

AGENDA

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

**Wednesday, September 4, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
Library Conference Room**

Call to order

- Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of 7/31/19
- Review and approval of August 2019 invoices
- Public Comments
- City Council Liaison's report
- Library Director's report
- Old Business
 1. Discussion of 2020 library budget
- New Business
 1. Review of policy updates

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

Wednesday, July 31, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
Library Phone Number 608-845-7180

Present: Conwell, Cronin, Huemmer, Kurth, Ryan, Hopp, Burkart
Absent: Sohail

Call to order:

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

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Kurth, seconded by Ryan to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 07/10/19. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Invoices:

A motion was made by Huemmer, seconded by Conwell to approve the July 2019 invoices. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

None

City Council Liaison Report:

Cronin updated the board that hiring was still in progress for the new City Administrator and Senior Center Director. A dumpster for public drop-off of flattened cardboard boxes is now available at the Public Works building to improve recycling.

Library Director's Report:

Burkart reported that the Book Bike trailer had a broken axle on the way to an event last week but it has been repaired.

Old Business:

1. *Discussion of 2020 library budget:* The Board discussed the preliminary draft of the 2020 budget. The board discussed raising starting wages for Library Page positions. No action was taken and further discussion tabled until the next board meeting.

New Business:

None.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

VERONA PUBLIC LIBRARY
DIRECTOR'S REPORT
August 2019

I. Collection Development

Emma and Stacey met with a representative from Recorded Books Digital on August 1 to explore adding digital magazine product Zinio in place of Flipster for 2020.

Emma had a phone meeting/web conference with a representative from Reference USA on August 23 to start the process of switching from A to Z Databases to Reference USA for next year.

Ronda has weeded the adult non-fiction DVDs, TV shows, and fiction DVDs.

Number of items added and deleted in July 2019:

Item Type	Added	Deleted
Books	750	431
Audio	28	6
Software	50	6
Video/DVD	79	9
Other (kits, etc.)	9	1
Magazines	123	34
TOTAL	1039	487
YTD	7876	6168

II. Circulation

Circulation increased for July and is down slightly year-to-date at -0.85% compared to last year.

Statistics for June 2019:

Self-check-outs	41,270
Total check-outs	59,499
Self-check-outs vs. desk	83.53%
July 2018 vs. July 2019	2.71%
Check-ins	82,941
Library cards added	164
Holds placed	12,447

III. Reference

Statistics: July 22 – August 22, 2019

Reference: 1,930 regular transactions, 340 directional
Children's reference: 1791 regular transactions, 83 directional
Proctoring: 14 exams proctored
Outer Library Loans: 66 requests
One-on-One Instruction: 150

Social Media Engagement:

Facebook: 2,782 followers, 64 posts/events
Twitter: 1,703 followers, 52 tweets
Instagram: 1,024 followers, 4 posts
Events Newsletter A: 12,302 recipients
Events Newsletter B: 12,291 recipients

IV. Personnel and Staff Development

Theresa conducted 4 annual or six-month check in conversations with Library Pages during the month of August.

Theresa interviewed 5 candidates for the open page position and has made a job offer. She is waiting on the background check from the city and will have the new candidate starting as soon as possible.

The Circulation Team meeting on August 14 focused on a new method of tracking financial transactions (fines, fees, fines, copies, etc) at the circulations desk.

Tonja attended the WiLS World Workshop, The Role of Libraries in Advancing Racial Equity, on July 24.

Mark attended an InterLibrary Loan conference in Marshfield on August 21.

Trudy attended the Adult Services & Programming Workshop presented by SCLS on August 8.

V. Equipment and Physical Facilities

Equipment for the Digital Archiving Lab has been purchased and begun arriving, the lab should be available to the public by late September or early October.

VI. Administration and Internal Operations

Work continues on the 2020 budget, the first draft of the operating budget was presented to the Finance Committee on August 19. The minimum amount the City can fund the library to be exempt from the County Library tax in 2020 is \$1,211,701. Per a special agreement between Dane County and the City of Verona that amount can include up to 3/5ths of the amount of debt service payment for 2020.

Trudy submitted an application to the American Library Association to bring the *Americans and the Holocaust* Traveling exhibition to the library. Award notification will be by September 20, 2019.

Staff has begun discussing how the relocation of the Verona Area High School will affect teen programming beginning in the fall of 2020.

