

AGENDA

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

**Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
Library Conference Room**

Call to order

- Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of 8/7/24
- Review and approval of the July 2024 & August 2024 invoices
- Public Comments
- City Council Liaison's report
- Library Director's report
- Old Business
 1. Discussion of library strategic planning
 2. Discussion of the 2025 library budget
 3. Discussion and possible action regarding the Inclement Weather Policy
- New Business
 1. none

Library Board Meeting Notes

Wednesday, August 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Library
Conference Room

Attendees:

Present: Burkart, Hopp, Braithwaite, Spencer

Absent: Jones, Fuller, Frey, Conwell

Guest: Chelsea Balinski, Leah Portz

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

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of 7/10/24

No quorum. Will approve at September Meeting

Review and approval of the July 2024 invoices

No quorum. Will approve at September Meeting

Public Comments

Ms. Balinski shared concerns around the availability of select materials in the children's area without parental consent and permission. The board expressed its appreciation to Ms. Balinski for sharing her thoughts.

Ms. Portz shared spoke on the importance of certain types of materials and information being available to youth patrons. The board expressed its appreciation to Ms. Portz for sharing her thoughts.

City Council Liaison's report

Board of review for property tax disputes, appointment of new alderperson for district 2.

No additional updates from city on library activities

Library Director's report

Review of contents of director's report.

Old Business

1. Discussion of library strategic planning

a. Next steps on sample surveys is pending with SCLS strategic planner

b. SCLS Building advising consultant. Stacey to discuss having a brief review of the library facilities with SCLS consultants.

2. Discussion of the 2025 library budget

New Business

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the Inclement Weather Policy

No quorum. Will review at September Meeting

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by, Seconded by, Adjournment approved at 8:10pm.

Fuller to do meeting minutes at September Meeting

Director's Report

Verona Public Library

August 2024

Collection Management

Theresa plans to attend the September library board meeting to give an overview of how library staff are using inClusive as a collection development tool.

Number of items added and deleted in July 2024:

Item Type	Added	Deleted
Books	839	764
Audio	22	7
Software	5	13
Video/DVD	14	6
Other (kits, etc.)	19	3
Magazines	134	17
TOTAL	1033	810
YTD	7031	9053

Circulation

Items Circulated	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
January	48,218	47,722	46,024	29,669	49,255
February	47,599	46,003	42,218	28,925	46,500
March	50,433	52,026	49,314	36,647	29,964
April	45,552	46,674	47,514	31,448	2,021
May	43,352	44,226	42,775	32,633	8,861
June	57,330	59,454	52,827	52,142	18,507
July	60,127	58,102	52,448	52,220	29,609
August		58,081	55,184	51,007	31,025
September		45,429	45,066	42,894	31,115
October		47,785	42,440	43,527	34,075
November		44,975	43,939	43,507	28,171
December		43,655	42,000	39,089	28,194
Total	352,611	594,132	561,749	483,708	337,297

New Library Cards	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
January	171	188	119	27	184
February	176	137	149	36	161
March	189	176	155	24	74
April	150	152	129	36	9
May	124	142	140	71	18
June	262	290	344	179	33
July	217	218	239	160	58
August		212	206	129	57
September		141	141	105	51
October		170	150	99	50
November		119	144	64	18
December		128	122	87	31
Total	1,289	1,423	2,038	1,017	744

Holds	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
January	15,085	14,929	15,139	18,260	14,651
February	13,421	13,005	11,617	17,130	12,246
March	13,282	13,586	12,878	18,193	7,277
April	12,906	12,658	12,098	15,698	5,645
May	12,364	13,483	11,820	14,236	10,869
June	13,958	13,854	11,984	13,328	13,616
July	14,280	14,445	11,735	11,621	15,910
August		13,607	13,389	13,510	15,672
September		13,587	12,506	13,252	16,166
October		12,645	11,924	13,304	16,502
November		12,971	12,888	12,679	16,108
December		11,054	10,313	11,069	14,567
Total	69,244	119,516	148,291	172,280	159,229

