

AGENDA

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

**Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30pm
Library Conference Room**

Call to Order

- **Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of 3/1/23**
- **Review and approval of the March 2023 invoices**
- **Public Comments**
- **City Council Liaison's report**
- **Library Director's report**

Old Business

- **Preliminary discussion of the 2024 library budget**
- **Discussion and possible action regarding the 2023 planned closure dates**

New Business

- **Discussion and possible action regarding the 2023 adjacent county reimbursement**

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

Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Conwell

Guests: Theresa Skov, Olivia Zhu

Call to order:

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

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Voss, seconded by Spencer to approve the amended Regular Meeting Minutes of 2/1/23. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Invoices:

A motion was made by Spencer, seconded by Jones to approve the February 2023 invoices. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

None

City Council Liaison Report:

Alder Cronin reports that an offer of employment has been made for the open City Administrator position. Parks & Rec are hiring for summer positions. There was a primary election on February 21 and the Spring election will be held on April 4. Early voting will be held at city hall.

Library Director's Report:

Burkart shared with the board that there has been some discussion with the city about staff safety and liability about Narcan, more information is being gathered. Burkart gathered a quote to compare the cost of replacing four chairs in the Quiet Reading Room, versus having them recovered. The board will consider this purchase at again at a future time. Burkart also shared that the library is in the process of setting up a process to send accounts with over \$100 in lost/damaged fees to a collection agency.

Old Business:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the Social Media Policy

A motion was made by Jones, seconded by Voss to adopt the Social Media Policy. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Discussion of diversity and collection management
2. Discussion of library internship opportunities
3. Preliminary discussion of the 2024 library budget

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Voss, seconded by Spencer to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm. Next meeting will be held on April 5 at 6:30pm.

Library board approved:

VERONA PUBLIC LIBRARY
DIRECTOR'S REPORT
March 2023

I. Collection Development

Teen audiobooks have been moved into the adult audiobook section to free up shelf space in the teen area and potentially increase their circulation.

Number of items added and deleted in February 2023.

Item Type	Added	Deleted
Books	792	460
Audio	10	1
Software	5	2
Video/DVD	31	874
Other (kits, etc.)	6	0
Magazines	153	31
TOTAL	997	1368
YTD	2159	2931

II. Circulation

Circulation

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
January	47,722	46,024	29,669	49,255	44,153
February	46,003	42,218	28,925	46,500	44,487
March		49,314	36,647	29,964	49,074
April		47,514	31,448	2,021	46,215
May		42,775	32,633	8,861	43,274
June		52,827	52,142	18,507	55,425
July		52,448	52,220	29,609	59,493
August		55,184	51,007	31,025	53,415
September		45,066	42,894	31,115	44,582
October		42,440	43,527	34,075	46,108
November		43,939	43,507	28,171	44,084
December		42,000	39,089	28,194	42,479
Total	93,725	561,749	483,708	337,297	572,789

New Library Cards

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
January	188	119	27	184	121
February	137	149	36	161	109
March		155	24	74	133
April		129	36	9	118
May		140	71	18	96
June		344	179	33	225
July		239	160	58	164
August		206	129	57	167
September		141	105	51	150
October		150	99	50	110
November		144	64	18	108
December		122	87	31	83
Total	325	2038	1017	744	1584

Holds

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
January	14,929	15,139	18,260	14,651	13,725
February	13,005	11,617	17,130	12,246	12,081
March		12,878	18,193	7,277	12,569
April		12,098	15,698	5,645	11,811
May		11,820	14,236	10,869	11,636
June		11,984	13,328	13,616	12,378
July		11,735	11,621	15,910	12,447
August		13,389	13,510	15,672	12,577
September		12,506	13,252	16,166	12,001
October		11,924	13,304	16,502	11,919
November		12,888	12,679	16,108	12,016
December		10,313	11,069	14,567	9,859
Total	27,934	148,291	172,280	159,229	135,160

