

AGENDA

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

Wednesday, June 2, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
Library Community Room

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Library Board of Trustees will hold its meeting as a virtual meeting. The Library Board of Trustees and Staff will join the meeting by using Zoom Webinar, as described immediately below.

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Call to order

- Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of 5/5/21
- Review and approval of May 2021 invoices
- Public Comments
- City Council Liaison's report
- Library Director's report
- Old Business
 1. Discussion and possible action regarding library response to COVID-19 and library reopening plan
 2. Preliminary discussion of the 2022 library operating budget
- New Business
 1. Discussion and possible action regarding the 2022 capital budget request

VPL Board Meeting Minutes
Library Board of Trustees-Verona Public Library
500 Silent Street Verona, WI 53593

Wednesday, May 5, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Board Meeting

Virtual Participants: Conwell, Huemmer, Sohail, Ryan, Hopp, Cronin, Kurth, Burkart
Guest: Julie Harrison

Call to order:

Hopp called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Huemmer, seconded by Conwell to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 04/07/2021. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Invoices:

A motion was made by Kurth, seconded by Huemmer to approve the April 2021 invoices. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

None

City Council Liaison Report:

Cronin reported that the city council approved and adopted “No Mow May” for the city to attract and increase the pollinators. She further added that there will be no repercussion for the people to not maintain their lawns. The city fields and parks will, however, be maintained throughout the month. She further updated the board that there may be some adjustments needed for traffic at the new high school during pick up and drop off times. She also added that the city council is in the process of finalizing the budget and the meetings with all the city departments and building heads will be taking place soon to finalize the budget.

Library Director's Report:

Burkart updated the board regarding the 5K run/walk event. There were 231 registered participants with 166 in-person and 65 virtual. The event took place from 8am till 12pm and was enjoyed by the attendees quite a lot. Approximately \$12,000 were raised during the event including the in-person donations. The sponsorships were lesser than previous years as expected. She also reported that the library has been open for 3 weeks and is very well received by the community. She further added that there has been an average of 67 visitors a day where most visitors stayed for just a few minutes. She also updated that the maximum capacity of 25 visitors at any given time was never reached. She also added that almost all except two visitors complied with mask requirement during their visit.

Old Business:

- 1. Discussion and possible action regarding library response to COVID-19 and library reopening plan:* Burkart proposed to shrink down the curbside pickup hours and open up the non-fiction area for the staff. Placement of furniture in quiet reading room and A discussion was undergone regarding the challenges of opening the children's area for browsing. All in all, the board agreed to continue with the phase 2 of reopening of the library with pandemic precautionary measures as discussed.
- 2. Preliminary discussion of the 2022 library budget:* Recarpeting of 1/3rd of the library quote came back as \$75,000. SCLS building consultant will be visiting the library to discuss and advise the recarpeting budget. Outdoor furniture was received last month, and Public Works will be working to put a concrete pad under the furniture. Wi-Fi spots moving is in progress to expand the coverage outdoors. Julie Harrison explained the logistics for the future expansion of the outdoor shelter and needs for outdoor programming. It was discussed if city shelter at the City Hall can be used as an outdoor programming and story time in summer for the public. Book Bike visits will start to take place this month. Parking lot programs for teens may also start to begin this summer.

New Business:

- 1. Discussion and possible action regarding OverDrive Advantage:* There are 1759 unique users of OverDrive in Verona which is a significantly high number of users in the system. It was proposed to allocate 75% of the OverDrive budget for the Verona OverDrive access account and 25% to contribute towards SCLS general fund. A motion was made by Kurth, seconded by Huemmer to approve the OverDrive Advantage funding as proposed. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

VERONA PUBLIC LIBRARY
DIRECTOR'S REPORT
May 2021

I. Collection Development

The first round of adult kits have been completed and are available for check-out.

Number of items added and deleted in April 2021.

