

# Adult Services Librarian Report

## Programming

### David Jones True Crime Night



*Local Authors Gavin, Sarah, and David discussing the writing process.*

Local author David Jones joined us for True Crime night on Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. Sarah Read moderated a great panel between David and Gavin Schmitt. The questions contrasted David's fiction writing with Gavin's nonfiction experience. There was particularly interesting overlap between their writing processes because David used to be a police chief, and Gavin regularly requests police records with redacted material to aid in his research while writing his books. David was able to give context to the police's side of the process of writing, redacting, and releasing police records. The audience was engaged the entire program and asked many questions at the end.

## Make and Mingle



*Jenny continues to enjoy great attendance at her Make and Mingles.*

Jenny continues to host our make and mingle craft events once a month on Wednesday evenings. July and August's were painting lavender and rhinestone bookmarks respectively!

## Inclusive Board Game Play



*Sorry and Monopoly were played in July.*

We have continued our partnership with Valley Packaging Industries (VPI). Once a month they stop by with adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and library games master John teaches them various board games. It has gone so well that we are continuing the program through at least December!

## Puzzle Palooza



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*Puzzle Perfect, (left) Puzzles Chinchilla (right).*

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Puzzle Palooza was our most exciting yet! Some Assembly Required set the new record, completing the 500 piece puzzle in only 31 minutes 55 seconds! Puzzle Perfect, the second place also beat out the previous record with a time of 37 minutes 01 seconds. Also impressive was the two-person team Puzzles Chinchilla who completed the puzzle in 40 minutes and 44 seconds! For reference, the previous record was 38 minutes and 01 second.

## Taste of Central and South America

Yenny gave patrons a taste of Peru during August's Taste of Central and South America program. She gave a presentation on Peru's culture, climate, history, and gastronomy. She also prepared fresh ceviche, lemonade, and made Peruvian alfajores, which are a type of cookie. It was every attendee's first time trying ceviche and alfajores. The generally liked the taste!



*Ceviche is a Central and South American dish made with fish cured with lemon and lime juice.*

## Asian Cultural Day

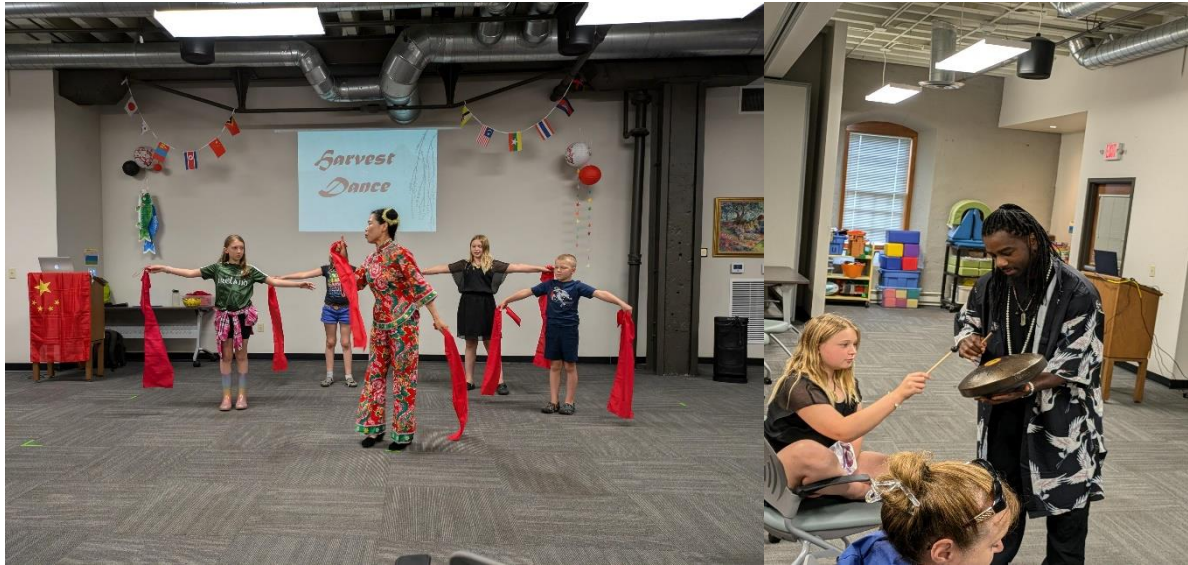
Asian Cultural Day was held on August 5<sup>th</sup> and was a great success! 7 groups performed at the library from 10AM-6:30PM including drummers, dancers, artists, and a multi-instrumentalist! We had three culturally relevant crafts from three areas of Asia as well as a food truck out front. 1,129 people attended the event! To make this event possible, we received \$1,000 from UW Madison's Center for East Asian Studies, \$2,500 from US Venture, and a \$2,000 grant from Community Foundation's Community Vision Fund. The funds were used to pay for the performers, decorations, and craft supplies.



*Sarah and I on WLUK!*



*Oshkosh Taiko drumming (left) and Nkauj Zai Dance Academy dancing (right)!*



*Joy Chen from Blue Willow Dance with audience participants(left) Ace Champion showing Ruby how to drum (right)*