

**AGENDA**

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

**Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.  
Library Conference Room**

**Call to order**

- Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of 12/6/23
- Review and approval of the December 2023 and January 2024 invoices
- Public Comments
- City Council Liaison's report
- Library Director's report
- Old Business
  - Discussion of the 2024 Library Director goals
- New Business
  - None

## **Library Board Meeting Notes**

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Library Conference Room

### **Attendees:**

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

**Call to Order:** Hopp called the meeting to order at 6:35

### **Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of 11/1/23**

Fuller moved, Spencer 2nd. Motion carries

### **Review and approval of the November 2023 invoices**

Cronin Moved, Kyle 2nd. Motion Carries

### **Public Comments**

None

### **City Council Liaison's report**

Enterprise Drive construction is being completed for curb/sidewalk. Delayed crosswalk markings.

### **Library Director's report**

Survey completed. Initial results being reviewed. Looking into highlighting sets of programming for age groups.

### **Old Business**

1. None

### **New Business**

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the annual DCLS Agreement for Extension of Library Service
  - A motion to approve was made by Voss, seconded by Spencer. Motion approved
2. Discussion and possible action regarding the Child Safety Policy
  - A motion to approve was made by Cronin, seconded by Fuller, Motion approved.
3. Discussion and possible action regarding the Reference Librarian job description
  - A motion to approve was made by Spencer, seconded by Jones, Motion approved.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding the 2023 Library Director evaluation and 2024 goals.

- The board thanked Stacey for her successful performance in 2023 and outlined modifications for 2024's goals creation at the January board meeting.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Voss, Seconded by Spencer, Adjournment approved

**Post Script:**

This was Teresa Voss' last board meeting and the board expressed their gratitude for her involvement and contributions to the board during her tenure and well wishes for her future endeavors.

Library Board approved:  
Christopher Hopp, President  
Rikki Conwell, Vice President  
Kyle Jones, Secretary  
Teresa Voss, School District Representative  
Kate Cronin, Alderperson  
Karen Spencer  
Regina Fuller

Rikki will do January Notes

VERONA PUBLIC LIBRARY  
DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
December 2023

***I. Collection Development***

Number of items added and deleted in November 2023:

Item Type	Added	Deleted
Books	574	537
Audio	21	4
Software	8	3
Video/DVD	36	18
Other (kits, etc.)	2	1
Magazines	139	275
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>838</b>
<b>YTD</b>	<b>11,529</b>	<b>13,256</b>

***II. Circulation***

**Circulation**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>January</b>	47,722	46,024	29,669	49,255	44,153
<b>February</b>	46,003	42,218	28,925	46,500	44,487
<b>March</b>	52,026	49,314	36,647	29,964	49,074
<b>April</b>	46,674	47,514	31,448	2,021	46,215
<b>May</b>	44,226	42,775	32,633	8,861	43,274
<b>June</b>	59,454	52,827	52,142	18,507	55,425
<b>July</b>	58,102	52,448	52,220	29,609	59,493
<b>August</b>	58,081	55,184	51,007	31,025	53,415
<b>September</b>	45,429	45,066	42,894	31,115	44,582
<b>October</b>	47,785	42,440	43,527	34,075	46,108
<b>November</b>	44,975	43,939	43,507	28,171	44,084
<b>December</b>		42,000	39,089	28,194	42,479
<b>Total</b>	<b>550,477</b>	<b>561,749</b>	<b>483,708</b>	<b>337,297</b>	<b>572,789</b>

### 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	212	206	129	57	167
September	141	141	105	51	150
October	170	150	99	50	110
November	119	144	64	18	108
December		122	87	31	83
Total	1,295	2,038	1,017	744	1,584

### 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	13,607	13,389	13,510	15,672	12,577
September	13,587	12,506	13,252	16,166	12,001
October	12,645	11,924	13,304	16,502	11,919
November	12,971	12,888	12,679	16,108	12,016
December		10,313	11,069	14,567	9,859
Total	108,462	148,291	172,280	159,229	135,160