Reference

Library Visits	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
January	16,183	16,114	10,780	0	18,887
February	18,492	15,945	11,193	0	18,969
March	19,457	18,160	13,628	0	0
April	17,727	18,062	16,488	2,889	0
May	17,169	16,049	12,366	5,015	0
June	23,528	22,204	16,624	11,757	2,850
July	19,834	20,232	17,057	13,407	6,765
August		22,619	18,830	13,267	*
September		14,958	13,890	10,746	*
October		17,011	14,009	10,346	*
November		16,152	15,729	9,371	0
December		16,190	13,552	10,562	0
Total	132,390	213,696	174,146	87,360	47,471

Reference questions	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
January	1,929	1,640	1,061	821	3,152
February	2,161	1,638	1,653	924	1,632
March	1,989	1,830	1,758	1,347	1,974
April	2,004	1,896	1,226	948	24
May	1,995	2,031	1,117	1,085	116
June	2,638	2,487	2,183	2,200	846
July	2,144	2,058	1,691	2,365	2,431
August		2,331	2,075	1,847	2,039
September		1,837	1,341	1,543	2,521
October		1,840	1,566	581	2,045
November		1,836	1,628	458	1,060
December		1,835	1,356	721	1,092
TOTAL	12,807	23,259	18,655	14,840	18,932

Meeting Room Use	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
January	560	474	164	-	616
February	674	487	206	-	565
March	575	524	272	-	286
April	569	506	305	-	-
May	551	509	328	-	-
June	519	422	314	-	-
July	490	423	316	-	-
August		538	411	-	-
September		172	327	-	-
October		512	398	-	-
November		528	453	-	-
December		495	396	-	-
TOTAL	3,938	5,590	5,912	2,021	3,487

Reference Statistics, August 2024

Computer Lab Use: 790

Test Proctoring: 0 exams

Outer Library Loans: 49 requests

Personal Archiving Lab Sessions: 6

Personnel and Staff Development

Luca Nunnally resigned his position as Library Assistant, his last day will be September 16.

UW-Madison iSchool student, Chelsea Seagle, will be working on a 120-hour practicum this fall. She will be learning about and working at the reference desk starting September 4.

Equipment and Physical Facilities

A credit card reader has been installed on the pay kiosk for the computer lab printer, so now patrons have another payment option for printing.

Administration and Internal Operations

Stacey and the management team reviewed the Inclement Weather Policy and have changes to recommend to the board for review.

Work on the draft of the 2025 operating budget continued this month.

Marketing and Public Relations

The marketing focus this month is the upcoming *Dogs: More Than Pets* exhibit which opens in mid-September.

Abby created:

- 42 Event graphics (website, Facebook, TV)
- 24 bookmarks/flyers/signs

Izzy created a display featuring *Cats vs Dogs* themed titles. She included pictures of staff pets and patrons could vote for either cats or dogs. It was an extremely popular display and staff got a big kick from sharing photos of their pets.

Izzy also added displays featuring Community Recommendations from the Adult Summer Reading Program and another display of *Back to School* themed titles with voting for feeling nervous or excited. Circulation staff created a display celebrating the Olympic Games and another for flower themed book covers titled *Reading is in Bloom*.

Social Media Engagement:

Facebook: 5,232 followers, 61 posts/events

Instagram: 1,698 followers, 5 posts/reels/stories

Events email newsletter: 9,832 recipients

Library System and Interagency Cooperation

Theresa attended an ILS Lead Workgroup meeting on August 7. Site visits have been set up for the fall for libraries using the Polaris system in Pewaukee and Beaver Dam.

Fundraising

Nothing to report.

Exhibits

Dane County Public Health and DAMA (Dane Arts Mural Arts) Exhibit

August 19 - September 10

Dane County Public Health conducted an extensive survey in an attempt to identify public health priorities. These murals, created by DAMA, reflect those priorities in an informative and beautiful way.

Dogs: More than Pets

September 16 - October 27

Enter the incredible world of the most noble creature on earth, the dog. Immerse yourself in the science, history, DNA, folklore, legend, literature, and pop culture of dogs.

The exhibit has informational graphic panels, hands-on interactive activities, and the opportunity to meet live dogs and the humans that care for and work with them. The panels highlight topics including canine DNA and domestication, which types of animals are dogs, dogs in entertainment, farm dogs, dog's role in exploration and science, and more. The exhibit also includes several interactive areas and hands-on activities with open-ended questions that lend themselves to further discussion. Brought to you by the Verona Public Library Endowment Fund.

Library Events and Programs

Kids' Events

1000 Books before Kindergarten

14 kids were registered this month, bringing the total number of registrants to 2682.