III. Reference

Statistics, February 17 - March 23:

Test Proctoring: 4 exams

Outer Library Loans: 51 requests

Personal Archiving Lab Sessions: 3

One-on-One Instruction: 90

Social Media & Email Engagement:

Facebook: 4,639 followers, 65 posts/events

Twitter: 1,748 followers, 0 tweets

Instagram: 1,488 followers, 8 posts/reels/stories

Events Newsletter 1: 10,134 recipients

Events Newsletter 2: 10,126 recipients

Library Visits

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
January	16,114	10,780	0	18,887	17,062
February	21,270	11,193	0	18,969	16,673
March		13,628	0	0	19,993
April		16,488	2,889	0	20,038
May		12,366	5,015	0	19,355
June		16,624	11,757	2,850	23,672
July		17,057	13,407	6,765	23,853
August		18,830	13,267	*	22,506
September		13,890	10,746	*	18,496
October		14,009	10,346	*	19,540
November		15,729	9,371	0	18,531
December		13,552	10,562	0	16,780
Total	37,384	174,146	87,360	47,471	236,499

Reference Questions

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
January	1,640	1,061	821	3,152	2,218
February	2,034	1,653	924	1,632	2,117
March		1,758	1,347	1,974	1,937
April		1,226	948	24	2,454
May		1,117	1,085	116	2,660
June		2,183	2,200	846	3,642
July		1,691	2,365	2,431	2,662
August		2,075	1,847	2,039	3,721
September		1,341	1,543	2,521	2,359
October		1,566	581	2,045	3,213

November		1,628	458	1,060	2,321
December		1,356	721	1,092	1,978
TOTAL	3,674	18,655	14,840	18,932	31,282

Meeting Room Use

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
January	474	164	-	616	568
February	607	206	-	565	531
March		272	-	286	596
April		305	-	-	671
May		328	-	-	631
June		314	-	-	547
July		316	-	-	542
August		411	-	-	524
September		327	-	-	542
October		398	-	-	706
November		453	-	-	601
December		396	-	-	529
TOTAL	1,081	5,912	2,021	3,487	9,007

IV. Personnel and Staff Development

Ronda held a circulation team meeting on March 14 and reviewed procedures for defect reported items, damaged items, and library account notifications.

Jess and Mia went to D&D training presented by the Middleton Public Library.

Jess attended an SCLS youth services check-in on Zoom.

Marissa attended CCBC Choices Day.

Michelle Foster accepted the position of Youth Services Summer LTE, and will begin the week of May 16.

Tonja attended the Southwest Regional Equity Team meeting on February 21.

Tonja met with two graduate students from the iSchool this month. Both students are taking a Reference and Information Service class and were required to shadow a librarian while they are staffing the reference desk.

Tonja attended the Employee Differences training provided by CVMIC on February 28.

V. Equipment and Physical Facilities

The center area of the library is now fully carpeted, Sergenians completed the work on March 18. We are now working on dates to start carpeting the adult side of the building and targeting September or October.

Discussions are continuing with the city and their insurance company about the library continuing to have Narcan on hand due to staff safety and liability issues.

VI. Administration and Internal Operations

South Central Library System will be moving into a new headquarters facility May 27 -30. Because this also includes moving the servers, libraries will not have internet or computers during this four day time frame.

Stacey spent a lot of time this month working with Abby and Trudy working on the materials and publicity for the Microsculpture exhibit.

The annual 5K Run/Walk fundraising planning is coming along, with work continuing to secure sponsorships, get approval from the County Parks department and a special event permit from the city, meeting with the race timing company, and promoting the event. There are currently 108 participants registered.

Stacey, Ronda, and Sara are continuing to work on a process to send delinquent library accounts to collections.

VII. Marketing and Public Relations

Abby created 43 Event graphics (website, Facebook, TV) and 24 bookmarks/flyers/signs.

Katie created a book display for Women's History Month.

The Verona Press published a Women's History Month themed article by Maureen on March 16.