### III. Reference

#### Reference Statistics, November 22 - December 21

Computer Use: 640

Test Proctoring: 8 exams

Outer Library Loans: 33 requests

Personal Archiving Lab Sessions: 5

## 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	18,782	18,830	13,267	*	22,506
September	14,707	13,890	10,746	*	18,496
October	13,413	14,009	10,346	*	19,540
November	17,856	15,729	9,371	0	18,531
December	16,407	13,552	10,562	0	16,780
<b>Total</b>	<b>210,554</b>	<b>174,146</b>	<b>87,360</b>	<b>47,471</b>	<b>236,499</b>

## 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	2,280	2,075	1,847	2,039	3,721
September	1,718	1,341	1,543	2,521	2,359
October	1,681	1,566	581	2,045	3,213
November	2,028	1,628	458	1,060	2,321
December	1,884	1,356	721	1,092	1,978
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,885</b>	<b>18,655</b>	<b>14,840</b>	<b>18,932</b>	<b>31,282</b>

## 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	474	411	-	-	524
September	244	327	-	-	542
October	347	398	-	-	706
November	601	453	-	-	601
December	549	396	-	-	529
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,653</b>	<b>5,912</b>	<b>2,021</b>	<b>3,487</b>	<b>9,007</b>

#### ***IV. Personnel and Staff Development***

Paula Pudewell has resigned her Library Page position.

Luca Nunley was hired as a Library Assistant, his first day was December 11.

Tonja attended the Southwest Regional Equity Team Meeting via Zoom on December 19.

Jess and Amy attended an all-day workshop called "International Children's Literature Celebration: Folk and Fairytales" at UW-Madison on December 2.

Jess and Julie viewed the recording of the YSS Performer's Showcase to get ideas for Summer Reading Program performers.

#### ***V. Equipment and Physical Facilities***

Connie and Mark decorated the Christmas tree. Many compliments from patrons including a couple that stopped by to ask if the library hired professional decorators.

Tonja and Abby have been working with Library Market to migrate from the soon defunct Evanced product to the new events calendar and room reservation software. The project has been time consuming due to manually entering in all upcoming events and room registrations. The new software will be launched mid-January and we think patrons will find it easy to use.

Planning continues for the final phase of the carpet installation in April.

#### ***VI. Administration and Internal Operations***

Abby, Tonja, and Stacey worked on a draft of the 2024 library marketing plan.

Stacey and the library managers are going through the comments from the public survey and identifying action items and future budget ideas.

Stacey, Julie, Tonja, Ronda, and Theresa held annual performance reviews and goal setting meetings with all their direct reports this month.

#### ***VII. Marketing and Public Relations***

Abby created 41 event graphics (website, Facebook, TV) along with related event bookmarks/flyers/signs.

Jenny created a *Fiction Award Winners Retrospective* book display and one featuring books with snow themed titles called *C'mon Winter. It's Time*.

Katie created a book display featuring *Holiday Romance* and another celebrating *Giant Monsters*.

Circulation staff created a book displays featuring books on handmade gifts and another titled *Time to Get Cozy*.

Maureen, Jess, Mark, and Jenny contributed short reviews to the Verona Press for a monthly staff recommendations write-up.

Mark contributed a guest column to the Verona Press.

### ***VIII. System and Interagency Cooperation***

The library is a stop on the Verona Recreation Department annual Snowflake Hunt through January 8.

### ***IX. Fundraising***

In 2023, the library received a total of \$20,873 in direct donations and raised an additional \$8332 during the 5K Run/Walk fundraiser for a total of \$29,205 added to the Verona Public Library Endowment fund.

### ***X. Events, Programs and Exhibits***

#### **Kid's Events and Programs:**

##### **1000 Books before Kindergarten**

8 kids were registered this month, bringing the total number of registrants to 2555.

