

Adult Services Librarian Report

Programming

Alzheimer's Education Series

Courtney from St. Paul Elder services continues present her program discussing various Alzheimer's topics. This month's topic began the first of a three-part series for caregivers of those suffering from Alzheimer's. It offered resources and advice for navigating the early stage of a loved one's Alzheimer's diagnosis.

Recyclist E-Bike Experience and Education

Lora from the Recyclist gave a fantastic educational talk about what e-bikes are and how to ride them. Participants signed waivers and were able to try out any of among 5 different models that the Recyclist currently sells. Participants were nervous about riding an e-bike at first, but after trying them out they commented on how much fun they are to ride, and how easy it is to pedal up hills.



Figure 1 Lora Teaching Participants the Parts of an E-Bike



Figure 2 Participants Rode the E-Bikes in the Library Parking Lot

Technology Outreach and Technology 101

Attendance at the Thompson Center continues to be high at around 20-25 per program. This month I taught them how to cancel their cable service in favor of streaming services. I covered the internet speeds required to stream, the technology that is capable of streaming, the difference between on demand and live streaming, how to determine which streaming service to choose, what it looks like to stream, and more. This continues to be one of my most popular topics. I taught the same topic at the library as well.

Make and Mingle: Spring Flower Painting

14 People attended Mary V.'s make and mingle craft program. This month they painted spring flowers on canvas. Attendees commented on how much fun they have at the Make and Mingle events.

Wisconsin Remembers: A Face for Every Name

From May 22nd to June 9th the library hosted a 17-piece exhibit remembering each of the 1,161 Wisconsinites officially listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The exhibit also includes additional photos for the names that are listed on The Highground Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Neillsville, WI. Wisconsin Remembers is a tribute to lost life and lost potential. This exhibit is made possible by Wisconsin Public Radio, PBS Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Veteran's Museum.

After the library sent out a press release for this exhibit, local media was interested in covering it. I gave an interview to Fox 11, WFRV-TV 5, and WHBY. Channel 5 also asked me to appear on Local 5 Live to discuss the exhibit at the library. I brought along a few book recommendations that related to the Vietnam War as well. The media coverage brought many people in to view the exhibit. I don't believe there was a single day I didn't see at least 4 or 5 groups of people entering the library to view the veterans.



Figure 3 James Berven Discussing the Wisconsin Remembers Exhibit on Local Five Live

Wisconsin Remembers: A Face for Every Name Reception

30 people attended a library-hosted reception for the Wisconsin Remembers exhibit on May 30th. American Legion Post 41 performed a color guard and flag folding ceremony, and taps was played. Local Historian Gavin Schmitt also told the tale of local Vietnam Veteran Eugene DeBruin, who is still listed as MIA.



Figure 4 Gavin Schmitt Introducing the Reception