VII. Marketing and Public Relations

Library event postings were sent to Madison.com, Isthmus, Verona Press, and Chamber of Commerce and promoted in the City e-newsletter. Event posters were delivered to area libraries and posted on bulletin

boards at Verona City Hall, Verona Senior Center, and area businesses. Tonja created slides for the website, social media, TV, and self-check machines. Mark created social media posts for Twitter and Facebook. There are currently 13,000+ recipients on the events newsletter email list.

The marketing committee discussed the PR for the *On the Trail of the Monarch Butterfly* traveling exhibition, Culver’s Share Night and the *Alexander Hamilton* traveling exhibition. We will also order new plastic sign holders and print new library brochures before the end of the year.

VIII. System and Interagency Cooperation

South Central Library System has announced that December 10, 2019 is our official go live date for the library software migration from Koha to the new product called Bibliovation. Staff trainings and additional software testing will take place in October and November.

IX. Fundraising

To date the library has raised \$221,679 for the library endowment fund held at Madison Community Foundation. The 2019 endowment disbursement is being used to fund the exhibit currently on display, *On the Trail of the Monarch Butterfly* and related programs.

Upcoming fundraisers and events:

Culver’s Share Night

Wednesday, September 18, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Endowment Donor and Volunteer Appreciation Party

Saturday, September 28, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

X. Events, Programs and Exhibits

Kid’s Events and Programs:

1000 Books before Kindergarten

27 kids signed up for the 1000 Books program in the past month, bringing the total number of registrants to 2097.

Summer Reading Program

Summer Reading Program was very busy and successful this year. Registration began on June 1 and 2917 kids (ages 0 – 11) registered. 346 teens (ages 12-18) also participated in the reading program bringing the total number of registered participants to 3263 which is the highest number of participants we have ever had. This year registration was available for the whole summer rather than just the first six weeks. This resulted in about 100 more registrations after the first five weeks of summer than last year. Registration and prize pick-up ends on August 31.

	SLP Registrations	SLP programs offered	SLP program attendance
Ages 3-11	2917	129	4734
Ages 12-18	346	32	599
Totals	3263	161	5333

Mini Camp: Dungeons & Dragons

Thursday AND Friday, July 25 and 26, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Ages 8-11.

Attendees: 8

Make Space for Reading with Great Scott

Thursday, August 1, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Great Scott used a lot of silly tricks to get the crowd laughing. His show was professionally done.

Attendees: 131, 97

Tween Escape Rooms: Journey through the Stars and Alien Abduction

Friday, August 2, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Work with a team to journey through the stars and solve an alien abduction! Ages 8 - 11.

Attendees: 17

PS4 Virtual Reality

Tuesday, August 6 or Thursday, August 8, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Ages 6 - 11.

Attendees: 6, 22

Read It & Eat Kids' Book Group: *Space Case* by Stuart Gibbs

Wednesday, August 7, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Discuss, do activities, and eat snacks inspired by the book. Ages 9 - 12. Participants did a mad lib, space yoga, space bingo with prizes, and trivia, plus ate space-themed snacks.

Attendees: 8

Baby Play Time

Fridays, August 9, 16, and 23, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Unstructured play and social time for babies and their caregivers. Enjoy books, music, and developmentally appropriate toys. Ages 0 - 18 months. Story Time Room.

Attendees: 30, 21, 26

Mini Camp: Beginning Sewing

Wednesday, August 14 or Tuesday, August 20, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Ages 8 - 11. We added a second mini-camp due to popular demand, but still weren't able to accommodate all who were interested.

Attendees: 15, 11

Tween Dungeons and Dragons

Thursday, August 15, 3:45 – 5:15 p.m.

Fantasy and adventure await in 5th edition Dungeons & Dragons. All skill levels welcome! Ages 8 - 11.

Attendees: 6

Duke Otherwise

Thursday, August 15, 1:30 p.m.

Duke Otherwise sang hilarious and imaginative songs, and we received a lot of positive feedback from caregivers about his performance.

Attendees: 167

Butterfly Story Time

Saturday, August 24, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Participants enjoyed stories, songs, and activities with a butterfly theme to help kick off our "On the Trail of the Monarch Butterfly" traveling exhibit. Geared toward ages 0 - 5.