Summer Reading Program

2431 kids ages 0 – 11 participated in this summer's reading challenge (registration ended August 1).

Final numbers will be available after August 31 on how many participants reached their halfway and finisher goals. The library had approximately 500 more participants this summer as compared with last summer.

Summer Story Times, June 10 – August 2

Baby Story Time: 16 story times, attendees: 426, average: 27

Toddler Story Time: 16 story times, attendees: 715, average: 45

Preschool Story Time: 16 story times, attendees: 499, average: 31

Sensory Story Time: 8 story times, attendees: 319, average 40

Outdoor Story Time: 10 story times, attendees: 979, average 98

Total: 66 story times, 2,938 attendees

Cardboard City

Saturday, July 27, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

For kids ages 5 and up, with their adults. Use special saws, screws and other cardboard building tools to construct a city for creative play! We'll be working together to create a temporary, shared space.

Families worked together to create creative buildings, including a Pokemon gym, family bathroom, zoo, farm vet office, church and apartment building.

Attendees: 40

Read to a Dog

Saturday, July 27, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Ages 5 and up. Grab your favorite book and read to a furry friend.

Attendees: 1

Baby Olympics

Tuesday, July 30, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Join us in celebration of the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris! Babies and toddlers will do their own Olympic events like tunnel crawling and balance beam while watching real events on the big screen.

Attendees: 55

Graphic Novel Book Club

Wednesday, July 31, 5:00 - 5:45 pm

For ages 8 - 11. Registration begins 6/26. Discuss the graphic novel *Just Roll With It* by Veronica Agarwall and Lee Durfey-Lavoie, plus enjoy activities and snacks related to the book.

Attendees: 13

Minecraft Club

Thursday, August 1, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Ages 6 - 11. Have fun playing Minecraft and interacting with peers. Build in Minecraft based on a new challenge each session! Minecraft Club does not include instructions on how to play or a shared server.

Attendees: 13

Family Story Time

Saturday, August 3, 9:30 - 10:00 am

Join us for a Family Story Time, once a month, with books, songs, and rhymes. For ages 0 – 5. *Summer attendance at Saturday story time may not justify continuing during the summer in the future.*

Attendees: 8

Crafternoon: Nature

Monday, August 5, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Drop in and get creative with different art projects each week. Ages 4 - 10. No registration.

Attendees: 69

Child Development Story Time

Tuesday, August 6, 9:30 - 10:00 am

Join us for a sensory adventure in storytelling! Tag along with a member of the Aspire Therapy team for an immersive story time featuring books, music, dancing, and hands-on sensory and fine motor activities. While our activities are tailored for kids aged 2-5, all children are welcome to join in the fun!

No registration required.

Attendees: 26

Tween Craft: Sew a Strange Creature

Tuesday, August 6, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Be prepared to get creative and embrace mistakes as you sew, staple, or glue fabric into your very own huggable monstrosity. Learn some simple sewing techniques as you, Frankenstein-like, bring the creature of your dreams (or nightmares) to life! Ages 8-11. Registration is required.

Attendees: 21

Whale of a Tail

Wednesday, August 7, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Discover whales in a whole new way by encountering a life-size, 56-foot-long inflatable whale inside the library! Step inside the whale to learn about these gentle giants from a Forest Whales educator and experience other hands-on learning, including museum-quality replicas like a narwhal tusk, humpback bones, and an orca skull. For ages 5 to 105. *This program worked out really well, with mostly families (but a few adults too) waiting for a generally short time to enter the inside of the inflatable whale to hear a 10-minute presentation. Staff offered whale sharpie tattoos to those waiting in line. The table of fossils staffed with an expert was also popular.*

Attendees: 435

Pokémon Club

Thursday, August 8, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Join fellow Pokémon fanatics for a Pokémon related activity each month. Bring your Gameboy, Switch, or learn to play the trading card game and compete against other kids! Bring your own deck or borrow one of ours. Ages 6-11. No registration.

Attendees: 41

Read to a Dog

Friday, August 9, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Ages 5 and up. Grab your favorite book and read to a furry friend.

Attendees: 9

Lunch Bunch

Monday, August 12, 12:00 - 12:30 pm

Bring your lunch to the library and listen to a chapter book read aloud while you eat. A small snack will be provided. Geared toward ages 5-9.