Item Type	Added	Deleted
Books	888	546
Audio	17	13
Software	0	1
Video/DVD	29	33
Other (kits, etc.)	17	0
Magazines	117	79
TOTAL	1068	672
YTD	4168	5422

II. Circulation

April 2021 Statistics

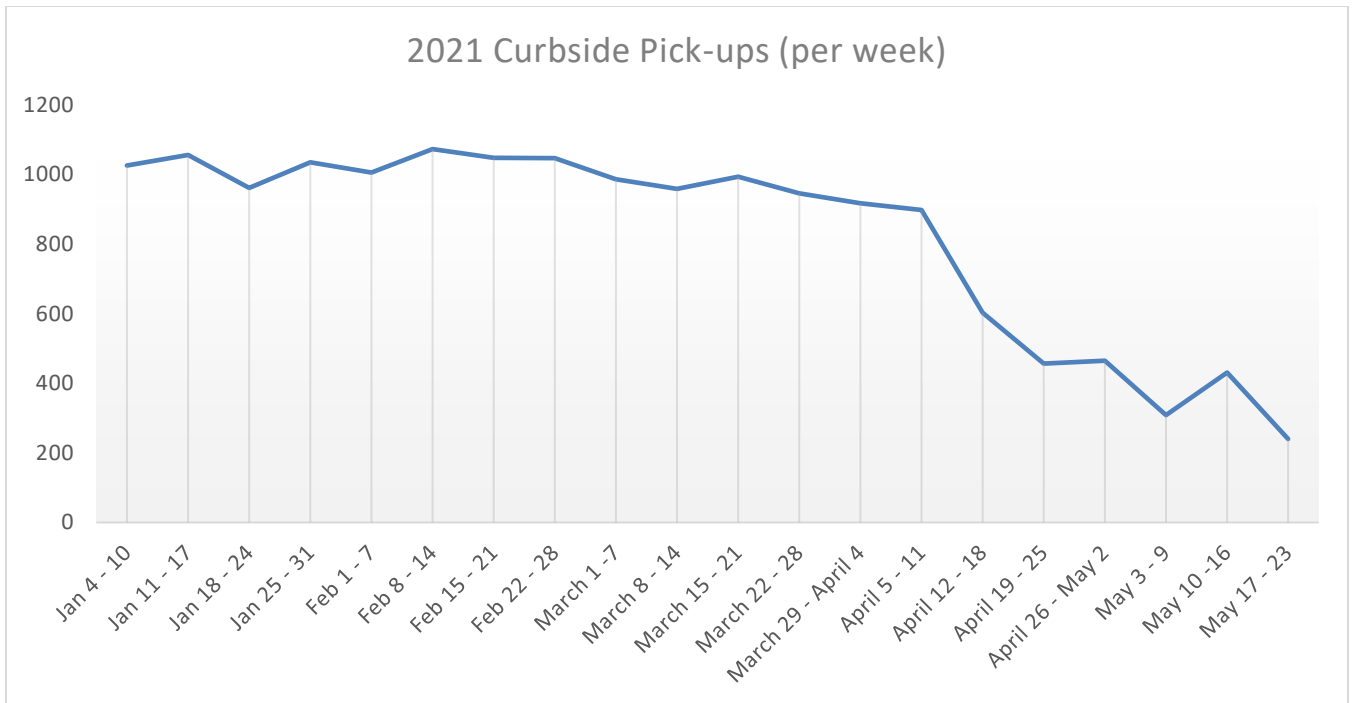
Self-check-outs	6,295
Total check-outs	31,448
Check-ins	21,163
Library cards added	36
Holds placed	15,698

Curbside pick-up:

The demand for curbside pick-up appointments is declining now that the building is open more hours. Even if demand remains relatively low, we would like to continue this service throughout the summer for patrons who aren't eligible or able to be vaccinated.