Attendees: 38

Kindermusik

Monday, August 26, 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

The Musical Pathways Foundation presents a demo music and movement class for ages 0-5 and accompanying adult. Come sing, play, and move with us! Please register in advance. Community Room.

Attendees: 60

Ongoing Summer Reading Program Events

Open Art Studio

Mondays, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Drop in and get creative with different art projects each week. Ages 2 – 10. Community Room.

July 22 – Dinosaurs

August 5 – Superheroes

August 19 – Butterflies

Attendees: 100, 117, 110

Out of this World

Tuesdays, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Have fun with STEAM activities about outer space! Ages 6 - 11. Community Room.

July 30 - Coffee filter earths and Solar system hats, attendees: 35

August 13 - Foam ball planets and Planet toss, attendees: 35

Minecraft Club

Tuesdays, July 23, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Build in Minecraft based on a new theme each session – this month's theme was giant food. Ages 6 - 11.

Attendees: 35

Tweens Craft Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Ages 8 - 11. Community Room. Registration required.

July 24 – Paper lanterns

Attendees: 19

Family Movies

Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

August 9 – The Lego Movie 2, attendees: 69

August 16 – WALL-E, attendees: 18

Summer Story Time was June 17 – July 26.

Baby Story Time: 6 story times, attendees: 226, average: 38

Toddler Story Time: 17 story times, attendees: 489, average: 29

Preschool Story Time: 6 story times, attendees: 263, average: 44

Everybody Story Time: 18 story times, attendees: 810, average: 45

Total: 1788

Upcoming Kids' Events:

Baby Play Time

Fridays, August 30 & September 6, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Unstructured play and social time for babies and their caregivers. Enjoy books, music, and developmentally appropriate toys. Ages 0-18 months.

Kindermusik

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Magic the Gathering Trading Card Game

Wednesday, September 4, 3:45 – 5:15 p.m.

Become a planeswalker, summon creatures, and cast powerful spells with Magic the Gathering Trading Card Game! Challenge your friends and peers in a casual environment. All are welcome to play and learn. The library will have some starter decks or feel free to bring your own. Ages 8 – 18.

Monarchs and Milkweeds

Saturday, September 7, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Discover the connection between monarchs and milkweed plants and learn about the monarch's amazing life cycle and annual migration to Mexico. Make a milkweed seed ball and learn about butterfly gardens, too. Presented by Marsh Haven Nature Center director, Renee Wahlen. Suitable for all ages.

Return to School with Confidence Training

Sunday, September 8, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. or 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

This boot camp will focus on returning to school with confidence, how to deal with feelings, and growing strong bodies, strong minds and strong spirits to help kids navigate the tough times in life! Presented by Meghan Skrepenski of Raising STRONG Boot Camps. For ages 5 – 14 with caregiver(s).

Tween Dungeons & Dragons

Wednesday, September 11, 3:45 – 5:15 p.m.

Fantasy and Adventure await in 5th edition Dungeons & Dragons. All skill levels welcome! Ages 8 - 11.

STEAM Story Time

Saturday, September 14, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Join us for STEAM-based story time with science and art activities. Geared for ages 4-6. All are welcome to attend. This month's theme: Rabbits. No registration. Community Room.

Tweens Craft: Back to School

Monday, September 16, 3:45 – 5:00 p.m.

Personalize your own school supplies to snazz up your school year! Ages 8 - 11. Please register in advance. Community Room.

Minecraft Club

Wednesday, September 25, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Build in creative mode! Grades 1 - 6. Please register in advance. Community Room.

Mindfulness for Families

Wednesday, September 25, 6:30 -7:30 p.m.

Laura Zimmer, Verona teacher and creator of Beginner's Mind mindfulness resources for families and classrooms, will lead this workshop about mindfulness. Each family will make a small clear mind jar to take home. Best for kids ages 5 – 11 and adults. Please register in advance. Community Room.

Teen Events:

Anime/Manga Club

Thursday, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

August 1, Attendees: 3

August 22, Attendees: 4

Activities: watched Anime, created fictional anime, played games

Teen Gaming

Thursday, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

July 25, Attendees: 9

August 15, Attendees: 7

Teens played board games and card games, competed in Nintendo Switch games, and played old-school games on a Super NES.

Crafty Monday

Monday, July 22, 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Teens made galaxy tote bags by sponging bags with fabric paint.