##### **Late Fall Story Time**

November 6 – December 15

Baby Story Time: 10 story times, attendees: 232, average: 23

Toddler Story Time: 12 story times, attendees: 484, average: 40

Preschool Story Time: 12 story times, attendees: 376, average: 31

Sensory Story Time: 8 story times, attendees: 213, average 26

Everybody Story Time: 5 story times, attendees: 180, average 36

Total: 47 story times, 1,485 attendees

##### **Tween Craft: Bath Bombs**

Wednesday, November 29, 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Ages 8-11. 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.

Attendees: 27

##### **Young and the Restless**

Friday, December 1, 9:30 – 11:00 am

Get your wiggles out! Young and the Restless open indoor play time is an opportunity for kids to be active, develop motor skills, and make new friends. Ages 0-5 and their caregivers.

Attendees: 48

##### **Graphic Novel Book Club**

Monday, December 4, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

For ages 8 - 11. Discuss the graphic novel *Pawcasso* by Remy Lai, plus enjoy activities and snacks related to the book. Books will be available for checkout approximately one month prior to the discussion at the youth services desk. Stop by the youth services desk to request one.

Attendees: 11

##### **Music & Movement Story Time**

Tuesday, December 5, 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.

Attendees: 64



**Minecraft Club**

Thursday, December 7, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Ages 6 - 11. Have fun playing Minecraft and interacting with peers. Build in Minecraft based on a new challenge each session!

Attendees: 23

**Read to a Dog**

Saturday, December 9, 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. Ages 5 and up.

Attendees: 16

**Early Reader Book Club**

Tuesday, December 11, 4:00 - 4:30 pm

For children ages 5-7. Library staff will read aloud longer books, lead a discussion about them, and do a fun activity. No pre-reading required.

Attendees: 15

**Family Graham Cracker House Decorating**

Tuesday, December 12, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, 6:00 - 7:00 pm, and Friday, December 15, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Geared toward families with children ages 5-11. We will be decorating our own "gingerbread" houses using graham crackers, frosting, and candy. Bring in your cheer and your sweet tooth! Please note that there are 3 sessions, and all sessions are the same.

Attendees: 40, 47, 57

**Pokémon Club**

Thursday, December 14, 4:00 - 5:00 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. Ages 6-11.

Attendees: 52

**Read to a Dog**

Saturday, December 16, 10:00 - 11:45 am

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. Ages 5 and up.

Attendees: 12

**Favorite Books and Bites: Warriors**

Monday, November 20, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Discuss the *Warriors* series, plus enjoy activities and snacks related to the books. Ages 8 - 11. Pick up a copy of the first book of the series at the children's desk to read in advance, or if you're already a fan, just sign up and join us.

Attendees: 13

**Toddler Art and Play**

Tuesday, December 19, 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: 82

### **Music Together Madtown**

Wednesday, December 20, 9:30 - 10:00 am

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

Attendees: 15

### **Taylor's Belated B-day Bash for Kids (Library Version)**

Wednesday, December 20, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Ages 4 - 11. Registration required.

Join other younger Swifties in bracelet-making, bejeweling, chill trivia, and more! Feel free to dress up for our Polaroid photo booth. Stay for the entire party, or stop in as you can! Sign up kids only, but grown-ups are welcome to attend. *After a few kids asked about signing up for the teen Taylor's B-day Bash, we decided to revise the program for younger kids and offer it again the following week.*

Attendees: 39

### **Child Development Story Time: Stars and Winter**

Thursday, December 21, 10:30 - 11:00 am

Join a member of CI Pediatric Therapy Centers' staff for an interactive story time of books, songs, movement, crafts and fun! Activities will be geared towards 2-5 year olds, but all ages are welcome!

