

AGENDA

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

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

Call to order

- Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of 3/6/24
- Review and approval of the March 2024 invoices
- Public Comments
- City Council Liaison's report
- Library Director's report
- Old Business
 1. Discussion of library strategic planning
- New Business
 1. Discussion and possible action regarding the 2024 Adjacent County Reimbursement requests
 2. Discussion and possible action regarding Donor Recognition Opportunities
 3. Preliminary discussion of the 2025 library budget

Library Board Meeting Notes

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

Attendees:

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

Call to Order: Hopp called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of 2/7/24 Jones moved, Conwell 2nd. Motion carries

Review and approval of the February 2024 invoices

Cronin Moved, Spencer 2nd. Motion Carries

Public Comments

None

City Council Liaison's report

Early voting March 19 - 22nd at City Hall, March 20, 23, 27 at Library April 2nd at your local precinct

No additional updates from city on library activities

Library Director's report

Discussed bird collision study and potential mitigation steps

Old Business

1. Discussion and Possible Action regarding 2024 closed dates

Discussed moving carpet closure and inservice overlap to change dates to April 29/30

Conwell moved, Frey 2nd. Motion Carries

New Business

1. Discussion of 2024 library strategic planning

- Reviewed Library Data on circulation, programming, visits, and other metrics
- Discussions with staff around two focus areas:
 - 1: Inclusivity focus and expansion of collections/programming
 - 2: Space Needs including staff spaces, teen area, programming space constrictions, more dedicated study rooms.

Planning process to continue through summer with board and staff. Board members have homework to visit two other library locations to get a sense of space, programming.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Conwell, Seconded by Cronin, Adjournment approved at 7:40pm.

VERONA PUBLIC LIBRARY
DIRECTOR'S REPORT
March 2024

I. Collection Development

Number of items added and deleted in February 2024:

Item Type	Added	Deleted
Books	795	532
Audio	2	7
Software	7	28
Video/DVD	35	1
Other (kits, etc.)	0	1
Magazines	138	67
TOTAL	977	636
YTD	1965	2676

II. Circulation

Circulation

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
January	48,218	47,722	46,024	29,669	49,255
February	47,599	46,003	42,218	28,925	46,500
March		52,026	49,314	36,647	29,964
April		46,674	47,514	31,448	2,021
May		44,226	42,775	32,633	8,861
June		59,454	52,827	52,142	18,507
July		58,102	52,448	52,220	29,609
August		58,081	55,184	51,007	31,025
September		45,429	45,066	42,894	31,115
October		47,785	42,440	43,527	34,075
November		44,975	43,939	43,507	28,171
December		43,655	42,000	39,089	28,194
Total	95,817	594,132	561,749	483,708	337,297

New Library Cards

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
January	171	188	119	27	184
February	176	137	149	36	161
March		176	155	24	74
April		152	129	36	9
May		142	140	71	18
June		290	344	179	33
July		218	239	160	58
August		212	206	129	57
September		141	141	105	51
October		170	150	99	50
November		119	144	64	18
December		128	122	87	31
Total	347	1,423	2,038	1,017	744

Holdings

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
January	15,085	14,929	15,139	18,260	14,651
February	13,421	13,005	11,617	17,130	12,246
March		13,586	12,878	18,193	7,277
April		12,658	12,098	15,698	5,645
May		13,483	11,820	14,236	10,869
June		13,854	11,984	13,328	13,616
July		14,445	11,735	11,621	15,910
August		13,607	13,389	13,510	15,672
September		13,587	12,506	13,252	16,166
October		12,645	11,924	13,304	16,502
November		12,971	12,888	12,679	16,108
December		11,054	10,313	11,069	14,567
Total	28,506	119,516	148,291	172,280	159,229

III. Reference

Reference Statistics, February 23 – March 21

Computer Lab Use: 784

Test Proctoring: 2 exams

Outer Library Loans: 42 requests

Personal Archiving Lab Sessions: 17

Library Visits

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
January	16,183	16,114	10,780	0	18,887
February	17,795	15,945	11,193	0	18,969
March		18,160	13,628	0	0
April		18,062	16,488	2,889	0
May		16,049	12,366	5,015	0
June		22,204	16,624	11,757	2,850
July		20,232	17,057	13,407	6,765
August		22,619	18,830	13,267	*
September		14,958	13,890	10,746	*
October		17,011	14,009	10,346	*
November		16,152	15,729	9,371	0
December		16,190	13,552	10,562	0
Total	33,978	213,696	174,146	87,360	47,471

