

Adult Services Librarian Report

Programming

Alzheimer's Education Series

The Kaukauna Library has partnered with St. Paul Elder Services to offer a weekly Alzheimer's Education series aimed at helping both those living with Alzheimer's as well as their caregivers better understand the disease, and offer information to improve one's quality of life while dealing with it. Attendance has steadily been growing and patrons are appreciative that there is a local place they can go to learn more about the subject.

AARP Tax Aide

Though not technically a library program, AARP does use our programming space to help the public file their taxes. They will be back again this year every Thursday starting in February and ending on April 13th.

KASD Cookies and Conversation

In December, KASD Superintendent Mike Slowinski stopped by the library to answer patron's questions about the state of the school district and his relatively new position as superintendent. Next month we will be hosting Police Chief Jamie Graff for the same purpose.

Technology Outreach

I continue to visit the Thompson Center on Lourdes twice a month to teach technology classes. Attendance is better than ever, with 24 attendees on January 9th. Attendance has continued to steadily rise mainly due to attendees spreading the word to friends and family over the years.

I am also happy to report that I am again providing technology classes to St. Paul Elder Services. Once a month I will teach a class on a group-chosen technology topic to a group of older adults who are just beginning to have trouble with their memory.

Volunteers

Three new volunteer positions are in the process of being posted and filled. The library recently welcomed a winter groundskeeper, Tyler, who will help take care of our interactive learning garden. We are also planning to have a volunteer regularly restock our free little pantry and get our hydroponic crop grower operational once again. Additionally, in the near future we hope to get a homebound book deliver volunteer or two to bring books to patrons who can't make it in to visit the library.

It was our pleasure to nominate our volunteer Lynn Holcomb for Kaukauna's Volunteer of the Year. She won and will be honored at the 2023 Kaukauna Services Organization Appreciation Night next month. We are thankful for our generous volunteers!



Volunteer of the Year Lynn Holcomb

Through the coordinating efforts of Volunteer Fox Cities, US Venture (pictured below), recently volunteered to help us take our library of lights down in our interactive learning garden. They helped on Monday, January 16th and Wednesday, January 18th. They did a fantastic job!



US Venture Volunteers

Library Event and Room Management Software

The library implemented our new event and room management software on January 1st. The company is LocalHop, a small company located in Michigan. So far, staff have enjoyed the ability to view lists of patrons registered for events, create events faster and easier, link events with meeting room bookings, and the ability to notify registered patrons of changes to events. Our old software either made these tasks difficult to do or didn't support them at all. The time saved adds up quickly over the many events that we host at the library.