Attendees: 15

### **Young and the Restless**

Friday, December 22, 9:30 - 11:00 am

Get your wiggles out! Young and the Restless open indoor playtime is an opportunity for kids to be active, develop motor skills, and make new friends. Ages 0-5 and their caregivers. No registration.

Attendees: 90

### **Upcoming Kids' Events**

#### **Bad Art Extravaganza**

Thursday, December 28, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Ages 6-11. Tired of always having to make art that is good? Come to the library to create your own messy masterpiece! Make it totally terrible or shockingly silly. Wear clothes that can get messy. Drop in or stay the entire time! No registration required.

#### **Noon Year's Eve Party**

Friday, December 29, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Celebrate the end of 2023 and the beginning of 2024 with dancing, activities, and refreshments! All ages! Throughout the library. No registration.

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Thursday, January 4, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Ages 6 - 11. Have fun playing Minecraft and interacting with peers. Build in Minecraft based on a new challenge each session! Minecraft Club does not include instructions on how to play or a shared server. Bring a device to play on or borrow one of ours. It is possible to play on a public server at Minecraft Club, library staff recommend players create their own world to play in to maximize online safety.

**Young and the Restless**

Friday, January 5 & 19, 9:30 - 11:00 am

Get your wiggles out! Young and the Restless open indoor playtime is an opportunity for kids to be active, develop motor skills, and make new friends. Ages 0-5 and their caregivers. No registration.

**Read to a Dog**

Saturday, January 6, 10:00 - 11:45 am

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**Toddler Art and Play**

Tuesday, January 23, 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.

**Family Craft: Watercolor Snowflakes**

Tuesday, January 23, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

For ages 5-11. Drop by the library and create colorful watercolor snowflakes! Take as much time as you need. If your child needs help using scissors then please attend with them.

**Child Development Story Time: Hibernation**

Friday, January 26, 9:30 - 10:00 am

Join a member of CI Pediatric Therapy Centers' staff for an interactive story time of books, songs, movement, crafts and fun! Activities are geared towards 2-5 year olds, but all ages are welcome!

**Gabby's Dollhouse Story Time**

Tuesday, January 30, 10:30 - 11:00 am

Enjoy stories, songs, and activities about Gabby's Dollhouse! 20 - 25 minutes. Geared for ages 2 - 5.

**Paw Patrol Story Time**

Wednesday, January 31, 6:30 - 7:00 pm

Join us for stories and songs with a Paw Patrol theme designed for ages 2-5.

**Teen Events:****Teen Tiny Art**

Tuesday, November 28, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Teens spent a relaxing hour painting a tiny canvas in unique ways!

Attendees: 13

**Taylor's B-day Bash (Library Version)**

Wednesday, December 13, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Taylor Swift fans celebrated together with bracelet-making, bejeweling, trivia, and glitter tattoos! They also posed for our Polaroid photo booth.

Attendees: 16

**Upcoming Teen Events:****Crafty Tuesday**

Tuesday, January 9, 4:00 pm

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

**Teen Paper Lanterns**

Thursday, January 25, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Decorate a paper lantern with watercolor inks and acrylic paints!

**Sensory Friendly Film: Tarzan**

Sunday, January 28, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

This showing will have lights on, volume low, captions, and room for movement and noise! The intended audience is teens and young adults (ages 12-21) with additional needs accompanied by siblings and caregivers, although everyone is welcome. Noise cancelling headphones and fidgets will be available.

**New College Planning Strategies and ACT/SAT Test Updates (Webinar)**

Wednesday, February 7, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

2024 introduces some of the most significant changes to college planning in decades. In this free webinar through College Inside Track, Join Erin Doyle, from Nuturing Wisdom, to learn about how these changes may impact your family and new strategies to consider to give your student the best opportunity to be admitted and maximize financial aid and scholarships!