Attendees: 46

Nintendo Labo

Tuesday, July 23, 10:30 – 12:00 p.m.

Teens built Nintendo Labo (cardboard Switch creations), and made short films with Lego Minifigs. and action figurines. They finished a cardboard backpack with strings and controls that allows the player to physically play the robot in a video game.

Attendees: 4

Teen Paper Lanterns

Wednesday, July 24, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Kids individualized paper lanterns with watercolor paints, tissue paper, and marker.

Attendees: 19

Crafty Monday

Monday, August 29, 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Teens created pocket galaxies by filling large and small glass jars with water, cotton balls, paint, and glitter.

Attendees: 69

Raspberry Pi Coding Intro.

Monday, July 29, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Attendees: 4

Wednesday, July 31, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Attendees: 2

Teens learned how to navigate a file structure in a mini computer (Raspberry Pi) by using code and typing skills. They learned about viruses and how to remove them through coding. They also explored using code to create electronic music and sounds.

Quidditch

Tuesday, July 30, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Teens played muggle quidditch – a competitive sport combining running, passing, dodgeball, and scoring through hoops.

Attendees: 12

Teen Escape Rooms

Friday, August 2, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Teens used critical thinking and team building skills to solve puzzles, clues, and locks to escape adventure games themed around aliens and stars. They learned about the life cycles of stars and how to use a star wheel. They also decoded secret messages and deciphered an audio file in Morse code.

Attendees: 22

Teen Virtual Reality

Monday, August 5, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Teens played virtual reality games.

Attendees: 5

Teen D&D or Tabletop Games

Thursday, August 8, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Teens played a cooperative adventure game based on storytelling and dice rolling.

Attendees: 5

Crafty Monday

Monday, August 12, 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Teens made glass gem magnets with recycled books and comics.

Attendees: 55

Quidditch

Tuesday, August 13, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Teens played muggle quidditch – a competitive sport combining running, passing, dodgeball, and scoring through hoops.

Attendees: 4

Color Powder Photo Art & Ice Cream

Wednesday, August 14, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Teens threw color powder at each other – creating fun photos -- and ate ice cream.

Attendees: 7

Teen Escape Rooms

Wednesday, August 21, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Teens used critical thinking and team building skills to solve puzzles, clues, and locks to escape adventure games themed around outer space, Mars, and the Hubble telescope. They learned about different types of galaxies and solved problems using word clues, basic math, and augmented reality.

Attendees: 16

Upcoming Teen Events:

Anime & Manga Club

Thursdays, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Teens interested in Japanese animation and Manga meet to watch, play games, and eat!

Teen Gaming

Thursday, August 29 and September 26, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Snack and play board games, face off on the Nintendo Switch or Wii, or bring your own device!

Teen D&D or Tabletop Games

Thursday, September 12, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Fantasy and adventure await in 5th edition Dungeons & Dragons. All skill levels welcome! We'll also have a variety of tabletop games available.

Adult Classes & Events:

Rendever Virtual Reality Tour: The White House

Monday, August 5, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Alasa Wiest, program manager at the Verona Senior Center, guided attendees through an immersive 360-degree virtual reality experience of the White House with President Barack Obama.

Attendees: 4

Shakespeare's Scenes & Sonnets

Monday, August 5, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The student-run Fair Verona Area Shakespeare Company performed scenes and sonnets by the Bard.

Attendees: 51

Biking to Bucky on Parade

Wednesday, August 7, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Dave Mossner presented all 85 life-size Bucky Badger statues that were on parade around Madison last summer. Attendees also learned fun facts about Bucky Badger.

Attendees: 17

Flutes on Vacation

Monday, August 12, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The Ovidius Flute Trio performed a variety of flute music ranging from upbeat to the contemporary.

Attendees: 52

Don't Mess with Stress: Redefine what Stressors Look Like in a Modern Lifestyle

Tuesday, August 13, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Rachel Carlson, author, educator, and yoga instructor, examined how everyday choices in diet, sleep, movement, environment, and connections and nature impact overall stress load.

Attendees: 29

Learn Hands-Only CPR

Thursday, August 15, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Fitch-Rona EMS paramedic, Andrew Jensen, taught how to do hands-only CPR and use an automated external defibrillator.

