



To: Kaukauna Public Library Board of Trustees
From: Library Director A. Thiem-Menning
Date: 9/17/2024
Re: Community Partnership Updates

The KHS Civic Engagement class will be completing another community wide food drive for us. We do not have exact dates yet, but we have been working with students on the flyer.

We took a call from Channel 5 on 9/16 asking if they could do a story on the Little Free Pantry. Naturally we said yes and they were here and filming within 30 minutes.

The KASD Title III program plans two events annually for families. In an effort to revamp their schedule, the winter program they usually host at a school is being moved up to October and will be held here as more of a welcome back. This is wonderful timing for a revamp as Youth Services Librarian, Sarah Wroblewski, has recently received a grant from Dollar General with a focus on supporting Spanish language speakers and English language learners. The event will include the opportunities for families to have some dinner, receive tutorials of infinite campus in the Board Room, make a self-affirming craft, receive free books, get library cards, and use our fun green screen for a photo opportunity.

At our meeting, we learned that as of last year, 14 different languages were being spoken in the district or at home in the district. The top four languages besides English were Spanish, Hmong, Swahili and Arabic. Followed also by: Albanian, Hindi, Kannada, Hiligayon, Kinyarwanda, Punjabi, Russian, Somali, Urdu, French, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Wolof. This is very helpful information for collection development. We do have books in some of these languages, but not all of them, so we can actively work to develop collection offerings.