Currently curbside pick-up appointments are available:

MTWR	10:00 – 12:00 pm/3:30 - 6:30 pm
F	10:00 – 2:00 pm/3:30 - 5:30 pm
Sat	10:00 – 12:00 pm



III. Reference

Statistics (past month):

Reference questions: 537
 Youth Services Reference questions: 440
 Directional questions: 194
 Outer Library Loans: 25 requests
 One-on-one Instruction: 8
 Curbside Pick-up appointments: 1613
 Computer Lab appointments: 36
 Computer Use During Open Hours: 196
 Librarian's Choice requests: 108
 Library visits: 4137

Social Media Engagement:

Facebook: 3,717 followers, 64 posts
 Twitter: 1,769 followers, 3 tweets
 Instagram: 1,215 followers, 24 posts
 Events Newsletter A: 11,711 recipients
 Events Newsletter B: 11,708 recipients

IV. Personnel and Staff Development

Willow Willis resigned her position as a Library Page I.

Anna Dinkel resigned her position as Reference Assistant to accept a position as library director in Westfield, WI.

Marcy Jadryev joined the staff as a Library Page I on May 24.

Library Page Maecie Puga increased her hours from 416 to 520 hour/year starting on May 3.

Staff participated in several webinars and online trainings this month:

- *Race and Policing in Dane County Libraries.*
- *When to Call the Police*
- *Managing Outside the Lines*
- *Customer Without Masks*
- *WPLC's Annual Membership meeting*
- *CCBC Shorts*
- *Project Ready*

V. Equipment and Physical Facilities

Three outdoor tables have arrived and Public Works will be pouring concrete bases for the tables soon. Outdoor wifi access points have gone up in price and are now around \$2000. Existing wifi from inside the building will reach one of the new table locations. We are not sure it would be worth the expense to add the additional outdoor access point.

Some furniture is being stored in a makeshift storage room in the Community Room in anticipation of reopening the children's section of the library.

VI. Administration and Internal Operations

Our open hours increased from 24 to 50 hours a week on Monday, May 17. After the hours increased, we have seen more visitors but the library has not ever been crowded so far. There still tend to be fewer than 15-20 visitors in the building at any one time. Computer lab use has increased when we added more open hours.

VII. Marketing and Public Relations

Luke created 154 graphics to promote events and services at the library and a summer reading video.

Emma submitted an article recommending books about house plants to the Verona Press.

VIII. System and Interagency Cooperation

Emma attended a Southwest Regional Equity Team meeting on May 11.

Ronda attended the Circulation Subservices Committee meeting on May 11.

Theresa attended the Collection Maintenance Subcommittee meeting on Wednesday, May 12

The Verona Area School District shared our promotional children and teen summer reading videos, and distributed study bundles for teens.

IX. Fundraising

The annual fundraiser Word on the Street 5K Run/Walk is took place on Saturday, May 1. After expenses, the library raised \$12,000 for the endowment fund.

X. Events, Programs and Exhibits

Kid's Events and Programs:

Spring Story Time, March 30 – May 7 on Facebook Live

Everybody Story Time with Marissa

Tuesdays at 9:30 am

1-minute views: 195 Average 1-minute views per story time: 33

Average peak live: 13

Toddler Story Time with Julie

Wednesdays at 9:30 am

1-minute views: 219 Average 1-minute views per story time: 37

Average peak live: 16

Preschool Story Time with Leah

Thursdays at 9:30 am

1-minute views: 182 Average 1-minute views per story time: 30

Average peak live: 11

Sensory Story Time with Mary

Fridays at 9:30 am

1-minute views: 100 Average 1-minute views per story time: 17

Average peak live: 8

Baby Story Time with Christi

Fridays at 10:30 am

1-minute views: 86 Average 1-minute views per story time: 14

Average peak live: 5

Eco Makers

Mondays, April 26, 3:00 – 3:30 pm

Have fun with activities that use recycled materials! Ages 6 – 11.