Attendees: 6

NERF or Nothing

Friday, August 16, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Join us for an indoors, after hours program for adults (ages 18+ only) to play fast-paced, team building games featuring NERF blasters.

Attendees: 7

Appy Hour – Language Learning Apps

Wednesday, August 14 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us every second Wednesday of the month to learn about useful, fun, and free applications you can download to your smart device. Each meeting will focus on apps related to a particular topic

Attendees: 1

Snapchat

Wednesday, August 20 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Snapchat is one of the most popular social media applications used today. This class will go over what sets Snapchat apart from other social media options and cover the multimedia messaging app's features.

Attendees: 10

Books 'n Booze

Thursday, August 22, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Books 'N Booze is a book club for people who are interested in having a blast while discussing fun books and meeting new people. We meet every fourth Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Sugar River Pizza Company. In August we discussed *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel.

Attendees: 20

Dwindling Numbers for an Iconic Insect: A Conservation Biologist Ponders Moving Beyond the Documentation of Declines

Thursday, August 22, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Karen Oberhauser, Director of the UW-Madison Arboretum, discussed the amazing biology of migratory monarch populations, how citizens and scientists are documenting monarch numbers across their migratory cycle and what we can do to help preserve this insect for generations to come.

Attendees: 41

Printmaking Workshop – Drypoint Etchings

Monday, August 26, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Learn the art of drypoint etching using upcycled plastic from an ordinary milk jug. Participants will take home a completed printmaking project. Taught by Mark Cullen, Reference Librarian.

Attendees: 9

Upcoming Adult Classes and Events:

Books 'n Booze @ Sugar River Pizza Company

Thursday, September 26, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

The Hazel Wood by Melissa Albert

Free Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar, and Fall-Prevention Screenings

Wednesday, September 4, Drop in between 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Fitch-Rona EMS will check your blood pressure and blood sugar, and Capitol Physical Therapy will provide fall-prevention screenings.

Memory Screening

Thursday, September 5, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Create a baseline for monitoring future memory changes. The Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) will provide free 20-minute, confidential screenings. They'll also share information about memory, memory clinics, brain health, and local resources.

Rendever Virtual Reality Tour: Paris in the Middle Ages

Monday, September 9, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Let's take a virtual tour of Paris during the Middle Ages and learn a little bit about this period of time. Alasa Wiest of the Verona Senior Center, will guide you through an immersive virtual reality experience.

Senior Case Management Outreach

Monday, September 9, Drop in between 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

A case manager from the Verona Senior Center will answer questions and provide resources for you or your aging loved one on Medicare, homecare, housing assistance, financial resources, and more.

The Elusive Nature of Sleep: A Multifaceted Approach to Restoring the Sleep Cycle

Monday, September 9, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Sleep provides the opportunity for healing, growth, and learning. Learn to identify common melatonin disruptors, establish effective sleep hygiene habits, encourage a natural circadian cycle, and create your best possible sleeping environment. Carlson's book, *The Paleovation Workbook*, will be available for sale.

Stop the Bleed Training

Thursday, September 12, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Stop the Bleed class is designed for individuals with little or no medical training who may be called upon as immediate responders. Fitch-Rona EMS will teach you how to provide initial care and bleeding control to a victim of traumatic injury prior to the arrival of skilled help or in an austere environment.

Age at Home by Agrace

Wednesday, September 18, Drop-in between 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Katie Seidel, from Agrace, will share resources that may make life easier and safer for you or your loved one. Information on career opportunities will also be available.

Bluegrass: A History of an American Art Form with Bill Malone

Thursday, September 19, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Bill Malone, a renowned country music historian, author and radio DJ will explore the history of bluegrass and what factors contributed to the development of it in the U.S. Supported by Beyond the Page.

NERF or Nothing

Friday, September 20, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Join us for an indoors, after hours program for adults to play fast-paced, team building games featuring NERF blasters. Please bring your own blaster. Equipment to borrow will be limited.

Coptic Stitch Bookmaking

Monday, September 30, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Learn Coptic stitch bookbinding techniques, which originated in 2nd century Egypt. Participants will take home a completed project. Taught by Mark Cullen, Reference Librarian.

***On the Trail of the Monarch Butterfly* Traveling Exhibition Programs**

Tips for Better Nature Photography

Wednesday, September 4, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Photographer David Anderson will share ideas for taking better nature photos. Participants should bring a camera. The class will explore Badger Prairie Park to take photos. Anderson will cover wide and close up shots, camera settings, and what elements make a great photo. Registration required.