Marketing highlights this month:

On Instagram: "Every library has..." Instagram reel has 10,774 plays, 967 likes, 4 comments, 99 shares, and 38 saves making this reel our most successful ever!

<https://www.instagram.com/p/Couorxep6lf/>

Feedback: Implemented a feedback form and already received great feedback for our Magic Tea Party program. This comment stands out:

"This event was amazing. My daughter had such a great time and especially loved dancing with the unicorn. Everything went so smoothly and was well thought out. I feel very lucky to have these events available for the kids in our community and for free, no less! Thank you so much, library staff!"

VIII. System and Interagency Cooperation

Trudy attended the Everlight Solar groundbreaking as the Verona Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassador.

Leah met with local SCLS librarians specializing in teen services via Zoom (YS Roundtable) for updates on programming, collections, and future summer reading ideas.

Leah also met with VAHS librarian Teresa Voss to discuss ideas for collaboration and additional outreach to Verona area schools.

IX. Fundraising

The staff 5K Run/Walk planning team have been working hard to organize and promote our big fundraising event of the year, taking place on Saturday, May 13. Volunteers are needed for the refreshments table and to be stationed on the route as course marshals.

X. Events, Programs and Exhibits

Kid's Events and Programs:

1000 Books before Kindergarten

13 kids were registered this month, bringing the total number of registrants to 2439.

Winter Library Challenge

January 9 – February 20

Our third annual winter library challenge was similar to the past two years, with participants doing reading and other activities to earn tickets to try to win local gift cards. 305 people participated in the program, 148 kids, 21 teens, and 136 adults. Total participation was about half that of previous years. Right as we were contemplating whether to continue next year, we did get an appreciative email saying, "Thank you so much for this prize. I'm really excited to go to Driftless Chocolate. My family moved here last year so we're still trying new places. I really like all the library programs. I found some new ways to read in this winter program and enjoyed the other fun activities too. Thank you for this prize. I can't wait to use it."

Winter Story Times

January 9 - March 3

Baby Story Time: 15 story times, attendees: 242, average: 16

Toddler Story Time: 14 story times, attendees: 469, average: 34

Preschool Story Time: 15 story times, attendees: 405, average: 27

Sensory Story Time: 9 story times, attendees: 241, average: 27

Total: 53 story times, 1,357 attendees

Cool Plants

Friday, February 16, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

How do plants survive the winter? Join members of Allen Centennial Garden and the UW Horticulture department to handle plant materials, use kid-proof microscopes, and have conversations about plant buds, backyard tree selection, and how plants experience climate change. For kids and adults. In the middle of the library.

This was scheduled for a day off school that became a school day due to snow days.

Attendees: 23

Early Reader Book Club

Tuesday, February 21, 4:00 – 4:30 pm

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

Attendees: 19

Child Development Story Time: Friendship

Friday, February 24, 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: 38

Favorite Friends

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

Meet some of your favorite book characters - Pigeon, Mother Bruce, and Green Crayon (aka Esteban)! Kids can visit characters throughout the library, plus do character-themed crafts and enjoy snacks. All ages.

Staff celebrated the return of this beloved event. Despite the high numbers, it never felt too crowded as participants moved from station to station. There were a lot of special moments between characters and kids.

Attendees: 350

Young and the Restless

Tuesday, February 28, 10:00 – 11:30 am

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

Attendees: 112

Tween Craft: Snow Globes

Tuesday, February 28, 6:00 – 6:45 pm

Create your own snow globe! Ages 8-11. Registration required.

Attendees: 18

Minecraft Club

Thursday, March 2, 4:00 pm

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

Attendees: 31

Pokemon Club

Thursday, March 9, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Join fellow Pokémon fanatics for a Pokémon related activity each month. Bring your Gameboy, Switch, or learn to play the trading card game and compete against other kids! Bring your own deck or borrow one of ours. Ages 6 - 11.