Attendees: 8

Early Reader Book Club

Tuesday, August 13, 4:30 - 5:00 pm

For children ages 5-7. Library staff will read aloud longer books, lead a discussion about them, and we'll do a fun activity together. No pre-reading required. *We will be reevaluating this program for the fall.*

Attendees: 0

Tween Snacks: Takoyaki Party

Wednesday, August 14, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

For ages 8-11. Registration opens on 7/14. Create takoyaki using a special cook plate. What is takoyaki? It's a ball-shaped Japanese snack made of batter, with a savory filling inside. We will try out traditional and not-so-traditional fillings!

Attendees: 12

Pete the Cat Story Time

Wednesday, August 14, 6:30 - 7:00 pm

Join us for Pete the Cat-themed stories and songs! Designed for ages 2-5. No registration.

Attendees: 38

Parent/Child Book Club

Thursday, August 15, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Share the love of reading! This book club is for kids ages 8-11 and their parents/caregivers. We will discuss the novel *The Eyes & the Impossible* by Dave Eggers plus enjoy activities and snacks.

Attendees: 10

Taylor Swift Dance Party

Friday, August 16, 2:00 - 2:45 pm

Are you ready for it? Come shake it off with fellow Swifties as we dance and sing through the eras. Bring your besties and come party in style! Ages 3-11.

Attendees: 100

Read It & It: The Mona Lisa Vanishes

Monday, August 19, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Discuss the book *The Mona Lisa Vanishes*, plus enjoy activities and snacks related to the book. Ages 8 - 11. Pick up a copy of the book at the children's desk to read in advance.

Attendees: 8

Toddler Art and Play

Tuesday, August 20, 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.

Attendees: 104

Graphic Novel Book Club

Wednesday, August 21, 5:00 - 5:45 pm

For ages 8 - 11. Discuss the graphic novel *Garlic & the Vampire* by Bree Paulsen, plus enjoy activities and snacks related to the book. Books will be available for checkout approximately one month before the discussion. Stop by the youth services desk to request one.

Attendees: 10

Summer Scares Book Club

Thursday, August 22, 5:00 - 5:45 pm

For ages 8 - 11. Scary isn't just for Halloween! We will discuss a scary book, plus enjoy activities and snacks related to the book. In August we will discuss *The Nest* by Kenneth Oppel. Copies will be available approximately one month before the discussion. Stop by the children's desk to pick one up.

Attendees: 5

Read to a Dog

Friday, August 23, 4:00 - 5:30 pm and Saturday, August 24, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Ages 5 and up. Grab your favorite book and read to a furry friend.

Attendees: 15

Frog and Toad Story Time

Monday, August 26, 6:30 - 7:00 pm

Join us for Frog and Toad-themed stories and songs! Designed for ages 2-5. No registration.

Attendees: 31

Music Together Madtown

Wednesday, August 28, 9:30 - 10:15 am

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

Attendees: 33

Upcoming Kids' Events**Read to a Dog**

Saturday, August 31, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Ages 5 and up. Grab your favorite book and read to a furry friend.

Minecraft Club

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

Ages 6 - 11. Have fun playing Minecraft and interacting with peers. Build in Minecraft based on a new challenge each session! Minecraft Club does not include instructions on how to play or a shared server.

Early Fall Story Time

September 9 – October 11

Baby Story Time: Fridays at 10:30 am and 1:00 pm

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

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

Sensory Story Time: Thursdays at 9:30 am

Outdoor Story Time: Thursdays at 10:30 am

Music & Movement Story Time

Tuesday, September 10, 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.

Peppa Pig Story Time

Wednesday, September 11, 6:30 - 7:00 pm

Join us for Peppa Pig-themed stories and songs! Designed for ages 2-5. No registration.

Pokémon Club

Thursday, September 12, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Join fellow Pokémon fanatics for a Pokémon related activity each month. Bring your Gameboy, Switch, or learn to play the trading card game and compete against other kids! Bring your own deck or borrow one of ours. Ages 6-11. No registration.

Toddler Art and Play: Dogs

Tuesday, September 17, 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.

Parent/Child Book Club

Tuesday, September 17, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Share the love of reading! This book club is for kids ages 8-11 and their parents/caregivers. We will discuss the novel *Dogtown* by Katherine Applegate plus enjoy activities and snacks related to the book.