April 26 (Plastic Bag Upcycle) – 20 1-minute views, 11 peak live views, 20 bags distributed

Tween D&D

Kids ages 8 – 11 play D&D online.

April 27, attendees: 5

May 4, attendees: 6

Minecraft Club

There are two virtual Minecraft Clubs for ages 6 – 11: a Java version for PC and Mac, and a Bedrock version for tablets and phones.

April 28, attendees: 16

Star Wars Story Time

Monday, May 3, 9:30 am

Enjoy stories, songs, activities about books about Star Wars!

50 1-minute views, 16 peak live views

Character Craft Mondays

Mondays, May 3, 3:00 pm

Tune in and get creative with different art projects each week. Supplies available one week prior.

Star Wars: 41 1-minute views, 12 peak live views, 99 bags distributed

Coding Club

Mondays, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Join us for a virtual meet-up over Zoom. All experience levels welcome! We will be learning new computer science skills and encouraging each other to become better computer scientists! Ages 8 – 11.

May 3, attendees: 19

May 17, attendees: 14

Favorite Books and Bites

Amey prepared bags of activities, craft supplies and snacks for pickup, then led a discussion about a favorite author or series on Zoom (no special reading required in advance). Ages 8 - 11.

May 20 (Dogman), attendees: 15

Upcoming Kids' Events

Summer Reading Program

This summer's program will have many similarities to last summer. Kids will track reading on Beanstack to earn coupons and free books, plus do activities to earn tickets for grand prizes. Based on feedback from last summer, we've added some local gift cards as grand prize options. We've also switched our younger reader program from 0-2 year-olds tracking minutes to 0-5 year olds (i.e., pre-readers) tracking books (older kids will still track minutes). Because we haven't accepted used book donations this year and we need to buy all prize books, kids will have an opportunity to earn two free books, plus one more for extra reading; last year they were able to earn two more for extra reading. Sign up begins on June 1.

Summer Story Time (virtual)

June 15 – July 23 on Facebook Live

Toddler Story Time Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Story Time Unwind (formerly called Sensory) Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

Baby Story Time Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Everybody Story Time - Outdoors! (in-person)

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m., repeated at 10:30 a.m.

Stories and songs for children and their caregivers outdoors. 20 - 25 minutes. Ages 0 - 5. Park to the right of the library and walk behind the building to find our outdoor story time space! Find a circle on the ground for your family's space, so that you can keep distanced from others. Please watch our Facebook page for any weather-related cancellations.

Open Art (virtual)

Mondays, June 14 and 28, July 12 and 26, August 9 and 23, 2 p.m.

Replaces character crafts for summer. Please stop by the youth services express desk or request curbside pickup by filling out this form to pick up the supplies for this virtual crafting program. Then tune in at the scheduled day and time to get creative with your materials. The recording will be available on Facebook after the event. Ages 2 - 10. Summer themes include: ocean, rainforest, polar, woodland, grasslands, and domestic and farm animals.

Lego Club (virtual)

Tuesdays, June 15 and 29, July 13 and 27, and August 10, 2 p.m.

New for summer. Join fellow Lego fanatics for challenges and meet-up over Zoom. When you sign up for this event, you will be signed up for the rest of the Lego Clubs throughout the summer. Ages 6-11.

Coding Club (virtual)

Wednesdays, June 16 and 30, July 14 and 28, and August 11, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Join us for a virtual meet-up over Zoom. All experience levels welcome! We will be working on learning new computer science skills and encouraging each other to become better computer scientists! Ages 8 – 11.

Tween D&D (virtual)

Wednesdays, June 16 – August 18, 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Fantasy and Adventure await in 5th edition Dungeons & Dragons.

Dusty runs this program for ages 8 -11. Tweens are split into two groups, meeting on different days.

Pokemon Club (virtual)

Thursdays, June 17, July 1, 15 and 29, and August 12, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

New for summer. Join fellow Pokémon fanatics for Pokémon related activities and meet-up over Zoom. When you sign up for this event, you will be signed up for the rest of the Pokémon Clubs throughout the summer. Ages 6-11.