Attendees: 45

Young and the Restless

Tuesday, March 14, 10:00 – 11:30 am

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

Attendees: 87

Family Art: Marble Painting

Tuesday, March 14, 4:00 – 4:45 pm

Kids and their caregivers can get creative together with a different art project each month. Art can be

messy so dress appropriately. Geared towards ages 6-9 with their adult.

Attendees: 29

Music and Movement Story Time

Friday, March 17, 10:00 am

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

Attendees: 39

D&D Basics: Tweens

Tuesday, March 21, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

D&D Basics is a crash course in playing Dungeons and Dragons. You'll leave with a character sheet and a basic understanding of the rules. All experience levels are welcome, but this will be catered toward new adventurers! Ages 8 -11.

Attendees: 12

Tween Craft: Frankentoys

Wednesday, March 22, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Create a frankentoy! We will provide old toys and you will break them apart and make them into your own new creations. Ages 8-11. Registration required.

Attendees: 20

Upcoming Kids' Events

Spring Story Times

March 27 - May 5, registration required (Story Room)

Baby Story Time: Fridays at 10:30 am

Toddler Story Time: Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:30 am

Preschool Story Time: Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Everybody Story Time: Thursdays at 10:30 am

Sensory Story Time

Thursdays at 9:30 am, no registration required

Build communication & friendship skills in a supportive environment. Story time features a visual schedule, yoga, and more. For ages 3-5.

Favorite Books and Bites: Front Desk

Monday, March 27, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Discuss the Front Desk 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.

Toddler Art and Play

Tuesday, March 28, 10:00 – 11:00 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.

Early Reader Book Club

Tuesday, March 28, 4:00 – 4:30 pm

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

Opening Reception for Microsculpture Exhibit

Tuesday, April 4, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Celebrate the opening of our new exhibit, Microsculpture, with cake and glitter tattoos.

Minecraft Club

Thursday, April 6, 4:00 pm

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

Music and Movement Story Time

Tuesday, April 11, 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.

Pokemon Club

Thursday, April 13, 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.

Child Development Story Time: Bugs

Friday, April 14, 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!

Insects Up Close

Sunday, April 16, 1:30 – 2:15 pm

The UW Insect Ambassadors will share amazing facts about insects and give you the chance to view (and hold!) a variety of bugs. Insect Ambassadors is a graduate-student run outreach group through UW Madison Department of Entomology. Geared to ages 3 and up.

Bugs Galore

Monday, April 17, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Do bug crafts and activities, plus see real bugs with the UW Insect Ambassadors, a graduate-student run outreach group through UW Madison Department of Entomology! Geared to ages 6 – 11.

Early Reader Book Club: Bug Edition

Tuesday, April 18, 4:00 – 4:30 pm

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

Tween Craft: Bug Bites

Wednesday, April 19, 7:00 – 6:45 pm

Create your own edible bug! We will provide candy, frosting, and other snack foods and you will design your own insect creation. Ages 8-11. Registration required.

Raindrop Tour – Where Does the Stormwater Go?

Saturday, April 22, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Kids can learn about the path of rainwater by learning about the Enviroscape Model, doing a raindrop tour, and hearing a reading of the book "All the Way to the Ocean." Presented by Zach Topel and Rachel Clark from AECOM (Verona's City Engineering Consultant). Geared to ages 5 - 12.

Toddler Art and Play: Bugs

Tuesday, April 25, 10:00 – 11:00 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.

Family Art: Butterflies

Tuesday, April 25, 4:00 – 4:45 pm

Kids and their caregivers can get creative together with a different art project each month. Art can be messy so dress appropriately. Geared towards ages 6-9 with their adult.

Teen Events:**Crafty Tuesday**

Tuesday, February 7, 4:00 pm

Teens used Sharpies and different stencils featuring nature, letters, numbers, and patterns to create colorful wall art.

Attendees: 17

ACT Practice for Sophomores

Tuesday, March 7, 1:00 – 4:30 pm

Sophomores took a free ACT diagnostic test in partnership with Galin Education.