Film Screenings: *Papalotzin—The Flight of the Monarch Butterfly*

Friday, September 6 & 11, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Monday, September 23, 10:00 - 11:00 p.m., 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Mexican filmmaker and pilot Francisco Gutiérrez documented his 72-day adventure following the monarch butterflies travel from Canada to Mexico. Screen time 60 minutes

Importance and Benefits of Native Species and How They Directly Relate to the Monarch Butterfly

Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Michelle Stowers, Nursery Ecologist from Agrecol Native Nursery, will discuss why native species are vital to the monarch butterfly. Stowers will also discuss how to rear your own caterpillars through metamorphosis. Complimentary milkweed seeds will be available.

How to Tag a Butterfly

Monday, September 16, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Learn how to tag monarch butterflies so their path from Wisconsin to Mexico can be tracked. Staff from Madison Audubon will assist. Registration required. Class size limited to 10 participants.

Autumn in the Prairie

Tuesday, September 17, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Take a guided walk with Dane County Parks Botanist/Naturalist Lars Higdon. Learn about the importance of natural areas in our urban landscape and identify fall blooming prairie plants, including those that are beneficial to migrating monarch butterflies and other pollinators. Registration required.

“Stained Glass Monarch” Charcoal Drawing

Tuesday, September 24, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Explore the fun of drawing with charcoal. Instructor and artist Robert Gorder will provide step-by-step instructions. Take home your masterpiece charcoal drawing, a mat, and a protective sleeve. No drawing experience required. All supplies provided. Registration required.

Exhibits:

***On the Trail of the Monarch Butterfly* Traveling Exhibition**

August 19 – September 29, 2019

Through microphotographic images and spectacular aerial photographs, follow the monarch’s amazing journey from Montreal, Canada, to the mountains of central Mexico. Learn about butterfly habitat conservation and the extreme challenges faced by monarch butterflies during their annual migration.

Alexander Hamilton Traveling Exhibition

October 22 – November 19, 2019

This exhibition examines Hamilton's central role during the Revolutionary War and Founding period in creating the economic, constitutional, social, journalistic, political, and foreign policy templates for modern America.

Immigration: An American Story Traveling Exhibition

February 13 – March 12, 2020

This exhibition presents documents, maps, and images to tell select stories of those who came to America, some by coercion and others by choice in search of a better future for themselves and later generations.

Faces of Railroading: Railroads and the Making of Madison and Dane County Traveling Exhibition

March 16 – April 10, 2020

This exhibit looks at the historic role railroad workers have played in Dane County through compelling images of the past and present. In addition, the exhibit explores the changing geography of Madison in relation to the railroad. The Center for Railroad Photography & Art (www.railphoto-art.org) and the Verona Public Library have collaborated to present this exhibition.

XI. Outreach

Outreach story times:

Total daycare story time presentations: 13

Total Sensory Friendly story times: 1

Nakoma Heights Apartments Summer Reading Club

Tuesdays, July 23 and 30, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Marissa brought books for checkout, crafts, and summer reading signups and prizes to this apartment complex. Teachers from Glacier Edge Elementary also brought math and literacy games along with snacks for the kids. The program concluded with a book giveaway and grand prize drawings.

Attendees: 14, 33

The Sow's Ear

Saturday, July 27, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Mary and Marissa brought books for checkout and library information to the patio of The Sow's Ear during their summer sidewalk sale.

Attendees: 10

Academy for Little Learners Field Trips

Tuesday, August 6 and Friday, August 9, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Two classes from Academy for Little Learners came to the library to hear stories, go on a tour, and checkout books.

Attendees: 13, 17

Pop Up Museum: Collections

Monday, August 12, 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

The library partnered with the Verona Recreation Department to present a pop up museum for kids to bring in items that they collect.

Attendees: 10

Senior Center Book Group

Wednesday, August 14, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

The group discussed *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Fredrick Backman. One new member attended.

Attendees: 6

Treehouse Lunch Bunch

Thursday, August 15, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Books and activities for school agers at the new Treehouse Programs.

Attendees: 4

Four Winds Book Group

Monday, August 19, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

The residents discussed *The Shoemaker's Wife* by Adriana Trigiani. One new resident attended.