Reference Transactions

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
January	1,929	1,640	1,061	821	3,152
February	2,161	1,638	1,653	924	1,632
March		1,830	1,758	1,347	1,974
April		1,896	1,226	948	24
May		2,031	1,117	1,085	116
June		2,487	2,183	2,200	846
July		2,058	1,691	2,365	2,431
August		2,331	2,075	1,847	2,039
September		1,837	1,341	1,543	2,521
October		1,840	1,566	581	2,045
November		1,836	1,628	458	1,060
December		1,835	1,356	721	1,092
TOTAL	4,090	23,259	18,655	14,840	18,932

Meeting Room Use

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
January	560	474	164	-	616
February	698	487	206	-	565
March		524	272	-	286
April		506	305	-	-
May		509	328	-	-
June		422	314	-	-
July		423	316	-	-
August		538	411	-	-
September		172	327	-	-
October		512	398	-	-
November		528	453	-	-
December		495	396	-	-
TOTAL	1,258	5,590	5,912	2,021	3,487

IV. Personnel and Staff Development

Taryn Haldeman started March 4 as a new Library Assistant.

Jenny Sessions was promoted to part-time Reference Librarian. Her start date will be April 8.

Mary Lock began work as a Library Page I on March 6.

Theresa hired Cynthia Duranti for a Library Page I position. Her first day will be April 12.

Tonja attended the Ryan Dowd training, *Substance Abuse 101* and the webinar, *Supporting Transgender Individuals: A Conversation with Ben Greene*.

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

Lizzy attended the CCBC webinar *Great New Books for Children, Birth – Grade 5* and *Substance Abuse 101*.

Jess attended the SCLS Youth Services check-in.

Jess talked with staff at Mount Horeb Public Library about their services to the homeschooling population.

Julie watched the YSS performer's showcase to gather ideas for the Summer Reading Program.

V. Equipment and Physical Facilities

The library has received an updated quote for a new sorter.

The equipment for the new boilers have been delivered and will be installed when the weather warms up.

We are planning for shelf moving and carpet installation in the children's area are April 29 – May 10. The Children's area and Teen Central will be closed during part/all of those dates. Some children's materials will be available for browsing in the center of the library and in the Community Room.

VI. Administration and Internal Operations

Based on patron feedback, Abby, Mark, and Ronda created an Outer Library Loan form for the library website that allows patrons to request OLL's online. This is a welcome update for patrons and staff.

VII. Marketing and Public Relations

Abby created 35 event graphics (website, Facebook, TV) along with related event bookmarks/flyers/signs.

Tonja created a display promoting the state parks pass giveaway.

Abby attended part of the Management meeting on March 6 to discuss ideas for spotlighting Verona Public Library accomplishments in the email newsletter, social media, print calendar.

Abby created a statistical graphic highlighting the library's 2023 annual report statistics. The graphic was shared on the library events TV, website, email newsletter, and social media.

Abby also spotlighted the upcoming Robert Kurson author event. The bestselling author will be at the library following a visit to Sugar Creek Elementary school.

Katie created a book display featuring items titled with *Hello and Goodbye*. Jenny created a display titled, *Oh Wait. It's Spring Break* featuring travel guide and travel writing books. Circulation staff created display focusing on Garden Planning and another on Ireland.

Amy T, Mark, and Maureen contributed staff reviews for the Verona Press.

Use of the Personal Archiving Lab has been on a steady increase. In addition to the typical digitization projects, Mark shared there is a younger patron who is developing 35mm negatives at home and then "uses the PAL to view his old-school photography experiments".

VIII. System and Interagency Cooperation

Leah collaborated with Teresa Voss to host a makerspace program at VAHS. She also met with Melanie Galdes (the new BRMS/CKCS librarian) to discuss ways in which we could collaborate. She will be working on getting library card applications to all interested middle school students.

Tonja attended the ILS Evaluation Discovery Layer Workgroup meeting on March 20.

Theresa had the first meetings for the ILS evaluation: one for the lead workgroup, cataloging, serials, and circulation. The vendor demos will be May 8 - 9, and May 29 - 30.

Theresa attended the Collection Maintenance Subcommittee meeting on March 13. One area library reported that a magazine they ordered through Ebsco appeared to be AI generated.

IX. Fundraising

At the end of 2023, the library endowment fund balance was \$432,492, a net increase of \$50,475 for the year from contributions and interest. The library has \$14,205 available for disbursement this year for the *Dogs: More than Pets* exhibit and related programs.