Child Development Story Time: Dinosaurs

Tuesday, September 24, 10:30 am

Join a member of CI Pediatric Therapy Centers' staff for an interactive story time of books, songs, movement, crafts and fun! Activities will be geared towards 2-5 year olds, but all ages are welcome! No registration.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Tuesday, September 24, 5:00 - 5:45 pm

For ages 8 - 11. Registration begins 8/21. We're trying something a little different this month. Instead of everyone reading the same book; participants are encouraged to bring their favorite graphic novel to show off and share with the group. We will also vote on our next few book club choices for Fall and Winter. Registration required.

Tween Craft: Dog Toys

Thursday, September 26, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

For ages 8-11. Make a DIY dog toy out of felt strips and some braiding skills. This easy to make and durable tug toy will be sure to make the puppy in your life very happy! Don't have any dogs in your life? Make a few and donate them to a local shelter.

Read to a Dog

Saturday, September 28, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Ages 5 and up. Grab your favorite book and read to a furry friend.

Favorite Books and Bites: Because of Mr. Terupt

Monday, September 30, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

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

Teen Events**Teen Summer Reading Program**

301 Teens participated in the summer reading program this year.

Crafty Tuesday

Tuesday, August 6, 4:00 pm

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

Attendees: 12

Teen Craft: Sew a Monstrosity

Tuesday, August 6, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Create a small, Frankenstein's Monsteresque creature. Cute, hideous? No matter. Sew on with abandon.

Attendees: 4

Teen Outdoor Movie

Friday, August 9, 8:45 - 10:45 pm

Snack on some popcorn while you watch *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* on a big screen in our parking lot theater! Bring a camp chair (we'll have some available), and dress for the weather.

Attendees: 2

Lawn Games & Frozen Treats

Tuesday, August 13, 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. Don't forget your sunscreen!

Attendees: 2

Teen Snack: Takoyaki

Wednesday, August 14, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Form takoyaki using a special cook plate. What is takoyaki? It's a ball-shaped Japanese snack made of batter, with a filling inside. We'll explore traditional and not-so-traditional fillings!

Attendees: 14

Teen Gaming & Pizza

Thursday, August 15, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

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

Attendees: 8

Upcoming Teen Events:**Crafty Tuesday**

Tuesday, September 10, 4:00 pm

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

Teen Gaming & Pizza

Thursday, September 17, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

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

Flower Pounding Fabric Dyeing

Monday, September 23, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Try your hand at dyeing fabrics naturally by pounding flowers and other colorful plants. Walk away with a fun project and a stress release!

Adult Events**Distance Learning English Classes for Adults**

Mondays 6:00 - 7:30 pm & Tuesdays 6:00 - 8:00 pm, May 28 - August 13, 2024

Beginner Class:

July 29, attendees: 8

August 5, attendees: 9

August 13, attendees: 7

Intermediate Class:

July 30, attendees: 2

August 6, attendees: 2

Library Yarns Craft Group

First and Third Wednesdays, 4:30 - 6:00 pm

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

July 31, attendees: 10

August 7, attendees: 10

August 14, attendees: 10

August 21, attendees: 9

Adult Crafternoon – Tile Coasters

Friday, July 26, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Come and craft with us! This month we will make beautiful decoupaged tile coasters. Registration required. Class size is limited to 20 participants.

Attendees: 17

Great Lakes Shipwrecks & Archaeology

Wednesday, July 31, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Shipwrecks have long been a source of wonder and curiosity. Join Christopher Gillcrist, Director Emeritus of the National Museum of the Great Lakes as he discusses Lake Erie Shipwrecks through the lens of the archaeological process. Learn more about this sunken history while also becoming aware of what needs to be done to help protect it.

Attendees: 31

Performance by The Madison Flute Choir

Tuesday, August 6, 6:45 - 7:45 pm

Come and enjoy a performance by the talented Madison Flute Choir! This event will take place in the prow of the library.

Attendees: 48

Blood Pressure Screening with Fitch-Rona EMS

Thursday, August 8. 10:00 - 11:00 am

Drop in between 10:00-11:00 am and Fitch-Rona EMS will check your blood pressure free of charge.

