especially if you're picking out a book to read), as time slots are short. Check in at the Children's Desk. Ages 5 and up.

Attendees: 17

Read It and Eat: Barakah Beats

Monday, July 17, 4 :00– 5:00 pm

Discuss the novel *Barakah Beats* by Maleeha Siddiqui, plus enjoy activities and snacks related to the book. Ages 8 - 11. Books will be available for check out approximately one month prior to the discussion.

Attendees: 9

Toddler Art and Play

Tuesday, July 18, 9:30 – 10:30 am

Join us at the library for messy process art and sensory play! Wear clothes that can get messy and drop in for some fun toddler activities. Ages 1-3.

Attendees: 101

Kids' Science Lab

Tuesday, July 18, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Join us at the library for messy science experiments! Wear clothes that can get messy and drop in for some fun activities. No registration. Ages 5-7.

Attendees: 91

Graphic Novel Book Club

Wednesday, July 19, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Discuss the graphic novel *The Dragonet Prophecy* in person, plus enjoy activities and snacks related to the book. Books will be available for checkout approximately one month prior to the discussion. Stop by the youth services desk to request one. Space is limited and registration is required. Refreshments will be provided. For ages 8-11.

Attendees: 10

Early Reader Book Club

Thursday, July 20, 3:30 – 4:00 pm

Library staff will read aloud longer books, lead a discussion about them, and we'll do a fun activity together. No pre-reading required. Ages 5-7.

Attendees: 2

Crafternoon: Superhero Crafts

Monday, July 24, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Drop in and get creative with different art projects each week. Ages 4 - 10. No registration.

Attendees: 68

Tween STEM: Tiny Terrariums

Tuesday, July 25, 3:30 – 4:15 pm

Brighten your space with this tiny terrarium and learn cool facts about ecosystems. Make your terrarium whimsical, mystical, creepy, or natural. The vibe is up to you. For ages 8-11.

Attendees: 21

Tween Snacks: Fruit Pizza

Wednesday, July 26, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Design your own delicious fruit pizza with a sugar cookie crust and cream cheese frosting. Please list any allergies when registering. Ages 8-11.

Attendees: 28

Stuffed Animal Outdoor Story Time

Tuesday, August 1, 10:30 am

Enjoy stories, songs, and activities about stuffed animals (and bring your own along if you'd like)! 20 - 25 minutes. Ages 0 - 5. Walk behind the library to find our outdoor story time space!

Attendees: 208

Upcoming Kids' Events

Kindermusik

Wednesday, August 2, 10:00 – 10:30 am

The Wonder Studio presents a demo Kindermusik class for ages 0 - 5 and accompanying adult. Older siblings are also welcome. Come sing, play, and move with us!

Tween Dungeons & Dragons

Wednesday, August 2, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Play a Dungeons & Dragons adventure with other gaming and fantasy fans. The entire adventure will be completed during this event. Characters and dice will be provided. No previous experience necessary!

Ages 8-11. Registration required.

Sloth Experience

Thursday, August 3, 10:00 and 11:30 am

Learn all about sloths, plus meet a baby Linnaeus's two-toed sloth named Stella! Presented by Animal Quest from Illinois. All ages. No registration. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Verona Public Library.

Hot Wheels Derby

Friday, August 4, 10:00 – 11:00 am

For children ages 4 – 9. Start your engines and race your cars on our race tracks to see who is the fastest. Bring a car of your own or use one of ours. Registration is required.

Crafternoon: Friendship Bracelets

Monday, August 7, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Drop in and get creative with different art projects each week. Ages 4 - 10. No registration.

Music & Movement Story Time

Tuesday, August 8, 9:30 – 10:00 am

Join us for singing, dancing, instruments, and stories in this active story time for children and their caregivers. Ages 1-5. No registration.

Minecraft Club

Thursday, August 8, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Build in Minecraft based on a new theme each session! Ages 6-11.

Tween Craft: Galaxy Jars

Wednesday, August 9, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

The only explosions here will be the joy when you give your loved one a homemade bath bomb. Choose from different scents and colors to mold your bomb to your liking. Space is limited and registration is required. Ages 8-11.

Encanto Outdoor Story Time

Thursday, August 10, 10:30 am

Enjoy stories, songs, and activities about Encanto! 20 - 25 minutes. Ages 0 - 5. Walk behind the library to find our outdoor story time space! Please watch our Facebook page for any weather-related cancellations.

Pokémon Club

Thursday, August 10, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Join fellow Pokémon fanatics for a Pokémon related activity each month. Bring your Gameboy, Switch, or learn to play the trading card game and compete against other kids! Bring your own deck or borrow one of ours. No registration. Ages 6-11.

