

# Adult Services Librarian Report October 2026

## Programming

### Ladder Stitch Earrings

Kim, our Native American Outreach & Engagement Coordinator, celebrated through Ladder Stitch beadwork this intergenerational program led by Shelby Siebers (Tyelihwaye·líts), an Onedia beadwork artist and community advocate from the Oneida Nation. This workshop provided a welcoming and safe space for participants of all ages and experience levels to learn, ask questions, share experiences, and develop new skills. Through hands-on instruction, attendees explore the patience care, and creativity involved in beadwork while gaining an appreciation for the cultural significance and meaning behind the art.

Shelby emphasized the importance of approaching beadwork with intention, a good mind, and a good heart, highlighting how the practice can express love, cultural pride, connection, and healing. Participants were encouraged to be mindful of the meaning behind their work and the care put into each creation.

This intergenerational program fostered community connection, cultural learning, and creative expression.



## Pumpkin Painting

Staff member Casey provided a space for our community to enjoy the fall season through pumpkin painting. Apple cider was provided to attendees, as well as the pumpkins and art supplies. During the program, the movie *Halloweentown* was shown, adding to the festive fall spirit as attendees painted and decorated.

Attendees enjoyed the de-stressing and community building art activity which provided an opportunity to unwind, explore their creativity, and express themselves through art – all while creating a fall decoration to take home!

Pumpkins were generously provided by Mulberry Lane Farm in Hilbert, Wi.

## Adult Storytime: Statesburg Apartments

The Adult Services Librarian provided adult Storytime at Statesburg Apartments centered on the theme of: Dogs! Three advanced pictures books were read, giving attendees an opportunity to enjoy storytelling while discussing the illustrations and artistic elements of each book.

Following the readings and conversations, a hands-on craft was provided for making dog toys to take to the Humane Society. This activity provided a fun, personal, and engaging way for residents to practice and support their fine motor skills while encouraging social interactions.

The Librarian also brought, with permission and screening, their dog, Daphne, to provide residents with an opportunity to interact with a pet. For residents, many cannot have their own pet, making spending time with Daphne a meaningful opportunity for companionship and comfort.

This program not only combined literacy with art conversations but it also gave social and emotional connections through conversations and animal interaction. By bringing library services directly to residents, the library helped foster community connections and provided an enjoyable and accessible experience tailored to the interest and needs of older adults.



## Flameo, Hotman

The event invited fans of the *Avatar: The Last Airbender* TV Show to connect over their shared love through nostalgic conversations, favorite character ranking boards, favorite quotes posted, a three round trivia, a haiku competition inspired by the show and watching three fan favorite episodes.

Adults and youths attending enjoyed the program and had the opportunity to share their enthusiasm for the series. Participants talked with one another about their favorite aspects of the show, was welcoming to each other and they introduced an attendee new to the show to what all there is to love about the series. Several books and the DVD collection were checked out after the program.

## Collection Development

N/A

## Volunteers

Kaukauna celebrated and recognized our volunteers this fall with an appreciation gift of Wisconsin honey to acknowledge their hard work and dedication. Our volunteer program has been growing, and we are grateful that they generously share their time, energy and talents to now support our programs, pantry, and their continued support of shelving, Fix-It Clinics, Local History Projects and plant care. This small gift allowed us to show them that we are bee-yond grateful to have them and their support.