Attendees: 36

Young Library Yarns Craft Group

Wednesday, March 15, 4:30 – 5:30 pm

Kids and teens had the opportunity to practice needlecraft in a social circle! Adult mentors were on hand to help those who wanted to learn knitting and crochet.

Attendees: 13

D&D Basics for Teens

Tuesday, March 21, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

New adventurers had the opportunity to learn how to play Dungeons & Dragons, a fun role-playing game featuring character creation and world building.

Attendees: 2

Teen Escape Room

Wednesday, March 22

Group 1, 3:00 – 3:45 pm; attendees: 3

Group 2, 4:00 – 4:45 pm; attendees: 10

Teens worked in teams to solve a missing person mystery involving word ciphers, clues, maps, Morse code, and maybe an alien spaceship!

Upcoming Teen Events:

Green Challenge

April 1 – April 30

Participate as one household. Each completed activity earns your household an entry ticket to win prizes -- like green products, outdoor experiences, garden center gift cards, and more!

Teen Painting: Japanese Marbling

Wednesday, March 29, 7 – 8 pm

Try Suminagashi: the art of Japanese water marbling! We'll create paper ink prints.

Crafty Tuesday

Tuesday, April 11, 4 pm

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

Snacks, Buttons, and Mr. Bean

Wednesday, April 12, 3:30 – 5 pm

Drop in or stay. Snack, make a few buttons, and enjoy some ridiculous Mr. Bean!

Teen Virtual Reality

Wednesday, April 26, 3:30 – 5 pm

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

Adult Classes & Events:

Distance Learning English Classes for Adults

Mondays 6:00 - 7:30 pm & Tuesdays 6:00 - 8:00 pm, January 23 – May 3, 2023

Beginner Class

Feb. 13, attendees: 6

Feb. 20, attendees: 8

Feb. 27, attendees: 7

Mar. 6, attendees: 16

Mar. 13, attendees: 4

Intermediate Class

Feb. 14, attendees: 5

Feb. 21, attendees: 5

Feb. 28, attendees: 6

Mar. 7, attendees: 7

Mar. 13, attendees: 10

Library Yarns Craft Group

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

March 8, Attendees: 10

March 21, Attendees: 6

March 22, Attendees: 13

Mitten Knit Along

Wednesday, March 1

Attendees gathered to knit Tin Can Knits The World's Simplest Mittens pattern.

Attendees: 9

Social Security: Understanding Your Benefits

Monday, February 27, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Darrin Swaniewski, Associate State Director of Community Outreach with AARP Wisconsin, discussed what Social Security is and how to secure your benefits, as well as the future of Social Security.

Attendees: 15

Painting My Way Through Verona

Thursday, March 2, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Verona artist, Jan Norsetter, presented a slide show highlighting her gouaches paintings and her book, *Gouaches*.

Attendees: 14

Make Peace With Your Inner Critic – In 3 Steps

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

Annie Notestein, of Inner Peace and Purpose Coaching, shared her three steps to making peace with your Inner Critic – to empower your life with self-esteem, confidence and happiness.

Attendees: 6

Creating a Floral Arrangement

Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Lisa Larsen, of Sunborn Gardens, demonstrated how to create a lush garden style floral arrangement using eco conscious and readily available mechanics you can transform any bunch of flowers to something amazing. The completed floral arrangement and a tulip CSA was given away as door prizes.

Attendees: 33

Senior Case Management Outreach

Monday, March 13, Drop in between 2:00 - 3:00 pm

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

Attendees: 1

Ireland - A Colorful Tour of the Emerald Isle

Wednesday, March 15, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Joe Fahey discussed some of the key points of Irish culture, both past and present.

Attendees: 37

Listening Session with Senator Hesselbein & Representative Bare

Saturday, March 18, 10:30 - 11:15 am

Senator Dianne Hesselbein and Representative Mike Bare were available for a budget listening session.

