

Adult Services Librarian Report October 2025

Programming

Fix-It Clinic

The library hosted its first Fix-It Clinic the evening of October 6th. I heard about the Repair Café that occurs in the Neenah/Oshkosh area and thought that our patrons would appreciate something like that here in Kaukauna. A huge thank you to library patron Becky McMorrow who was instrumental in helping plan the event! The idea of the Fix-It Clinic is that patrons can bring items in to be fixed for free while learning about the repair process from the volunteer fixing the item. It is educational and environmentally friendly, keeping items out of landfills. At the event we were able to fix clothing, computers, furniture, books, and small appliances. We helped 14 people during the event and only two items were deemed irreparable. We are planning to hold these once per semester.



*Sewing, furniture repair, small appliance repair, and computer repair all happening at once! (Left).
Volunteer Ben Kaufmann fixing a patron's internet router (right).*

Listening Lounge

Amber's listening lounge continues to be a hit! The event is well attended, and as a group they recently decided on which albums they will listen to through May of next year!

Couple's Salsa

Yenny and Carlos hosted a couple's salsa class at the library on Monday, October 13th. We also provided a variety of chips and salsa for patrons to sample. Yenny spoke about the history of salsa and demonstrated the differences between the steps in different salsa moves. The event was very well attended, with almost 30 people coming out to dance!



A room full of salsa dancers! (Left). Yenny and Carlos instructing a patron in the art of salsa(right).

Puzzle Palooza

The library hosted our 9th Puzzle Palooza event on Saturday, October 4th. This event was quite competitive, with the winning team, Piece By Piece, getting within about one minute of beating our existing record of 26 minutes 33 seconds.



Winning Team Piece By Piece completed the puzzle in 27 minutes 35 seconds.

Cribbage Tournament

John hosted our 2nd cribbage tournament on Saturday, October 18th. The attendance more than doubled from last year, with 10 people competing! Participants chatted for a while after the program ended and left positive comments on the library's Facebook post indicating that the program was well organized and that they had a lot of fun.



5 groups of 2 players rotated stations for 5 rounds of play (left). The participants including winner Dave Wittman – right trophy holder and 2nd place Patrick O’Kane – left trophy holder. (right).

Focus On Local History - Live Podcast Edition

Gavin hosted a very special Focus on Local History on the evening of October 21st. He and his cohost Eric recorded a live edition of their podcast Fox Cities Murder and Mayhem at the library! They discussed Kaukauna’s Prohibition years and how the county sheriff was corrupted by the roaring 20’s. Attendance was higher than average at 20 people due to this special occasion!



Gavin (left) and Eric (right) discuss Outagamie County’s scandalous history during Prohibition.

ILS Update

On the afternoon of October 21st, the ILS Selection Committee cast our votes and chose to leave CARL behind in favor of a different ILS and discovery layer. Details to follow, with recommendations to be made at AAC next month.