Attendees: 0

Author Visit: Middle Grade Novelist Christine Virnig

Thursday, August 8, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Come to laugh, be grossed out and maybe even learn a little as author Christine Virnig (*Waist Deep in Dung* and *Dung for Dinner*) talks about her inspiration, her research and her writing process. Virnig's books are a mixture of history, science and fascinatingly gross facts that will excite and amuse.

Attendees: 19

Senior Case Management Outreach

Second Monday of each month. Drop in between 2:00 - 3:00 pm

A case manager from the Verona Senior Center will answer questions and provide resources for older adults and their caregivers. Information on Medicare/Medicaid, nutrition, housing, assistance in the home, and resources in Verona and Dane County will be available.

Feeding Wisconsin: Hunger and How to Fight It

Thursday, August 15, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Outreach Program Director Jules Lee will talk about the mission of Feeding Wisconsin, the difference between a food bank and a food pantry, and, most importantly, how you can be involved in helping to fight hunger in our community through advocacy, donations and volunteering.

Attendees: 4

Adult Crafternoon: Meditation Boxes

Friday, August 16, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Come and make meditation boxes! These small boxes will feature images that are soothing or otherwise important to you, and will contain some surprises related to promoting your meditative practice. Come and be crafty AND healthy!

Attendees: 19

Taste of Mystery Book Club

Monday, August 19, 10:00 - 11:00 am

In this book club for mystery enthusiasts, we read the first book in a series by a variety of mystery authors and then discuss over coffee, fruit and pastries! In August, we will be reading *The House at Riverton* by Kate Morton.

Attendees: 7

VPL Cookbook Club: Farmer's Market Recipes!

Tuesday, August 20, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

This month's theme is Farmer's Market Recipes (recipes using in season fruits and vegetables). Bring your best peach pie, zucchini casserole, ratatouille, blueberry muffins, corn fritters, rhubarb jam, etc. Registration required. Program size limited to 30 participants.

Attendees: 12

The Joy of Reading and Why It Matters

Thursday, August 22, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Join Trisha Day, a workshop and retreat facilitator who holds a degree in adult education for this discussion about why we read and what we gain from doing it, the difference between reading and reading deeply, the knowledge/wisdom continuum and much more!

Attendees: 7

Upcoming Adult Events**Library Yarns Craft Group**

Meets each Wednesday. Drop-in between 4:30 - 6:00 pm

If you enjoy knitting, crochet, embroidery, or another needlecraft, please join us at a 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.

Distance Learning English Classes for Adults

Mondays 6:00 - 7:30 pm, Beginner, Beginner, June 3 – August 13

Tuesdays 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Intermediate, Intermediate, May 28 – August 13

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

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A Taste of Mystery Bookclub

Third Monday of each month. 10:00 - 11:00 am

In this book club for mystery enthusiasts, we read the first book in a series by a variety of mystery authors and then discuss over coffee, fruit and pastries. Books will be available for checkout both at the meetings and behind the circulation desk during the month they are featured.

Brain Games for Seniors

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

Doing puzzles helps to prevent cognitive decline and sharpen problem-solving skills, plus - they're a lot of fun! We will have word searches, crossword puzzles, sudoku and jigsaw puzzles available for your enjoyment, along with hot coffee and light refreshments. This program is geared toward senior citizens, but all puzzle-loving adults are welcome!

Death-Defying Acts: the History of the Circus

Tuesday, August 27, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Barnum may be the biggest name, but he was only a small part of the story of the circus. William Pack takes you on a fantastical journey through the history of the Circus, from Phil Astley's creation of the modern circus in 1768 to Dan Rice, "the most famous man you've never heard of" to the incredible feud between Barnum and the Ringling Brothers. You'll hear stories of triumph, disaster, and the grand adventure of the travelling.

Experience the stories of those who gave their lives to show and became legends in the process.

Everything You Know About ADHD is Wrong

Wednesday, August 28, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Diagnosed with ADHD at the age of 48, Nurse Practitioner Kelly Pickens has a unique understanding of this condition from the inside out. Come and hear from her as she discusses medication management, natural alternatives to psychiatric medications, and systems/routines related to diet, sleep and exercise that are actually helpful for those with ADHD. She will dispel myths about this diagnosis, and offer guidance on what people really need to know about it.

Triumphing Over Disabilities: Wisconsin Authors Share Their Stories

Thursday, August 29, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Come to listen and learn as Wisconsin authors Meetra Nahandiv & Cheryl Schiltz share their experiences of living with disabilities and how they challenged their physical limitations in order to live full and meaningful lives. Their books will be available for sale and signing! This event is rescheduled from a previous date.