Attendees: 15

Slow Vinyasa Flow Yoga

Thursday, March 23, 6:30 -
7:30 pm

Karen O'Donnell, yoga teacher, provided a joyful blend of meditation, mindfulness and flow.

Attendees: 12

Upcoming Adult Classes & Events

Distance Learning English Classes for Adults

Mondays 6:00 – 7:30 pm, Beginner, Beginner, January 23 – May 2, 2023

Tuesdays 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Intermediate, Intermediate, January 24 – May 3, 2023

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

Library Yarns Craft Group

First and Third Tuesdays, Drop-in between 11:30 - 1:00 pm

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

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

Open House with Local Candidates for the 2023 Spring Election

Tuesday, March 28, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

You are invited to an open house and hear introductions from the candidates, ask questions and discuss issues. Verona City Council, Verona Town Board and Board of Education candidates have been invited. Refreshments will be available. This event is hosted by the Verona Action Team – an affiliate of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin.

The Value of Contributions by Citizen Scientists

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

Interested in ecology? Want to make a difference though conservation? Anyone in the community, young or old, can help contribute to science in a meaningful way. Citizen science activities such as monitoring dragonflies or water quality on a nearby stream or lake, help the scientific community gather wider data sets than they could collect on their own. The Upper Sugar River Watershed Association will explain how the data that citizen scientists collect helps the WI Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to form a picture of habitat health that then informs and influences State DNR policies and laws.

Just Bee-lieve: Painting a Bumblebee with Watercolors

Wednesday, April 5, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Madison artist, Emily Marie Watercolors, will teach you how to first sketch and then paint a bumblebee using watercolors. You will create and take home a 5" x 7" painting. All supplies will be provided and no experience is necessary. Registration required. Class size limited to 12 participants.

Senior Case Management Outreach

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

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

Smartphone Photography I

Monday, April 10, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Make great photographs, from start to finish, all in the palm of your hand. Tricia LaPointe, photographer and instructor at Wisconsin Union Wheelhouse Studios, will give an introduction to smartphone

photography, including, shooting, editing via Snapseed, and uploading the final product. This beginner-friendly class will take your photography steps beyond Instagram and cover composing better images and editing them to make them visually striking. Registration required. Class size limited to 16 participants.

Beneficial Backyard Bugs

Wednesday, April 12, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Wisconsin is home to 20,000+ insect species—the vast majority of which provide benefits to humans. Patrick Liesch, a statewide entomology specialist and director of the University of Wisconsin Insect Diagnostic Lab will discuss the many ways in which insects help us out and also take a look at how common these beneficial creatures can be in our own area. This program is made possible by UW-Madison Badger Talks.

Insects, Art and Advocacy

Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Jennifer Angus, a visual artist, is a professor in the Design Studies department at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is best known for creating elaborate installations in which real insects, albeit dead and dried, are pinned directly to the wall in order to create patterns which reference wallpaper. Angus' work seeks to provoke a series of increasingly urgent questions in the age of climate change and argue that beyond clean air and water, insects are the key to the earth's well-being and our very survival. Angus will explore the ability of art to cultivate discourse on the importance of insects.

Library Knit Along: Lace Cowl

Wednesdays, April 19, May 3, 17 and 31, 4:30v- 6:00 pm

Are you intrigued by lacework but intimidated by charts and yarn overs? Come join us as we work through how to knit a lovely but simple lace cowl, perfect for chilly springtime. Adding lace and chart reading to your knitting skills is easier than you think and we'll do it together in the supportive environment of our library knit along.