Attendees: 4

Prairie Oaks Book Group

Tuesday, August 20, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

The group read *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

Attendees: 4

Badger Prairie Needs Network, Kids' Room

Thursdays, July 25 and August 8 and 22, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Crafts and stories at the Kids' Room at BPNN.

Attendees: 4, 8, 3

Book Bike Events

July 24, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Park Program at Harriet Park, Attendees: 35

July 30, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Park Program at Veteran's Park, Attendees: 15

July 31, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Country Grove Preschool, Attendees: 60

August 3, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Country Grove Neighborhood Party, Attendees: 72

August 6, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., National Night Out, Attendees: 311

August 7, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Park Program at Tollefson Park, Attendees: 22

August 9, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Music on Main, Attendees: 23

August 15, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., The Goddard School, Attendees: 70

August 21, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., La Petite Academy, Attendees: 55

Upcoming Outreach Events

Dinosaur Story Time at Willow Pointe

Tuesday, September 3, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

An intergenerational story time that will feature dinosaur stories and songs at Willow Pointe Assisted Living.

Senior Center Book Group

Wednesday, September 11, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

The group will be reading *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver.

Eplegaarden Story Time

Friday, September 13, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Outreach story time at the Eplegaarden in Fitchburg.

Four Winds Book Group

Monday, September 16, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

The residents will discuss *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce.

Prairie Oaks Book Group

Tuesday, September 24, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

The group will be reading *Skinny Dip* by Carl Hiaasen.

Upcoming Book Bike Events

August 27, Verona Artists and Farmers Market

September 12, The Caring Center

September 18, Culver's Fundraiser Night

Badger Prairie Needs Network, Kids' Room

Thursdays, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Sensory Friendly Story Time

Fridays, 9:15 a.m.



Verona Public Library Summer 2019 Highlights Report

Thank you for your partnership in offering English Classes for Adults at Verona Public Library. We greatly appreciate your support in helping English language learners reach their goals. With your support, this summer's class learned about the importance of reading, library resources for their family, workplace conversations, and following directions.

About the Participants

Average attendance: **10** participants per class
Total enrollment: **16** participants

Participants were Spanish, Arabic, and Mandarin Chinese speakers from Mexico, Venezuela, Honduras, Guatemala, Ecuador, Syria, and China.

Class Outcomes

- ♦ **Early Childhood Literacy:** 9 participants discussed the importance of reading with children in any language. Participants practiced strategies for engaging young bilingual readers and learned about library resources. Several participants reported that prior to class, they hadn't know the library has books available in their native language.
- ♦ **Home Reading Plan:** 14 participants learned library related vocabulary and applied what they learned during a tour of the library presented by the Head of Reference Services Librarian. Throughout the tour, participants practiced reading library signs, improving listening skills, and asking questions. One participant reported she was surprised to learn the library has board games available.
- ♦ **Workplace Skills:** 10 participants developed their workplace English skills. Participants learned the grammar and vocabulary needed to ask and understand dates and times and requesting time off from work in different contexts. One participant reported this topic was most helpful saying, "I like the topics that teach me to communicate at my job."
- ♦ **Directions:** 11 participants learned to give and follow directions when navigating throughout the city. Participants practiced saying and listening to commands (turn left, go straight) and relevant prepositions (across from, between). One participant reported that he has since started using these skills to navigate around the city more independently.

Participant Feedback

100% of participants surveyed reported that this class helped them to feel more confident speaking and writing English.

100% of participants surveyed reported that this class helped them to understand the importance of reading with their children.

90% of participants surveyed reported that this class helped them to understand the American school system.

Participant Quotes

"The teacher is very good. The English class is very fun. I learn more because she explains to us very well."

"All topics are good"

"I learned to give directions and introduce myself."

"I understand a little more vocabulary. (I like) reading, pronunciation, and writing."

"I understand things I didn't understand before."

"I liked learning about all topics related to family because I learn a lot."

"I liked interacting with my classmates and reading practice."

"I learned dynamically about family themes."

"I'm grateful for the help you give to us besides the time is short it's a good tool to develop interests and learn the language."

2020 Library Budget Requests

1. Increased staff to open Sundays during the summer. Add 1 full-time and 5 part-time positions to expand hours to include Sundays during the summer plus increase cleaning costs.