Verona Aspiring Writers Group

Tuesday, September 3 and Monday, September 16, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

This group is to offer constructive feedback to writers and aspiring writers of all genres. Want to get a blog started or grow one? Hoping to be published in a magazine? Trying to finish or fine tune the next great American novel? We welcome all! The first meeting will be for introduction and planning purposes; after this we will meet regularly and share our creations with one another for input. Registration required. Class size is limited to 15 participants.

The Use of Technology to Help with Hearing Loss

Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Please join us for the upcoming Madison chapter meeting of the Hearing Loss Association of America, where Madison HLAA and Access to Independence will provide tips on smartphone accessibility features and commonly used hearing assistive technology. Learn about the [Telecommunications Equipment Purchase Program \(TEPP\)](#) designed to help people with hearing loss to buy specialized equipment which will allow them to use basic telephone services. Following this program, there will be a HOPE (Hearing Other People's Experiences) group. The meeting is captioned, and the room is looped.

Dogs: More Than Pets Traveling Exhibition Kick-off Event

Monday, September 16, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Come celebrate with us as we open this year's big exhibit, *Dogs: More Than Pets* (September 16 - October 27)! There will be cake, a craft for children, and a take home treat with a dog theme. Most importantly, there will be a chance to view this fun, interactive and very informative exhibit! All are invited, and we hope to see you there.

VPL Cookbook Club – Tailgating Food

Tuesday, September 17, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Join us as we select recipes from cookbooks, make them for meetings and review them with the group. This month's theme will be tailgate foods. Cookbooks will be on reserve for you to check out behind the circulation desk, but feel free to use one of your own! Registration required. Limit to 30 participants.

Verona Police Dog Drea

Thursday, September 19, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Come and meet Verona K9 Officer Drea and her partner, Sgt. Matthew Kile. Learn how a police dog is selected and trained, how they stay in shape, what they do in their off-duty time and more. You may even get to pet Officer Drea!

Adult Crafternoon – Dog Toys

Friday, September 20, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

This month, in connection with our fabulous Dogs Exhibit, we will be making dog toys with water bottles that feel great in a dog's mouth and produce a sound that provides them with stimulation. Don't have a dog? We will donate any "undesigned" toys to Underdog Pet Rescue of Madison!

Is Human Food Safe For Dogs?

Monday, September 23, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Most of us with dogs have given them scraps from our plates as treats or to enhance their food, but is this actually safe to do? Staff from the Animal Hospital of Verona will talk about the potential dangers of giving our dogs human food, whether there are any truly safe foods to allow dogs, and what you can give them for "treats" instead.

Strangers No Longer: Latino Belonging and Faith in 20th Century Wisconsin

Wednesday, September 25, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

University whose scholarship focuses on the development of Latino communities in the U.S. Midwest, and the author of *Mexicans in Wisconsin* and *Strangers No Longer: Latino Belonging and Faith in Twentieth-Century Wisconsin*. In this talk, he will delve into the stories and challenges of these resilient communities, from the farmworkers to the labor organizers, to the everyday families who continue to make space for themselves all across the state today. Sponsored by the Beyond the Page Foundation.

Read to a Dog for Adults

Thursday, September 26, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Did you know that spending just 5-20 minutes with a dog, even if it's not your pet, can cause cortisol (stress hormone) levels to measurably drop? Yes, that's right - time spent with dogs is HEALTHY! Come to meet, pet and enjoy Bear, our adorable "Read to a Dog" staff member at this special event just for grown-ups.

Outreach

Outreach story times:

Total daycare story time presentations: 19

Books 'n Booze at Stone Porch Alehouse

Thursday, July 25, 6:00–7:00 pm

The group read *The Nest* by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney, which the members had voted to read at a previous book club meeting.

Attendees: 16

Nakoma Summer Reading Kids Club Finale

Tuesday, July 30, 3:00–4:00 pm

Students checked out books, made several crafts, played games, and selected a free book to celebrate the end of the summer reading program at Nakoma Heights.

Attendees: 15

Charter Senior Living Book Group

Tuesday, August 6, 2:30–3:30 pm

The residents read *The Heirloom Garden* by Viola Shipman.

