

# Adult Services Librarian Report June 2025

## Programming

### Make and Mingle

In May Jenny taught patrons how to embroider paper. Patrons used a special technique to weave thread through the paper making interesting designs. The turnout was great as usual, and Jenny has a special Make and Mingle planned for July!



*Paper being embroidered (above).*

### Chess Tournament



In May John hosted the library's first chess tournament, complete with a trophy prize! The attendance was modest, but the attendees were all able to play each other and it ended up being a competitive and engaging tournament.

*The winner of the Chess Tournament, Tyler (above).*

### Look Back In History

On May 20<sup>th</sup> Gavin invited Antoinette Powell, Music Librarian and Associate Professor from Lawrence University to explain her process of doing genealogy research for people without a birth record. She had great success and shared her process with attendees. I think Gavin got as much, if not more, out of the presentation than the patrons even did!

## Puzzle Palooza

On June 7th the library hosted our 8<sup>th</sup> Puzzle Palooza event. At this event 10 teams of up to four people compete to put together the same 500-piece jigsaw puzzle. 9 teams competed and it was incredibly competitive. This time team "Some Assembly" won first place with a new record time of 26 minutes and 33 second! They had set the record on another occasion as well!



*Some Assembly Required (left). The conference room full of competitive puzzlers (right).*

## SereniTea

Newest on-call staff member Karla has started a new program she offers twice a month in the evenings of the first and third Thursday of the month. She leads the class doing yoga, while offering black and green caffeinated and decaffeinated tea pairings during the program. The turnout for the first event was fantastic, especially for a brand-new event. 15 patrons attended and thoroughly enjoyed Karla's knowledge and instruction!



*Engaged Yoga Participants (above).*

## Outreach

### Assisted Living Centers

I set up a table and advocated for the library on May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Landings in Kaukauna for their Garden Party/Resources Fair. I did that same at St. Paul Elder



Services on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. I showcased nontraditional library items that may be interesting to older adults. I showed our memory kits, walking kits, new adult Vox and Wonderbooks, signed patrons and institutions up for library cards, and chose a selection of relevant materials from our collection to bring along. Patrons were particularly interested in our memory kits and Vox/Wonderbooks.

*Sales and Marketing Director Diane opened a new institution card for the Landings! (above).*

## Cataloging/Materials Processing

### Playing Catch Up

Our backlog of library materials that did not have records and needed to be imported into CARL was getting backlogged. Some materials we ordered back in 2022 were still waiting to be added to the collection. I spent a few days going through these items and adding them to the collection to help our materials processing staff. We are now caught up.

## Misc

### Woodworking

At Sarah's request I built a new cart for the kids to play with to freshen up the play area in children's. I styled it after an ice cream vendor cart. It can be moved with a working wooden axle and wheels. Various play sets have been ordered for it including ice cream, flowers, gardening, tacos, and BBQ sets that will be switched out throughout the months. I also created a Plinko board which Sarah cleverly named KPLINKO to be used during our summer learning program as one of the prize options. We can also bring it on outreach events in the future and use it for pretty much any program that offers an assortment of prizes.



*The cart for the children to play with (left). KPLINKO board (right).*