Favorite Tales with Tails (virtual)

Mondays, June 21, July 19, and August 16, 9:30 am

Like our character story times, but with the summer theme. Enjoy stories, songs, and activities about favorite characters! Themes will be ocean creatures, dogs, and pigs.

Animal STEAM (virtual)

Mondays, June 21, July 19, August 2 and 16, 2 p.m.

New for summer, have fun with animal-themed STEAM activities! Please stop by the youth services express desk to pick up materials, or request curbside pickup by filling out this form. Themes will be tracking, bugs and birds, pollution and tardigrades, and CSI.

Animal Habitat Spotlight (virtual)

Tuesdays, June 22, July 6 and 20, and August 3 and 17, 2:00 pm

New for summer, the opposite Tuesdays from Lego Club. Tune in to learn about different animal habitats! Ages 3 - 6.

Read It and Eat Book Club (virtual)

Tuesdays, June 22, July 13 and August 10, 3 pm

Discuss a selected book, 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. Selections are the graphic novel *Sidekicks* by Dan Santat, novel *Moo* by Sharon Creech, and mystery *Belly Up* by Stuart Gibbs.

Minecraft Club: Java Edition and Bedrock Edition (virtual)

Wednesdays, June 23, July 7 and 23, and August 4 and 18, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Join VPL Youth Services on our very own Minecraft Server! Explore, build, and play in a safe and secure Minecraft world! Connect with librarian Dusty to work on collaborative projects and explore an all-new map with exciting biomes and treasures.

Tween Craft (virtual or in-person)

Wednesdays, June 23, July 7 and 21, 2:30 pm

Hybrid program: choose virtual or in-person, outdoors. Ages 8-11. Registration required. Crafts will be: paper chain tapestry, shelter pet portraits (with Angel's Wish), and stuffed sloths.

Tweens Among Us (virtual)

Thursdays, June 24, July 8 and 22, and August 5 and 19, 2 pm

Opposite Thursdays from Pokemon Club. Ages 8-11. Registration required. Who is the imposter? Can you stop them before they sabotage the ship and crewmate mission? Play Among Us with other kids! Among Us is rated E10+. We will be playing over Zoom to send private lobby game links. Among Us can be downloaded via tablet, smartphone, or Steam on PC.

Pop-Up Programs (in-person)

We hope to offer some pop-up outdoor programs as the weather allows, promoting the event 2-3 days before it happens on Facebook. Ideas would be story time, baby bubble party (We'll bring the music and bubbles, you bring the babies and blankets! Recommended for ages 0-18 months), sidewalk chalk drawing, etc.

Teen Events:

Teen Writing Club

Mondays, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Teens wrote with prompts and worked on world-building, character creation, and editing a shared story.

April 26, attendees: 4

May 10, attendees: 4

May 24, attendees: 4

Teen D&D

Thursdays, 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Using a virtual platform, teens played a cooperative adventure game based on storytelling and dice rolling.

April 29; attendees: 6

May 6; attendees: 4

Upcoming Teen Events:

Teen Study Break Bundles

May 25 – until supplies last.

Take a break, teens! Relaxation bundles include paint by sticker sheets, scratch notes and rainbow scratch paper, summery word searches, and a fidget! Study bundles will be going out to schools along with some in-library pick-up.

Teen Writing Club (virtual)

Mondays, June 14 & 28, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Join other teens for a social workshop where you can work on craft, share stories, and get feedback from other aspiring authors.

S'more Books Club (in-person)

Tuesdays, 8:00 – 9:00 pm

Enjoy s'mores around a fire while discussing books and shows with other teens! You do not need to read a specific book.

June 15: Fantasy

July 13: Realistic and Historical

August 10: Adventure and Science Fiction

Teen Outdoor Painting: Acrylics (in-person)

Tuesdays, 3:30 – 4:45 pm

Paint outdoors, behind the library, weather permitting. Paint the grand view, a small bug, or anything that comes to mind!