Silly Outdoor Story Time

Monday, August 14, 10:30 am

It's time to get silly! Join us for some silly stories, songs, and activities. 20 - 25 minutes. Ages 0 - 5. Walk behind the library to find our outdoor story time space! Please watch our Facebook page for any weather-related cancellations.

Magical Nature

Monday, August 14, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Discover the magic of nature! Join us at the library for arts, crafts, and experiments using natural materials you can find in your backyard. A sweet snack will be provided. Ages 5-7. No registration required. We will be working with natural materials and food. Ingredient lists for snacks will be provided.

Toddler Art and Play

Tuesday, August 15, 9:30 – 10:30 am

Join us at the library for messy process art and sensory play! Wear clothes that can get messy and drop in for some fun toddler activities. Ages 1-3.

Music Together Madtown

Wednesday, August 16, 9:30 – 10:00 am

Join Music Together Madtown for a demo class for kids! Geared toward ages 0 - 5 with parents or caregivers.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Wednesday, August 16, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Discuss the graphic novel *Katie the Catsitter* in person, plus enjoy activities and snacks related to the book. Books will be available for checkout approximately one month prior to the discussion. Stop by the youth services desk to request one. Space is limited and registration is required. Refreshments will be provided. For ages 8-11.

James the Magician

Thursday, August 16, 10:30 am and 1:00 pm

Join us for this award winning, interactive, comedy magic show. Since 1986, James Ember has been creating and performing magic throughout the world.

For all ages. No registration. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Verona Public Library.

Early Reader Book Club

Thursday, August 16, 3:30 – 4:00 pm

Library staff will read aloud longer books, lead a discussion about them, and we'll do a fun activity together. No pre-reading required. Ages 5-7.

Read to a Dog

Saturday, August 19, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Grab your favorite book and read to a furry friend. Independent readers can sign up for a 15-minute spot to read to a registered therapy animal. Families may share a time slot. Please come early (especially if you're picking out a book to read), as time slots are short. Check in at the Children's Desk. Ages 5 and up.

Read It and Eat: Candidly Cline

Monday, August 21, 4 :00 – 5:00 pm

Discuss the novel *Candidly Cline* by Kathryn Ormsbee, plus enjoy activities and snacks related to the book. Ages 8 - 11. Books will be available for check out approximately one month prior to the discussion. Stop by the youth services desk to request one.

Bluey Outdoor Story Time

Thursday, August 22, 10:30 am

Enjoy stories, songs, and activities about Bluey! 20 - 25 minutes. Ages 0 - 5. Walk behind the library to find our outdoor story time space! Please watch our Facebook page for any weather-related cancellations.

Barbie Outdoor Story Time

Thursday, August 22, 10:30 am

Enjoy stories, songs, and activities about Barbie! 20 - 25 minutes. Ages 0 - 5. Walk behind the library to find our outdoor story time space! Please watch our Facebook page for any weather-related cancellations.

Lego Party

Friday, August 23, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Join fellow Lego fans for a Lego celebration with building challenges and snacks. Lego bricks will be provided for use during the event. Ages 6-11. Registration required.

Back to School Outdoor Story Time

Wednesday, August 30, 10:30 am

Enjoy stories, songs, and activities about heading back to school (including preschool)! 20 - 25 minutes. Ages 0 - 5. Walk behind the library to find our outdoor story time space! Please watch our Facebook page for any weather-related cancellations.

Tween Dungeons & Dragons

Wednesday, August 30, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Play a Dungeons & Dragons adventure with other gaming and fantasy fans. The entire adventure will be completed during this event. Characters and dice will be provided. No previous experience necessary! Ages 8-11. Registration required.

Teen Events:

Teen Summer Library Program

Teen registrants so far: 261

Completed activities: 3,199

Crafty Tuesday

Tuesday, June 27, 4:00 pm

Teens colored canvases with water color pencils, using stencils.

Attendees: 20

Teen D&D

Thursday, July 6, 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Teens played a Dungeons & Dragons one-shot adventure together, using creative storytelling to accomplish a role-playing game.

Attendees: 8

Crafty Tuesday

Tuesday, July 11, 4 pm

Teens embroidered felt balls with colorful thread and creative patterns!

Attendees: 35

Teen Craft: Spa Day

Wednesday, July 12, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Teens made homemade bath fizzes with different scents and colors, as well as other DIY spa treatments, like masks and body scrubs.

Attendees: 14

Teen Outdoor Movie

Friday, July 14, 8:45 – 10:45 pm

Teens socialized while watching *Clue* – indoors due to weather.

Attendees: 7

Lawn Games & Frozen Treats

Tuesday, July 18, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Teens played lawn games behind the library with other teens, while enjoying frozen treats.

Attendees: 13

Teen Snacks: Fruit Pizza

Wednesday, July 26, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

In groups, teens whipped up some fruit pizza topping and created a fruit design!

Attendees: 27

Teen Gaming

Thursday, July 27, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Teens played video games together while enjoying some snacks.

Attendees: 8

Upcoming Teen Events:**Teen D&D**

Thursday, August 3, August 31, 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Play a Dungeons & Dragons one-shot adventure with other teens. Pre-generated characters and dice will be provided. No previous experience necessary!

Crafty Tuesday

August 8 & August 22, 4:00 pm

Stop by Teen Central for DIY projects. Create throughout the week, as supplies last.

Teen Craft: Galaxy Jars

Wednesday, August 9, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Capture a galaxy with paints, glitter, cotton, and your imagination!

Lawn Games & Frozen Treats

Tuesday, August 15, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Play lawn games behind the library with other teens, weather permitting. Enjoy a cool treat and face off in cornhole, ladder toss, Spikeball, giant Jenga, etc. Don't forget your sunscreen!

Teen Gaming

Thursday, August 17, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Drop-in VR. You come first, you play first. While you wait for the Oculus Meta Quest 2, play on the SNES or Switch!

Teen Outdoor Movie

Friday, August 18, 8:30 – 10:45 pm

Snack on some popcorn while you watch *Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings* on a big screen in our parking lot theater! Bring a camp chair (we'll have some available), and dress for the weather. If it rains, we'll move the event indoors.

Adult Classes & Events:

Distance Learning English Classes for Adults

Mondays 6:00 - 7:30 pm & Tuesdays 6:00 - 8:00 pm, June 5 – August 15

Beginner Class

July 3, attendees: 8

July 10, attendees: 8

July 24, attendees: 11

Intermediate Class

July 18, attendees: 5

July 25, attendees: 3

Library Yarns Craft Group

Tuesdays, 11:30 – 1:00 pm & Wednesdays, 4:30 – 6:00 pm

Fiber art enthusiasts gathered to learn new techniques, exchange ideas, or find inspiration for their next project.

July 12, attendees: 6

July 18, attendees: 6

July 19, attendees: 6

July 26, attendees: 16

Natural Dye Demo: Bundle Dyeing with Botanicals

Wednesday, July 5, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Erica, of Down to Earth Goods, demonstrated how to use botanicals including food waste, floral waste, and other natural extracts to dye fabric.

Attendees: 38

Senior Case Management Outreach

Monday, July 10, Drop in between 2:00 – 3:00 pm

A case manager from the Verona Senior Center was available to answer questions and provide resources for older adults and their caregivers.

Attendees: 1

Streambank Stabilization

Thursday, July 13, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Luke Melotik and Rick Eilertson from AECOM (Verona's City Engineering Consultant) covered bank stabilization practices and how they can have a positive impact on ecosystems and the environment. Local, state-wide, and national efforts to protect streambank resources were highlighted and discussed, as well as ways individuals can contribute to improvements.

Attendees: 7

Sippin through the Summer with a Mocktail

Wednesday, July 19, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Kevin and Katie, from Hodge Podge, led us through creating delicious mocktails. They discussed variations on the mocktails, flavor profiles, and where to find fresh ingredients.

Attendees: 22

Ukulele Sing-Along

Tuesday, July 25, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Performers from the Mad City Ukes played songs for all ages and invited the audience to sing along.

Attendees: 72

Meet Verona Police K9 Sergeant Kile and K9 Drea

Wednesday, July 26, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Verona Police K9 Drea and K9 Sergeant Matt Kile demonstrated how they work together as partners.

Attendees: 64

Fraud Watch Basics

Monday, July 31, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Have you ever been approached with a fraudulent offer or been a victim of identity theft? The AARP Fraud Watch Network is working to empower you in the fight, with proven resources and tools to help you spot and avoid identity theft and fraud.

Attendees: 8

Upcoming Adult Classes & Events

Adult Summer Reading Program 2023

June 1 – August 31

Visit veronapubliclibrary.beanstack.org and/or get the Beanstack Tracker app to create an account starting June 1. Then register to participate. Log every hour of reading you do (up to 20 hours total) and enter to win a \$50 gift card to a Verona business. Open to adults 18 years and older. Sponsored by the Friends of the Verona Public Library.

Distance Learning English Classes for Adults

Mondays 6:00 – 7:30 pm, Beginner, Beginner, June 5 - August 15,

Tuesdays 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Intermediate, Intermediate, June 6 - August 15,

This free group English class is offered mostly online using Zoom. You will practice speaking, listening, reading, writing and new vocabulary in English. Students will receive free English textbooks, at their level, in the mail. Presented in partnership with Literacy Network.

Library Yarns Craft Group

Second and Fourth Wednesdays, drop-in between 4:30 - 6:00 pm

If you enjoy knitting, crochet, embroidery, or another needlecraft, please join us at a twice-monthly, drop-in stitching circle. Meet up with other fiber art enthusiasts, learn new techniques, exchange ideas, or find inspiration for your next project. All skill levels welcome.

Madison Flute Choir Summer Favorites Performance

Tuesday, August 8, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

The Madison Flute Choir will perform their summer repertoire of marches, classics, popular music and movie themes. The flute choir consists of piccolos, standard flutes, alto flutes, bass flutes, and contrabass flutes, creating an all-flute orchestra.

Behavioral Health Resource Center Outreach

Thursday, August 10, Drop-in between 10:00 - 12:00 pm

Meet with staff from the Behavioral Health Resource Center (BHRC) and learn how they can assist in

connecting you with different Dane County mental health and/or substance use resources. Learn more about the BHRC: 608-267-2244; danebhrc.org.

Senior Case Management Outreach

Monday, August 14, Drop in between 2:00 – 3:00 pm

A case manager from the Verona Senior Center will answer questions and provide resources for older adults and their caregivers. Information on Medicare/Medicaid, nutrition, housing, assistance in the home, and resources in Verona and Dane County will be available. Contact Julie Larson at the Verona Senior Center at 608-845-7471 with questions.

Mini Succulent Garden Workshop

Thursday, August 17, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Create your very own teacup garden! Choose from a collection of vintage or recycled containers and pick out your favorite succulent. Naomi, of Glitter Workshop, will guide you through creating your magical garden. Registration required.

Watercolor Class: Stained Glass Anemone Flowers

Wednesday, August 23, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Madison artist, Emily Marie, will teach you how to paint a flower design using watercolors. You will be able to choose both the color of the anemone flowers and the background. This class is perfect for all skill levels. All supplies will be provided and no experience is necessary. Registration required.

Exhibits

No exhibits are scheduled over the summer.

Outreach Events

Outreach story times:

Total daycare story time presentations this month: 33

Nakoma Kids Club Summer Reading Program

Tuesdays, July 11 and 25, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Books for checkout, library card applications, crafts, and activities for Glacier Edge students and their families at the Nakoma Heights Apartments.

Attendees: 14, 24

Senior Center Book Group

Wednesday, July 12, 10:00 – 11:00 am

The group discussed *Flight of Dreams* by Ariel Lawhon.

Attendees: 18

Havens Petting Farm, Book Bike and Kona Ice at the Senior Center

Wednesday, July 12, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

The library had a table inside the senior center due to rainy weather at this intergenerational event.

Attendees: 34

Four Winds Book Group

Tuesday, July 18, 10:00 – 11:00 am

The residents met to discuss *Desert Star* by Michael Connelly.

Attendees: 4

Noel Manor Book Group

Tuesday, July 25, 10:30 – 11:30 am

The group read *Two Kinds of Truth* by Michael Connelly.

Attendees: 5

Prairie Oaks Book Group

Thursday, July 27, 1:00 – 2:00 pm

The group read *Camino Island* by John Grisham.

Attendees: 6

Books 'n Booze at Sugar River Pizza

Thursday, July 27, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

The group discussed *Sea of Tranquility* by Emily St. John Mandel and met at Sugar River Pizza.

Attendees: 13

Book Bike Events

Veterans Park, July 11, 11:30 – 12:15 pm, attendees: 20

Tollefson Park, July 19, 11:30 – 12:15 pm, attendees: 19

Cathedral Point Park, July 20, 11:30 – 12:15 pm, attendees: 32

Farmers Market, July 26, 3:00 – 5:30 pm, attendees: 23

Upcoming Outreach Events**Senior Center Book Group**

Wednesday, August 9, 10:00 – 11:00 am

The group will be reading *Raft of Stars* by Andrew J. Graff.

Four Winds Book Group

Tuesday, August 15, 10:00 – 11:00 am

The residents will meet to discuss *Nightwork* by Nora Roberts.

Prairie Oaks Book Group

Thursday, August 24, 1:00 – 2:00 pm

The group will be reading *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline.

Books 'n Booze at Sugar River Pizza

Thursday, August 24, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

The group will be discussing *Four Treasures of the Sky* by Jenny Tinghui Zhang.

Noel Manor Book Group

Tuesday, August 29, 10:30 – 11:30 am

The group will be reading *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson.

Upcoming Book Bike Events

National Night Out, August 1, 5:00 – 8:00 pm

The Goddard School, August 24, 3:30 – 5:30 pm