X. Events, Programs and Exhibits

Kid's Events and Programs:

1000 Books before Kindergarten

16 kids were registered this month, bringing the total number of registrants to 2595.

Winter Story Times, January 8 – March 15

Baby Story Time: 18 story times, attendees: 414, average: 23

Toddler Story Time: 19 story times, attendees: 834, average: 44

Preschool Story Time: 19 story times, attendees: 560, average: 29

Sensory Story Time: 12 story times, attendees: 281, average 23

Everybody Story Time: 10 story times, attendees: 370, average 37

Total: 78 story times, 2,459 attendees

Child Development Story Time: Kindness

Friday, February 23, 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 will be geared towards 2-5 year olds, but all ages are welcome!

Attendees: 32

Favorite Friends

Saturday, February 24, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Meet some of your favorite book characters - Pete the Cat, Cookie Mouse, and Elephant and Piggie! Kids can visit characters throughout the library, plus do character-themed crafts and enjoy snacks. All ages. No registration. *Favorite Friends is a staffing challenge due to the need for staff members to wear costumes, staff members to guide them, plus others to help patrons, but it's always a fun day. Crafts included Pete the Cat headbands and an ice cream scoop name activity, and snacks featured Pete the Cat button shirts made with graham crackers, frosting and M&Ms, veggie straws, bananas, and chocolate chip cookies.*

Attendees: 400

Toddler Art and Play

Tuesday, February 27, 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: 83

Tween Corner: Thank You Cards

February 1 – 29

100 cards were created in the tween corner using various available supplies.

Young and the Restless

Friday, March 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. Geared to ages 1 - 4 and their caregivers. No registration.

Attendees: 39

Read to a Dog

Saturday, March 2, 1:30 - 3:00 pm and Tuesday, March 5, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Ages 5 and up. 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.

Attendees: 10, 11

Music and Movement Story Time

Tuesday, March 5, 10:30 – 11:00 am

Join us for singing, dancing, instruments, and stories in this active story time for children and their caregivers. Ages 1-5.

Attendees: 52

Bluey Story Time

Wednesday, March 6, 6:15 – 6:45 pm

Join us for Bluey-themed stories and songs! Designed for ages 2-5. No registration. *This story time was supposed to end with a "Keepy Uppy" activity with balloons, but it turned out to be more of a "Keep the Balloon" activity. Our second evening character story time this year was another success in terms of attendance and fun.*

Attendees: 88

Minecraft Club

Thursday, March 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! Minecraft Club does not include instructions on how to play or a shared server.

Attendees: 29

Family Story Time

Saturday, March 9, 9:30 – 10:00 am

Join us for a Family Story Time, once a month, with books, songs, and rhymes. For ages 0 - 5. No registration. *A new offering, also in response to survey feedback. This was a large group for the story room space, so we'll consider moving this to the community room if the trend continues. Even without an advertised or character theme, this was well-attended.*

Attendees: 71

Tween Craft: Percy Jackson Camp Necklaces

Tuesday, March 12, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Celebrate the Percy Jackson book series by Rick Riordan and create your own camp necklace. In the books, a Camp Necklace is given to each camper at the end of each summer at Camp Half-Blood. Create your own beads to match the ones in the books or design your own. Take as little or as much time as you want from 6:00-7:00 pm. For ages 8-11. Registration required.

Attendees: 21

Pokémon Club

Thursday, March 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. No registration.

Attendees: 51

Young and the Restless

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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. Geared to ages 1 - 4 and their caregivers. No registration.

Attendees: 41

Favorite Books and Bites: Spy School

Monday, March 18, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Discuss the Spy School 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, March 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: 58

Early Reader Book Club

Tuesday, March 19, 4:00 - 4:30 pm

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

Attendees: 4

Read to a Dog

Wednesday, March 20 & Saturday, March 23

Ages 5 and up. 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.

Attendees: 11, 18

Graphic Novel Book Club

Monday, March 25, 4:00 - 4:45 pm

For ages 8 - 11. Registration begins 1/22. Discuss the graphic novel Amulet vol. 1: The Stonekeeper by Kazu Kibuishi, plus enjoy activities and snacks related to the book.

Attendees: 22

Seed Bombs

Tuesday, March 26, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

For ages 5-11. Drop by the library and create your own seed bombs with native wildflower seeds! Instructions and materials will be provided to make your own seed bombs to help our pollinators thrive! Take as much time as you need between 5:00-6:00 pm. If your child needs help reading a recipe or measuring ingredients then please plan to attend with them.