Teen D&D (virtual)

June 17 – August 19, Thursdays, 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Reverse Escape Room (virtual)

Monday, June 21, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

What's in that closet? Check that drawer! Time is running out. Help a library staff member finish an escape room. Direct them over video. You and other teens will tell them where to go and help them solve clues and open locks in order to get them out!

Teen and Tween Crafts (virtual or in-person)

Wednesdays June 23, July 7 & 21, August 4 & 18, 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Teen Outdoor Movie: 80's Night (in-person)

Friday, June 25, 8:45 – 10:45 pm

Snack on some popcorn while you watch Labyrinth on a big screen in our parking lot theater! This film is a ridiculous cult classic -- a musical fantasy adventure featuring David Bowie and a young Jennifer Connolly . . . and puppets! Feel free to dress 80's style if that would make your night.

Lawn Games & Frozen Treats (in-person)

Wednesday, June 30, 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.

Adult Classes & Events:

Storm Water Pond Treatment

Monday, April 26, 6:30-7:30 pm

Marty Cieslik, construction manager of Verona's Public Works Department discussed why these ponds— Silent Street Pond, Meister Addition West Pond, and the American Way Pond—were chosen for treatment, the anticipated effectiveness, and the projected schedule. Cieslik also explained why the specific treatment agent – alum, was chosen.

Attendance: 6

Homemade Fermented Beverages

Monday, May 3, 6:30-7:30 pm

Laura Poe Mathes, Registered Dietician, taught how to make several different types of non-alcoholic fermented beverages, including kombucha, water kefir, and beet kvass. She also covered tools and troubleshooting for fermentation beginners, along with the health benefits of consuming these beverages.

Attendance: 22

Recycling Pop-Up Display

Monday, May 10, 4:00-6:00 pm

Ken Bice, Verona resident, shared what should be recycled and what should go in the trash bins.

Attendance: 18

Experts in Arthritis

Tuesday, May 11, 6:30-7:30 pm

Tina Kurkowski, MS, RN, ONC, CNOR, ANP-C, ONP-C, discussed the current scientific evidence and management strategies in the treatment and care of osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, and juvenile arthritis.

Attendance: 11

Recycling Pop-Up Display

Thursday, May 20, 4:00-6:00 pm

Ken Bice, Verona resident, shared what should be recycled and what should go in the trash bins.

Attendance: 11

It's Disgustingly Delicious!

Thursday, May 20, 6:30-7:30 pm

Author Christine Virnig discussed her book *Dung for Dinner: A Stomach-Churning Look at the Animal Poop, Pee, Vomit, and Secretions that People Have Eaten... and Often Still Do*. Attendees learned a little bit of history, a little bit of medicine, and a whole lot of ultra-disgusting facts.

Attendance: 9

Organic Lawn Care: Where the Grass is Greener – Virtual

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

Smart, practical, and sustainable practices for a healthy, beautiful lawn start with the soil! Join John Gishnock III, owner of Formecology, LLC, and learn how to establish and maintain a healthy lawn throughout the year while being conscious of our environment, pets, and children.

Attendance: 14

Upcoming Adult Classes & Events

Adult Summer Reading Program

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 restaurant! All reading counts, including audio books. The Summer Reading Program is funded by the Friends of the Verona Public Library.

Books 'n Booze Book Club - Virtual

Thursday, May 27, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Books 'N Booze is a book club for people who are interested in having a blast while discussing fun books and meeting new people.

Upcoming virtual discussions:

May 27 - *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann

June 24 - *Daisy Jones and The Six* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Grow Solar Wisconsin Power Hour - Virtual

Tuesday, June 1, 6:30-7:30 pm

Do you own a property? Is it relatively free from shade? Do you want to lower your electricity bills? Solar might be right for you! Marta Monti, Solar Power Manager of Midwest Renewable Energy Association, will discuss the basics of solar, its financial implications for your property, and how the Grow Solar group buy programs work throughout the state.

