



To: Kaukauna Public Library Board of Trustees
From: Library Director Ashley Thiem-Menning
Date: 10/17/2024
Re: Community Partners

We are so pleased to share that the 3rd and 4th grade students at Park Community Charter School have created a mural for us in the Interactive Learning Garden in the amphitheater. New art teacher, Tricia Evers, approached the Library about adding a mural this summer, and has designed and implemented a fun and colorful geometric design featuring an open book.



Students visited on Friday, October 4th and spent time taking turns as classrooms painting and checking out books in the Library.

The mural is not completely finished, but will be completed soon. In the spring, PCCS will be back again to add some color to our garden Plexiglas walls to add some extra brightness for our summer season.

The coat drive has been extremely well received this year, with donations surpassing last year's. Niemuth Construction recently donated five boxes of brand new winter supplies to the effort. The Yarn it All fiber arts group is also making hats, scarves and mittens for the effort as well. I also made a connection at the last Chamber Business Card Exchange with a District Agent for Modern Woodmen of America, who will be donating food and winter clothing items before the end of the year.

I was invited to be a guest speaker at the annual KELF luncheon, which was held at the Library on October 10.

J.J. Keller Foundation has also been in contact with me and will be providing an extra 50 shelf-stable holiday meal kits in November for a total of 100 this year. Last year the Foundation donated 50 meal kits and they were all gone within three hours. We are so excited to be able to offer this to families in our community in late November.