Cost: \$110,121 staffing + \$5175 janitorial (also includes annual increase)

This staffing request allows the library to have enough staff to open 12 additional weekend days per year while maintaining staff morale and current levels of public service. Beyond achieving the primary goal of opening on Sundays in the summer, the public will also benefit by having better coverage at the reference desk, additional staff to help with outreach events, and a streamlined process for publicizing library events. Additionally, staffing in the Youth Services department would shift away from hiring summer LTE's to making use of existing Library Assistants, saving time annually in hiring and training.

- Add one full-time Reference Librarian/Communications Coordinator position, cost: \$58,488 (approx.)
 - Add one part-time Library Assistant/Circulation, 1040 hours/yr, cost: \$17,545
 - Add two part-time Library Assistants/Reference, each 416 hours/yr, cost: \$14,036
 - Add one Library Page I position, 416 hours/yr, cost: \$4368
 - Add one Library Page II position, 520 hours/yr, cost: \$6500

 - Increase one Library Assistant I/Youth Services from 416 to 1040 hours/yr and promote to Library Assistant II, cost: \$12,232
 - Increase one Library Assistant I/Youth Services from 832 to 1040 hours/yr and promote to Library Assistant II, cost: \$4836
 - Eliminate part-time Summer LTE position, cost: \$-4380
 - Decrease full-time Summer LTE position to 60%, cost: \$-3504
- Net costs to staffing changes in Youth Services: \$9184*

2. Increase Library Page starting wages. Cost: \$3952

Increase Library Page I wages from \$9.50/hr to \$10.50/hr and Library Page II positions from \$11.50/hr to \$12.50/hr to remain competitive with other entry level wages in the area.

3. Increase programming budget for English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. Cost: \$4350

4. Add extra shelves to teen and adult shelving units. Cost: \$4500

5. Reupholster furniture. Cost: \$4000

6. Increase print and electronic collections. Cost: \$11,075 (\$6075 print books, \$5000 ebooks)

7. Upgrade wireless access points. Cost: \$4000

8. Add five additional wifi hotspots for public check-out. Cost \$2500

Total increase requested: \$149,673

(expected increase from Dane County funding is \$90,655, up 10.4% from 2019)

	EXEMPT LIBS	2018 VAL	2019 VAL	2019 APP	2020 Min App
Villages	Belleville	182,406,300	189,458,200	\$253,007	\$80,911
	Black Earth	115,566,100	128,719,300	\$128,254	\$51,262
	Cambridge	158,002,000	163,586,000	\$75,000	\$70,086
	Cross Plains	369,753,900	388,869,800	\$290,794	\$164,013
	Deerfield	209,178,200	216,787,300	\$154,509	\$92,786
	DeForest	1,060,405,300	1,140,802,000	\$517,964	\$470,369
	Marshall	223,533,500	230,117,300	\$182,700	\$99,154
	Mazomanie	147,391,000	160,331,500	\$92,892	\$65,379
	McFarland	893,472,300	1,012,262,700	\$544,500	\$396,321
	Mount Horeb	689,473,300	728,367,800	\$477,299	\$305,833
	Oregon	1,142,900,500	1,212,814,500	\$587,252	\$506,961
	Waunakee	1,753,484,600	1,929,469,200	\$923,190	\$777,801
Cities	Fitchburg	2,830,889,000	3,065,972,600	\$1,835,488	\$1,255,710
	Madison	27,906,094,400	29,802,896,700	\$17,703,565	\$12,378,428
	Middleton	3,039,237,000	3,180,754,300	\$1,307,784	\$1,348,128
	Monona	1,181,556,600	1,258,410,700	\$604,100	\$524,108
	Stoughton	1,110,930,600	1,176,283,200	\$593,813	\$492,780
	Sun Prairie	3,132,843,000	3,404,540,900	\$1,605,158	\$1,389,649
	Verona	2,731,675,400	2,969,335,200	\$1,293,687	\$1,211,701
	<i>Edgerton</i>	<i>9,441,600</i>	<i>10,733,100</i>		<i>\$4,188</i>
Exempt Total	48,888,234,600	52,370,512,300			
County Total	62,121,666,600	66,499,944,400			
2018 Tax Base	\$13,233,432,000	\$14,129,432,100			
DCL appropriation			\$5,870,011		
2020 County library tax levy rate			\$0.0004435744		