Attendees: 7

Senior Center Book Group

Wednesday, August 14, 10:00–11:00 am

The group discussed *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. *Comments: "I like coming because I really want to hear what everyone else thinks about the book."*

Attendees: 16

Noel Manor Book Group

Wednesday, August 21, 10:30–11:30 am

The group discussed *The Stranger in the Woods* by Michael Finkel.

Attendees: 6

Prairie Oaks Book Group

Thursday, August 22, 1:30–2:30 pm

The group met to discuss *Educated* by Tara Westover.

Attendees: 6

Book Bike Events

Cathedral Point Park, August 1, 11:30 am - 12:15 pm, attendees: 28

National Night Out, August 6, 5:00 - 8:00 pm, attendees: 175

Farmers Market, August 7, 3:00 - 5:30 pm, attendees: 60

Comments: "I've never seen anything like this! It's amazing you can take this out into the community."

Big Apple Early Learning Academy, August 20, 4:00 - 5:30 pm, attendees: 39

Comments: "It's so convenient that you can get a library card right here." "You're one of our favorite parts of the summer; we love when the book bike comes and visits."

Upcoming Outreach Events

Books 'n Booze at Stone Porch Alehouse

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

The group will be discussing *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin.

VASD Staff Wellness Fair

Monday, August 26, 7:15 - 8:45 am

Marissa will staff a table promoting teacher library cards and other library services.

Four Winds Book Group

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

The residents will meet to discuss *The Whistler* by John Grisham; the July meeting was cancelled.

Charter Senior Living Book Group

Tuesday, September 3, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

The group will be reading *The Bookseller's Promise* by Beth Wiseman.

Senior Center Book Group

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

The group will be reading *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus.

Noel Manor Book Group

Wednesday, September 18, 10:30 - 11:30 am

The group will be reading *Educated* by Tara Westover.

Prairie Oaks Book Group

Thursday, September 26, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

The group will be reading *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman.

Verona Public Library Inclement Weather Policy

I. Purpose of Policy

When the weather becomes hazardous to the health and safety of the public and/or library staff, the library will close or take safety precautions.

II. Library Closures:

The library may close when the weather threatens the safety of the public and library staff and would make travel to and from the library unsafe. The decision to close or postpone the opening of the library due to inclement weather is at the discretion of the Library Director or their chosen substitute. Staff will alert the public to closures on our website, through social media, and on the incoming phone message.

III. Library Safety Measures Due to Inclement Weather:

~~A. When the National Weather Service issues a **Severe Thunderstorm Warning** the library will notify patrons of the impending weather. Staff will post Severe Weather signs at the service desks that read: "The National Weather Service has issued a Severe Weather Watch/Warning. Take necessary precautions. Dangerous lightning, wind, hail, and possible tornadoes can develop. If a Tornado Warning is issued, the library will require you to take cover or leave the library immediately."~~

~~B. When the National Weather Service issues a **Tornado Watch** library staff will inform patrons of the possibility of a tornado developing by posting the Severe Weather signs at service desks.~~

~~C.A.~~ In the event of a **Tornado Warning**, the following announcement will be made: "The National Weather Service has issued a Tornado Warning. Please follow library staff to a safe area of the building."

Library staff will strongly encourage the public to take cover in the designated areas, but cannot require that patrons remain in the library. Staff and patrons will stay in designated safety areas until the Tornado Warning expires. Weather radio, flashlights, and water are located in the Storage Room main shelter area. If possible, staff should bring these items, as well as a personal cell phone, to the other designated areas.

~~D.B.~~ Designated safety areas for tornado events include:

- Storage Room located in the staff area
- Restrooms in main lobby
- Family Restroom in the Children's Department

Secondary safety areas include:

- Circulation Room (windowless interior room)
- Book Drop Room (windowless exterior room)
- Staff Restroom (windowless exterior room)

IV. Staff Compensation Related to Inclement Weather Situations:

If the library closes, or if an employee is unable to reach or remain at the library because of inclement weather, eligible staff may work from home with the approval of their supervisor under the guidelines of the City of Verona Telecommuting Policy and Procedure. ~~Staff may also~~ use available vacation leave, or personal days, ~~or comp time~~ in lieu of time missed on that day. -Employees may otherwise choose to make up missed hours caused by inclement weather during that week.

This policy replaces any previous policy regarding inclement weather or emergency closings.

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