***Planting an Idea* with Authors Jerry Apps and Natasha Kassulke**

Saturday, April 22, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Join Wisconsin authors Jerry Apps and Natasha Kassulke as they discuss their new book, *Planting an Idea: Critical and Creative Thinking About Environmental Issues*. They will show how the processes of critical and creative thinking can be used to evaluate the issues and to define potential actions and solutions of the most pressing and important matters today. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Tiny Bites for Health? On Eating Insects and the Quest for Sustainable Protein

Monday, April 24, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Have you ever eaten insects? Although not commonplace on American plates, insects are an appropriate and important food around the globe. Farming insects for food and feed offers opportunities to improve both human health and livelihoods with fewer environmental costs than conventional livestock. Questions remain regarding the real-world feasibility, benefits, and risks of insect agriculture, however. Dr. Valerie Stull will explore various aspects of trends in insect consumption and highlight cutting-edge research out of the University of Wisconsin-Madison on related social, environmental, and health impacts.

Dragonflies of Southern Wisconsin

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

Dragonflies are amazing creatures, their visual and flying abilities make them unique. Jessica Seiders, from the Wisconsin Dragonfly Society, will discuss the biology, behavior, and identification of some of our Wisconsin species. The talk will be followed by a walk around the Silent Street Pond to identify early spring arrivals.

Exhibits

Microsculpture: The insect portraits of Levon Biss - Traveling Exhibition

April 4 – 30

Microsculpture presents insects like never before. Created through a collaboration between the Oxford University Museum of Natural History and British portrait photographer Levon Biss, this series of beautifully-lit, high magnification portraits captures the microscopic form and evolutionary adaptations of insects in striking large-format, high-resolution detail. *Microsculpture: The insects portraits of Levon Biss* from the collections of Oxford University Museum of Natural History.

Verona Area School District Art Exhibit

May 2 – 25

Students from the Verona Area School District, grades K-12 will showcase their artistic talent.

Outreach Events

Outreach story times:

Total daycare story time presentations: 11

Prairie Oaks Book Group

Thursday, February 23, 1:00–2:00 pm

The group read *The Night Shift* by Michael Connelly.

Attendees: 6

Books 'n Booze at Boulder Brewpub

Thursday, February 23, 6:00–7:00 pm

The group discussed *The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina* by Zoraida Córdova.

Attendees: 9

YMCA After School Program at Stoner Prairie

Tuesday, March 7, 4:15–4:45 pm

A craft and book for the students at the afterschool program at Stoner Prairie.

Attendees: 15

Senior Center Book Group

Wednesday, March 8, 10:00–11:00 am

The group discussed *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn.

Attendees: 16

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

Monday, March 13, 4:15–4:45 pm

A craft and book for the students at the afterschool program at NC and VAIS.

Attendees: 19

Four Winds Book Group

Tuesday, March 21, 10:00–11:00 am

The residents met to discuss *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

Attendees: 7

Upcoming Outreach Events**Prairie Oaks Book Group**

Thursday, March 23, 1:00 – 2:00 pm

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

Books 'n Booze at Boulder Brewpub

Thursday, March 23, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

The group will be discussing *Dragon Hoops* by Gene Luen Yang.

YMCA After School Program at Stoner Prairie

Tuesday, March 28, 4:15 – 4:45 pm

Crafts and stories at the afterschool program at Stoner Prairie.

Senior Center Book Group

Wednesday, April 12, 10:00 – 11:00 am

The group will be reading *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie.

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

Monday, April 17, 4:15 – 4:45 pm

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

Four Winds Book Group

Tuesday, April 18, 10:00 – 11:00 am

The residents will meet to discuss *Run Rose Run* by Dolly Parton and James Patterson.



South Central Library System

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Date: March 8, 2023
To Library Board & Director, **Verona (VER)**
From Tracie Miller, South Central Library System
RE: 2023 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 2022 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 2024 (70% minimum reimbursement level)	Do you want SCLS to bill this county for this amount?
Columbia	\$1,655.67	Yes No
Green	\$12,314.93	Yes No
Iowa	\$2,049.75	Yes No
Rock	\$747.11	Yes No
Sauk	\$399.55	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, 2023, is the deadline for counties to be billed; counties are then required to pay your library no later than March 1, 2024. 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 21, 2023.**

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