## **Adult Classes & Events:**

### **Distance Learning English Classes for Adults**

Mondays 6:00 - 7:30 pm & Tuesdays 6:00 - 8:00 pm, September 11 - December 5

November 27, attendees: 17

November 28, attendees: 6

December 6, attendees: 12

### **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.

December 5, attendees: 7

December 19, attendees: 8

### **Library Yarns Sweater Knit Along**

Wednesdays, November 29, December 6, 20, 4:30 - 6:00 pm

We will be knitting two variations on a lace cardigan in baby and adult sizes. Choose either Elizabeth Zimmermann's classic Baby Sweater on Two Needles or a grown-up version of the same cardigan, Pamela Wynne's February Lady Sweater. Registration required. Class size limited to 12 participants.

November 29, attendees: 12

December 6, attendees: 8

December 20, attendees: 11

### **UW Russian Folk Orchestra Performance**

Monday, November 27, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Join the UW Russian Folk Orchestra for an unforgettable evening of music! The UW Russian Folk Orchestra, in its 26<sup>th</sup> season, is an official University of Wisconsin-sponsored ensemble specializing in live performances of Slavic and East-European music using authentic folk instruments such as balalaikas and domras. Music CDs will be available for sale.

Attendees: 175

### **Saving Energy in Your Home**

Thursday, November 30, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Understand your house as a system as we examine common sources of energy loss and how air sealing and insulation work together to improve energy efficiency and comfort. Brendon Shoemaker, Residential Energy Auditor, from Project Home and Laura Paprock, Residential Energy Engineer, from Madison Gas and Electric, will also discuss simple upgrades for cost-effective energy savings. Sponsored by MG&E.

Attendees: 7

### **Verona Area High School Winter Music Recital**

Tuesday, December 5, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Soloists and small groups of Verona Area High School music students will perform music for the season.

Attendees: 43

### **Temples of the Egyptian Gods**

Thursday, December 7, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

For over 2,000 years, the Egyptian Pharaohs paid homage to their gods by building lavish temples. Marvel at their immensity as Joe Fahey explains their meaning, shows you their grandeur, and provides a lesson in hieroglyphics.

Attendees: 36

### **Madison Flute Choir Winter Performance**

Tuesday, December 12, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Enjoy a relaxing evening of seasonal music with the Madison Flute Choir.

Attendees: 125

### **Smart Residential Salt Use**

Thursday, December 14, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Steve Lawton from AECOM will cover tips for using salt on your property to safely remove ice during the winter and to soften water year-round, preventing the costs of excess salt being transported to aquatic ecosystems. Lawton will also describe some of the initiatives that local municipalities have been implementing to save money and reduce the harmful impacts of salt.

Attendees: 1

### **Upcoming Adult Classes & Events**

#### **Distance Learning English Classes for Adults**

Mondays 6:00 - 7:30 pm, Beginner, Beginner, January 22 – April 29

Tuesdays 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Intermediate, Intermediate, January 23 – April 30

This class is offered mostly online using Zoom. Practice speaking, listening, reading, and writing in English. Students will receive free English textbooks by mail. In partnership with Literacy Network.

#### **Library Yarns Craft Group**

Wednesdays, January 10, 24, 31, February 14, 28, March 13, 27

Meet up with other fiber art enthusiasts, learn new techniques, exchange ideas, or find inspiration for your next project. All skill levels welcome.

#### **Senior Case Management Outreach**

Second Monday of each month, 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.

#### **Meet Your New PAL! Using the Personal Archiving Lab at Verona Public Library**

Tuesday, January 9, 6:00-7:00 pm

Thursday, January 11, 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Did you know the library has equipment to digitize and preserve your old photos, recordings, and documents? Drop in to see what equipment is available, the basics of digitizing some of the most popular formats, and to learn how to make a reservation to use the PAL to digitize your own memorabilia.

#### **Printmaking Workshop (Drypoint Etching)**

Wednesday, January 17, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

If you can trace, you can print! Learn the art of drypoint etching using an ordinary milk jug and take home a completed project. All supplies are provided. Class size limited to 16 participants.

