

Adult Services Librarian Report June 2026

Programming

KPL Write Club

Owen facilitated a welcoming group of seven attendees, guiding discussions on the writing journey, giving and receiving constructive feedback with all folks, and participating in a collaborative writing session. These monthly workshops we will continue to host all summer, provide opportunities for participants to learn from one another, explore different writing styles and forms, and work through challenging plot developments together.

The group is now taking their collaboration a set further by working towards a joint project with the support of our very own Gavin!

Focus on Local History

This monthly series led by our own Gavin, who either presents or invites guest experts to explore the rich history of Kaukauna and the surrounding area. In recognition of America's 250th anniversary, this year's programs have highlighted influential people and places from the nation's founding era.

In May, Gavin welcomed eleven attendees for a presentation on Jacob Konkapot, grandson of Chief John Konkapot, a prominent leader of the Stockbridge people. The program explored Jacob's life and contributions, including his service as a Revolutionary War Veteran.

Listening Lounge

On Tuesday, June 2, Amber led a lively discussion with five attendees centered on *Jaguar II* by Victoria Monet. Each month, music enthusiasts gather to explore a reselected album, genre, or artist, sharing their perspectives and discovering new insights about music.

These engaging conversations also provide an opportunity for participants to learn more about the library's music collection and the variety of digital resources and listening options available to them. The Listening Lounge will continue this summer to be a welcoming space for connection and appreciation of music in all its forms.



Junk Journaling

On Tuesday, June 2, Madeline hosts another very successful Junk Journaling program. All 17 attendees from all ages and genders were gathered together to create their own unique art in a safe and inclusive space.

Junk Journaling is when artists create a handmade book from recycled, repurposed, or second hand materials and use it to express an entry of their experiences whether it's how they felt or something they did. Using art and craft instead of words to journal their day. The craft supplies were already in library and we will continue throughout the summer so our community can journal their library adventures!



Collection Development

Since mid-May, Bethany has been leading a thoughtful collection refresh of the Fiction – Romance titles. This project involves carefully evaluating each title for condition and circulation, identifying and addressing gaps in series, assessing how well the collection reflects community interests and diverse voices, and ensuring the collection remains engaging and easy to browse.

Through this ongoing effort, Bethany is seeking to provide a vibrant, welcoming collection that serves readers and encourages discovery for all who enjoy Romance.

Volunteers

As of June, Bethany has stepped into the role of Volunteer Coordinator. To celebrate and thank our dedicated volunteers for all they do, each volunteer received a small “Stay Cool” appreciate gift. The treat bags included granola bars, sunscreen, and a variety of water flavor packets – a little reminder to stay cool in every sense of the word.

We are grateful for the time, energy, enthusiasm, and care that our volunteers bring to the library each day. Thank you for all that you do!