Distance Learning English Classes for Adults

Beginner Level, Mondays 6:00-7:30 pm, June 7-August 9

Intermediate Level, Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm, June 8-August 10

Practice speaking, reading, writing, and listening to new vocabulary with this online group English class. You can join the class via Zoom on a smartphone, tablet, laptop, or computer – if you don't have either of these, contact the Literacy Network about borrowing a device. Students will receive free English textbooks, at their level, in the mail. The textbook will be used for class and weekly homework. This class is presented in partnership with the Literacy Network. For more information and to sign up, please call Becky Fabrizio at the Literacy Network at (608) 268-6425 or email her at becky@litnetwork.org.

Investing 101 – Virtual

Tuesday, June 22, 6:30-7:30 pm

Linda Lepe, Director of Consumer Finance & Financial Planning at UW-Madison, will discuss the basics of investments (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) and how to become a more informed investor. Presented in partnership with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Badger Talks.

About Fresh Cheesemaking - Virtual

Monday, June 28, 6:30-7:30 pm

Dave Potter, president and technical advisor of Madison-based cheesemaking supply store GetCulture Inc., will demonstrate the process of making a small batch of fresh cheese known as queso fresco. This style of cheese can easily be made at home with minimal ingredients. Potter will explain the basic science behind cheesemaking, cover the steps it takes to make most styles of cheese, and answer attendee's questions. So bring all your cheesy questions.

Outreach Events

Virtual Preschool Story Times: Hometown Preschool

Wednesday, April 28 and Thursday, May 20, 10:00 am

Virtual songs and stories for preschoolers.

Attendees: 15, 17

Virtual Senior Center Book Group

Wednesday, May 12, 10:00-11:00 am

The group read *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline.

Attendees: 4

Virtual Preschool Story Times: Our Redeemer Preschool

Wednesday, May 12, 11:00 am

Virtual songs and stories for preschoolers.

Attendees: 24

Four Winds Virtual Book Group

Tuesday, May 18, 10:00-11:00 am

The group met virtually to discuss *Good Luck with That* by Kristan Higgins.

Attendees: 7

Upcoming Exhibitions

We Stand on Their Shoulders: A History of Wisconsin Women and Voting - Traveling Display

August 3 – 30, 2021

We Stand on Their Shoulders: A History of Wisconsin Women and Voting explores moments when women in Wisconsin gained political rights and highlights a few key leaders. Covering the ratification of the 19th Amendment, 1921 Wisconsin Equal Rights Act, 1924 Indian Citizenship Act, and 1965 Voting Rights Act, the eight-panel display shares the important story of women's quest for political rights and recognition through quote, photographs, and a timeline of events. This display is on loan from the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Telling A People's Story: African American Children's Illustrated Literature - Traveling Panel Exhibition

September 7 – October 4, 2021

For the first time, African-American children's illustrated literature is the focus of a museum exhibition featuring art produced for book illustrations. The presentation of this genre offers a lens into the cultural, historical, and social makeup of African-American cultural identity, while also shedding light on the long neglected world of African-American authors and illustrators in the pantheon of children's literature. Organized by the Miami University Art Museum through a grant from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation. *Telling A People's Story* addresses:

- The presentation of African-American identity and history in a creative, educational and respectful manner. The raising of greater awareness for the role African-American illustrators and authors play in the development and growth of the field of children's literature.
- The topic of social justice throughout African-American history.
- The need for awareness to the challenges African-American children's book authors and illustrators face in a field lacking sufficient representation of minorities.
- The importance of appreciating the culture and history of a people who are deeply rooted in the American story.

Phase 3 of library reopening

The library staff has now had the opportunity to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Nearly 75% of eligible Dane County residents have also received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Public Health Madison Dane County public health orders are lifted on June 2. Curbside pick-up will continue to be offered but may be reduced to fewer hours per day if demand decreases.

