

# Adult Services Librarian Report

## Programming

### Alzheimer's Education Series

Courtney from St. Paul Elder services has continued teaching her programs regarding various Alzheimer's topics. This month's class wraps up a three-part series for caregivers of those suffering from Alzheimer's. It offered resources and advice for navigating the late stage of a loved one's Alzheimer's diagnosis. The program will continue into the fall and the topics will be similar to those offered from January to April of this year.

### Juneteenth Program with Dr. Alphonso Simpson

Director of African American Studies at UW-Oshkosh Dr. Alphonso Simpson stopped by to give a talk on the meaning of Juneteenth. The program was warmly received, with participants staying more than 30 minutes past the end of the program to continue the discussion with Dr. Simpson. They would have stayed even later if it wasn't closing time!



*Figure 1. Dr. Alphonso Simpson*

## Oneida Pow Wow

On June 21st the library held an Oneida Pow Wow presentation. It took place in the parking lot next to the library, and participants learned the history behind Pow Wow's and were able to witness the Storm Dancers perform. There was a great turnout!



*Figure 2. A Storm Dancer Dancing*

## Coffee and Conversation - Officer Lucas and Rocko the Dutch Shepard

On June 30th Police Officer Lucas brought Rocko the Dutch Shepard to the library discuss the day in the life of a K-9 handler. He explained how Rocko was trained, where he came from, the kinds of jobs he is dispatched to, what it is like to work with a dog every day, and more. The program was well attended and patrons were engaged the entire program asking questions.



*Figure 3. Officer Lucas Presenting Rocko*

## Coffee and Conversation – The New Kaukauna Pool

On August 11th Terri Vosters stopped by from Kaukauna's Recreation Department to show how progress on the new pool was progressing, and answer questions from the public. A modest group of patrons showed up and asked detailed questions about the layout and funding of the new pool.



Figure 4. Terri Vosters Answering Questions About The New Pool

## Puzzle Palooza

The library held our second ever Puzzle Palooza event on July 29th, sponsored by Boardlandia. 9 teams of 4 people competed to see who could put together the same 500 piece puzzle the fastest. During the last Puzzle Palooza, two teams finished within 1 second of each other! The same two teams returned and the team who came in second last time won with a time of 38 minutes and 1 second. It's safe to say a rivalry is forming! Incidentally, the team calling themselves the "Missing Pieces" turned out to be the only team to have one piece missing at the end of the event.



Figure 5. The Teams Concentrating Hard While Puzzling Out Their Path To Victory!

## Ukulele Lessons

Library staff member Donna taught a well-attended two-part ukulele class on July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup>. Patrons were able to check out the ukuleles that the library offers or bring their own. They learned basic cord shapes as well as how to tune their ukuleles!

## Dungeons and Dragons

Thanks to the efforts of library staff member Sarah R, our Dungeons and Dragons program continues to grow! The program has a particularly high turnout from our teen patrons, which is the most difficult age group to bring in to library programs. Attendance is so high that patrons must form two groups to play instead of one!

## Technology Outreach and Technology 101

As usual, attendance at the Thompson Center continues to be high, though dropped slightly during the summer months. This summer I taught them how to use Facebook Marketplace and how to sign up for programs online. At the library I also taught Facebook Marketplace basics, but instead of signing up for programs online, I taught Libby basics, since Overdrive is being retired in favor of our popular E-resource app Libby.

## One-On-One Technology Help

June was the busiest month on record for technology help! Between June and July, I helped 34 people via one hour technology help sessions. Topics ranged from assistance with job searching, how to create passwords and remember them, how to use Facebook Marketplace, how to send pictures via text message and email, how to stay safe when selecting apps on the app store, general online security tips, and much more.