Attendees: 60

Super Awesome Yo-Yo Day

Wednesday, March 27, 10:30 - 11:15 am

World-famous for his yo-yo tricks and comedy, Mark Hayward will present exciting yo-yo stunts and high-energy fun. Yo-yos will be for sale after the performance. Geared to ages 5 and up.

Attendees: 125

Upcoming Kids' Events

Child Development Story Time: Eric Carle

Thursday, March 28, 9:30 - 10:15 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! No registration.

Minecraft Club

Thursday, April 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.

Space Story Time

Thursday, April 4, 6:30 - 7:00 pm

Join us for a story time about space with a special guest, real-life Rocket Scientist. This story time will feature stories and songs about space designed for ages 4-7. There will be a 10-minute Q&A at the end where kids can ask our special guest scientist questions. No registration.

Baby Playtime

Friday, April 5, 10:00 am and 1:00 pm

Meet new friends at Baby Playtime! We will provide toys and books for babies to play with and space for caregivers to socialize. For ages 0 to 18 months.

Solar Science Hour

Saturday, April 6, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Geared toward families with children ages 5-11. We're excited about the upcoming solar eclipse and want to give your family a chance to celebrate solar science. Drop by the library for simple science-themed activities and crafts. Design a sun catcher, make a sun clock, and try a science sorting game.

Read to a Dog

Saturday, April 6, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Ages 5 and up. 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.

Cookie Mouse Story Time

Tuesday, April 9, 10:00 - 10:30 am

Enjoy stories, songs, and activities about *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* and other books by Laura Numeroff! Designed for ages 2-5. No registration.

Pokémon Club

Thursday, April 11, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

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Favorite Books and Bites: The Last Kids on Earth

Monday, April 15, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Discuss the *Last Kids on Earth* 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.

Music and Movement Story Time

Tuesday, April 16, 10:30 – 11:00 am

Join us for singing, dancing, instruments, and stories in this active story time for children and their caregivers. Ages 1-5.

Poetry Palooza

Thursday, April 18, 4:15 - 5:15 pm

For ages 8-11. Explore different types of poetry and write your own poems! Examples and materials will be provided for blackout poetry, found poetry, and more.

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Toddler Art and Play

Tuesday, April 23, 9:30 - 10:00 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.

Swiftie Story Time

Wednesday, April 24, 6:30 - 7:00 pm

Calling all young Swifties and Taylor Tots! Join us as we "shake it off" to Taylor Swift stories and songs! Geared toward ages 3-8. "There will be no registration. There will just be reputation."

Lego Party

Thursday, April 25, 4:15 - 5:15 pm

For ages 5-11. Join fellow Lego fanatics for a Lego celebration with building challenges and snacks. Lego bricks will be provided for use during the event.

Teen Events:

Teen Time for All Abilities

Sunday, March 3, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

This event was for teens and young adults with additional needs or learning disabilities, accompanied by caregivers and siblings. *Comments: A few families enjoyed social time together while building wooden plank structures, coloring, and forming creative objects with clay. Because of school district privacy rules, parents mentioned the only local activity like this where they could meet each other was Special Olympics.*

Attendees: 6

ACT Practice for Sophomores

Tuesday, March 12, 9:30 – 1:00 pm

Through Galin Education, Sophomores were able to take a free ACT practice test.

Attendees: 20

VAHS Makerspace

Wednesday, March 13, 12:35 - 1:05

Students signed up for library time at Verona Area High School and created with air dry clay. *Comments: Students created whatever they chose with clay, including small creatures, jewelry trays, pots, and more.*

Attendees: 23

Cross Stitch into Spring

Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Participants learned some basic embroidery stitches and then had time to practice on small canvas hoops. *Comments: "This is so relaxing!" "Making knots is hard." "I didn't know what it was, but now it looks like a heart!" Teens appreciated the slow, physical aspect of sewing and how it's like the opposite of screen time. They did not want to stop.*

Attendees: 5

Upcoming Teen Events:

DIY Stamping

Thursday, March 28, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Make your own stamps, and decorate a canvas bag and paper with your new designs! Explore patterns and colors. Try sharing designs with fellow participants.

VAHS Makerspace (rescheduled)

Tuesday, April 2 and Wednesday, April 3

Students signed up for library time at Verona Area High School will have the opportunity to cover canvas pouches with jewels and Sharpie inks.

Crafty Tuesday

Tuesday, April 9, 4:00 pm

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

Teen Time for All Abilities

Sunday, April 14, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

This event is for neurodivergent teens and young adults with additional needs or learning disabilities, accompanied by caregivers and siblings. Noise cancelling headphones and fidgets will be available.

Explore a station-based drop-in program with a social skills framework. Make new friends while trying a craft, STEM activity or game, coloring, and Keva Planks!

Shadow Boxes

Wednesday, April 17, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Create a glowing shadow box! Using string lights, a wood frame, paper, and your imagination, form a small scene to brighten your night.

BRMS Make'n'munch

Thursday, April 18, 11:00 - 1:15 pm

Students at Badger Ridge Middle School who have signed up for library time during lunch can enjoy some crafting time.

Teen Gaming

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

Snack on pizza and more! Face off on the Nintendo Switch or SNES, try a board game, or bring your own device.

Adult Classes & Events:

Distance Learning English Classes for Adults

Mondays 6:00 - 7:30 pm & Tuesdays 6:00 - 8:00 pm, January 22 – April 30

We are waiting on the attendance report from the Literacy Network for March.

Library Yarns Craft Group

First and Third 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.

March 13, attendees: 12

March 19, attendees: 18

March 20, attendees: 13

Library Yarns Colorwork Hat Knit Along

Wednesdays, March 6, 20, April 3, 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Would you like to learn how to knit in two (or more) colors, or maybe just practice your colorwork knitting in the company of others? Join us at our new library Knit Along where we'll be learning the basic techniques of stranded colorwork while knitting a great new winter hat.

March 6, attendees: 12

March 20, attendees: 13

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

Thursday, February 29, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Did you know the library has equipment to digitize and preserve your old photos, recordings, and documents? Stop by 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.

Attendees: 18

Know Your Blood Type

Wednesday, March 6, 3:00 - 6:00 pm

Most people do not know their blood type. Why is it important? It is good to know your blood type in case you need to donate to help a family member, friend, or a person in the hospital.

Attendees: 65

Deciding What's True in a Polarized Society

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

The Verona Public Library invites you to a Badger Talk by Professor Michael Wagner. Professor Wagner will review research on fake news, fact-checking, selective exposure to like-minded media outlets and describes the implications for democracy.

Attendees: 24

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.

Attendees: 3

Cooking with Chef Laura - A St. Patrick's Day Special

Thursday, March 14, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Join Chef Laura Eyler for this informative and delicious class as she shows participants how to create some Irish-themed cuisine. As the owner of Thyme Savor Cuisine, Laura works as a personal chef and enjoys teaching cooking classes throughout the local area. Class size limited to 20 participants.

Attendees: 18

Learn Hands Only CPR

Thursday, March 21, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

70 percent of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests happen in homes. Statistically speaking, if you're called on to give CPR in an emergency, you'll likely be trying to save the life of someone you love. Fitch-Rona EMS paramedics will teach you how to do hands-only CPR and use an automated external defibrillator.

Attendees: 7

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.

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Eclipses and the Search for Other Earths

Thursday, March 28, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Join NASA Solar System Ambassador, Jaime Cordova, in discussing the upcoming April 8, 2024 eclipse across America. We'll talk about the science behind eclipses, how to safely view them, and how we use a technique similar to an eclipse to search for other worlds.

Blood Pressure Screening with Fitch-Rona EMS

Thursday, April 4, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Drop in and Fitch-Rona EMS will check your blood pressure free of charge.

Candidate Forum for Voter Awareness

Monday, April 8, 6:15 - 8:00 pm

Come and hear from candidates Senator Dianne Hesselbein and Representative Mike Bare as they discuss legislative updates and their positions on important issues. Become an informed voter! Co-sponsored by Verona Votes and the Verona Public Library.

Meet Bestselling Author Robert Kurson

Tuesday, April 9, 11:00 - 11:45 am

Meet Robert Kurson, bestselling author of tales of real-life adventures, like *Rocket Men* and *Shadow Divers*, for book sale and signing.

Verona Aspiring Writers Group

Thursday, April 11, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

This group is to offer constructive feedback to writers and aspiring writers of all genres. Want to get a blog started or grow one? Hoping to be published in a magazine? Trying to finish or fine tune the next great American novel? We welcome all! The first meeting will be for introduction and planning purposes; after this we will meet regularly and share our creations with one another for input.

A Taste of Mystery Bookclub

Monday, April 15, 10:00 - 11:00 am

In this book club for mystery enthusiasts, we read the first book in a series by a variety of mystery authors and then discuss over coffee, fruit and pastries. Books will be available for checkout both at the meetings and behind the circulation desk. Our first book will be *The Dry* by Jane Harper.

DIY Card Making Class

Thursday, April 18, 6:00 -7:30 pm

Let someone know you are thinking of them with a handmade card. Stampin' UP! demonstrator Jamie Statz-Paynter, will provide all materials and instructions you need to leave with three personalized professional-quality cards of your own. Registration required. Class size is limited to 20 participants.

Accessing Library Resources

Wednesday, April 24, 2024, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Want to learn how to place books on hold, access Libby or use our library databases? This informative presentation will cover all three topics, with time allotted for Q & A.

Adult Crafternoon

Friday, April 26, 4:00 - 5:45 pm

Come in and craft with us! We will be making cross-stitch bookmarks - no experience is necessary. Registration required. Class size is limited to 20 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: 11

Sugar Creek Love to Read Night

Thursday, February 22, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

The library had card applications and library information at Sugar Creek's literacy night for families.

Attendees: 51

Books 'n Booze at Stone Porch Alehouse

Thursday, February 22, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

The group discussed *Once Upon a River* by Diane Setterfield.

Attendees: 13

Four Winds Book Group

Tuesday, February 27, 10:00 - 11:00 am

The residents discussed *Sold on a Monday* by Kristina McMorris.

Attendees: 6

Noel Manor Book Group

Wednesday, February 28, 10:30 - 11:30 am

The group read *Good Night, Irene* by Luis Alberto Urrea.

Attendees: 5

Story Time at Reach Dane Head Start Family Night

Wednesday, February 28, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Marissa presented a story time for the families at Reach Dane Head Start.

Attendees: 8

Senior Center Book Group

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

The group discussed *The Nature of Fragile Things* by Susan Meissner.

Attendees: 18

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

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

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

Attendees: 22

Upcoming Outreach Events**Four Winds Book Group**

Tuesday, March 26, 10:00 - 11:00 am

The residents will meet to discuss *The House of Wolves* by James Patterson and Mike Lupica.

Noel Manor Book Group

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

The group will be reading *The Watchman* by Robert Crais.

Prairie Oaks Book Group

Thursday, March 28, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

The group will be reading *The Lager Queen of Minnesota* by J. Ryan Stradal.

Books 'n Booze at Stone Porch Alehouse

Thursday, March 28, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

The group will be discussing *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner.

Verona Eggstravaganza

Saturday, March 30, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

The library will have a craft table at the Chamber of Commerce's annual egg hunt for the community.

Senior Center Book Group

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

The group will be reading *Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club* by J. Ryan Stradal.

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

Monday, April 15, 4:15 - 4:45 pm

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



South Central Library System

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Date: March 4, 2024
To Library Board & Director, **Verona (VER)**
From Tracie Miller, South Central Library System
RE: 2024 Adjacent County Reimbursement Requests

The South Central Library System, with your permission, will request adjacent county reimbursements on behalf of your library per Wisconsin State Statute 43.12(2). Based upon information reported on your library's 2023 Wisconsin Public Library Annual Report, your library is eligible to request the estimated reimbursement from the following counties. **Do not use these estimates for budgeting purposes.**

Adjacent County	Amount Eligible to Request – payable in 2025 (70% minimum reimbursement level)	Do you want SCLS to bill this county for this amount?
Columbia	\$1,427.93	Yes No
Green	\$13,541.88	Yes No
Iowa	\$1,748.32	Yes No
Jefferson	\$82.86	Yes No
Rock	\$1,016.40	Yes No
Sauk	\$1,237.36	Yes No

1. Please indicate above whether your library would like us to “bill” the adjacent county—**CIRCLE YES OR NO**
2. Please sign and date below—both Library Board President and Library Director.

When authorized by this completed form, SCLS will “bill” the adjacent county (a confirmation e-mail will be sent to your library director with the final reimbursement amounts). July 1, 2024, is the deadline for counties to be billed; counties are then required to pay your library no later than March 1, 2025. We will request that the reimbursement check be sent directly to your library and made payable to your library. In order for us to submit the reimbursement requests in a timely manner, **please return this completed form by email to traciemiller@scls.info no later than April 29, 2024.**

Please contact me via e-mail (traciemiller@scls.info) or phone (608-246-5612) if you have questions.

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The **Verona (VER)** Board of Trustees and the Library Director authorize SCLS to submit the adjacent county reimbursement requests listed above:

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Signature of Library Board President

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Date

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Signature of Library Director

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Date