Open to the public:

MTWR	10:00 – 7:00 pm
F	10:00 – 6:00 pm
Sat	10:00 – 4:00 pm

Curbside pick-up hours:

MTWR	10:00 – 12:00 pm/3:30 – 6:30pm
F	10:00 – 12:00 pm/3:30 – 5:30pm
Sat	10:00 – 12:00 pm

Areas & services available:

- All areas/collections open to browsing except Quiet Reading Room
- Holds pick-up
- Computers, copying, faxing are available for drop-in use during open hours
- Curbside pick-up still offered (specific hours, M-Sat)
- Librarian's Choice book selection service
- Virtual programs, some outdoor programs
- In-person pick-up of materials for virtual programs

Areas and services not available yet:

- Quiet Reading Room
- Study/meeting room use
- Test proctoring
- Personal Archiving Lab
- Volunteering (will bring back when library use increases)
- No donations of used books

Safety measures:

- Masks are recommended for all visitors because many of our visitors are not yet eligible for vaccines
- Masks are recommended for staff in public areas and in shared workspaces where unvaccinated people can enter
- Social distancing is recommended
- Limited seating will be available
- Visitors encouraged to keep visits short
- No toys available in the children's area

2022 Preliminary Operating Budget Ideas (DRAFT)

1. Replace New Fiction and Non-Fiction display shelving

The current Adult Fiction and Non-Fiction shelving was designed to fit the original layout of the building. Since 2006, we have added a reference desk and self-check out island and the large V-shaped shelving units no longer fit the space well. We would like to replace them with 3-4 display shelving units that are moveable, will fit the space better, and provide flexibility if our space needs change in the future.

Estimated cost: TBD, waiting on a quote

2. Increase one part-time Reference Assistant position, from 416 hours/year to 832 hours/year

Increasing the number of hours for this position would allow for better coverage at the reference desk. Reference staff would have more opportunities to provide individual reference assistance in the form of technology help by appointment, test proctoring, and digital archiving lab guidance without leaving the desk unattended. Reference staff would also have additional time for long-term projects such as scanning local history materials.

Estimated cost: \$7200

3. iCurate diversity audit service

iCurate is a service that evaluates library collections for diversity, compares your library collection to other public libraries, and suggests diverse titles to fill in gaps.

Estimated cost: \$4200

4. Outdoor furniture/seating/landscaping

An additional 3 to 4 commercial grade picnic tables and installation of some natural seating areas would allow the public better make use of the library grounds and expanded outdoor wifi.

Estimated cost: \$18,000

5. Screen for presentations and films in Community Room

Currently, the large whiteboard in the Community Room doubles as a screen for presentations and films. Because it has a shiny surface, there is a significant glare when anything is projected onto it. Ideally, a retractable screen would be installed to enhance the use of the room for programs. Some electrical work may be required.

Estimated cost: \$12,000

6. Replace large roller shades in Community Room

There are some holes in the existing roller shades. If we were to replace them, the new shades could be ordered slightly wider to allow them to be mounted on the outside of the window frame to better block the light for presentations and films.

Estimated cost: \$5000

7. Lactation pod

Currently, the library does not have a space that meets legal requirements for breastfeeding space for staff nor do we have any space to offer the public for breastfeeding. We have identified an area on the northeast side of the children's room where a Mamava lactation pod would fit. The pods are freestanding and include lighting, seating, and ventilation.

Estimated cost: \$15,000

8. Green Team projects

Ideas are still being generated for 2022 Green Team projects

Estimated total: \$61,200

Library 5 year CIP

Capital Item	estimated life cycle	year purchased	replacement year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2026	2027
Flooring	15	2006	2022	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$75,000				
Flat Roof Replacement					\$ 48,000					
Boiler replacement	15-20	2006	2024			\$100,000				