#### **Are You or a Loved One Living with Hearing Loss?**

Thursday, January 18, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Hearing loss is an invisible disability that greatly affects our ability to communicate with family, friends, coworkers and our community. Members of the Madison Hearing Loss Association of America, will share essential information on hearing loss, including vital strategies to live a successful and happy life with hearing loss. There will be an opportunity for you to meet new hard of hearing friends.

### **Pakistani Cooking Class**

Wednesday, January 24, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Join Huma Siddiqui-Seitz, cookbook author and founder of White Jasmine, for a cooking demonstration featuring Mediterranean chicken with spices, garbanzo beans and fresh spinach, cilantro and line rice. Enjoy a tasting of all the food prepared. White Jasmine is a local company that offers unique spices, cheeses, cooking classes, and TV show *White Jasmine Everyday Cooking*. Registration required. Limit 25 participants.

### **Valentine's Mocktails with Hodge Podge**

Thursday, February 8, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Join the friendly folks from Hodge Podge as they lead you through creating deliciously flavored and aesthetically eye-catching mocktails! They'll discuss variations on the mocktails, their flavor profiles, and where to find fresh ingredients. Be the star of your next social gathering, or whip up your favorites at home for yourself! Registration required. Limit 25 participants.

### **Exhibits**

#### **Verona Area School District Art Exhibit**

March 1 - 22, 2024

Artwork by students from the Verona Area School District, grades K-12, will be on display.

### **Outreach Events**

#### **Outreach story times:**

Total daycare story time presentations this month: 10

#### **Four Winds Book Group**

Tuesday, November 28, 10:00 - 11:00 am

The residents met to discuss *The Gown* by Jennifer Robson.

Attendees: 4

#### **Noel Manor Book Group**

Tuesday, November 28, 10:30 - 11:30 am

The group read *Camino Island* by John Grisham.

Attendees: 5

#### **Prairie Oaks Book Group**

Thursday, November 30, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

The group read *Raft of Stars* by Andrew J. Graff.

Attendees: 5

#### **Verona Senior Center Chili Supper**

Friday, December 1, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

The library provided a mitten craft project at the Senior Center's chili supper.

Attendees: 18

#### **Reindeer Live!**

Saturday, December 9, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

The library had a reindeer-themed craft project at the Chamber of Commerce's annual reindeer event.

Attendees: 82

**Senior Center Book Group**

Wednesday, December 13, 10:00 - 11:00 am

The group discussed *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb.

Attendees: 15

**YMCA After School Program at New Century/Verona Area International School**

Monday, December 18, 4:15 - 4:45 pm

Crafts and stories at the afterschool program at NC and VAIS.

Attendees: 23

**Stephens Elementary 4K Field Trips**

Tuesday, December 19, 9:15 - 9:45 am and 12:45–1:15 pm

4K students from Stephens Elementary came for a story time and an opportunity to explore the library.

Attendees: 21, 20

**Upcoming Outreach Events****Noel Manor Book Group**

Wednesday, December 27, 10:30 - 11:30 am

The group will be reading *A Week in Winter* by Maeve Binchy.

**Four Winds Book Group**

Tuesday, January 2, 10:00 - 11:00 am

The residents will meet to discuss *The Wrong Side of Goodbye* by Michael Connelly.

**Senior Center Book Group**

Wednesday, January 10, 10:00 - 11:00 am

The group will be reading *The Red Address Book* by Sofia Lundberg.

**YMCA After School Program at New Century/Verona Area International School**

Monday, January 22, 4:15 - 4:45 pm

Crafts and stories at the afterschool program at NC and VAIS.

**Prairie Oaks Book Group**

Thursday, January 25, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

The group will be reading *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline.

**Books 'n Booze at Stone Porch Alehouse**

Thursday, January 25, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

The group will be discussing *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell.