

Public Services Updates

Coming up & On-Going Program highlights

- Winter gardening series; 3rd Mondays
- Lawyer in the Library continues thru March on 3rd Wednesdays; all slots have been filling up with more on the waiting list
- “In the Weeds” book club will be an official Mead program as of their March meeting. This is a group led by Green Bicycle Co, Paradigm, and Sheboygan Active Transportation that reads and discusses books related to urban planning, community development, and change management. The group averages 20 people in attendance, including the City’s director of Public Works.
- Annual Winter Green event is scheduled for Mar 18, 2023 . As part of that event, children will be planting white clover on the library plaza, with assistance from DPW.

In-Service:

- Our spring In-service on March 24, 2023 will include a 4 hour workshop on “Compassion Resilience” with Rogers Behavioral Health. The Compassion Resilience toolkit has been adapted to libraries by DPI and is a recommended training to complement Whole Person Librarianship concepts. The remainder of the day will be focused on fun team building activities and restorative practice (games, therapy dogs, art-making, etc).
- Fall In-service; proposed date Sep 29, 2023 Sheboygan County Health and Human Services will present a 4 hour workshop on trauma-informed concepts. The remainder of the day will include mandatory annual safety trainings (fire extinguishers, bloodborne pathogens, hazardous chemicals, fire and tornado protocols, etc)

Response to request to add library material:

We followed up on the public comment from the last board meeting and connected with the patron to explain why the titles were not purchased. We also alerted her with titles already in the collection that cover the topic she is interested in.

As is outlined on our “Recommend a Purchase” web form, we do give high priority to customer requests, but those requests are subject to the same selection criteria as all items are. Reasons we did not add these particular titles include:

- lack of professional reviews,
- lack of availability through mainstream publishers or library vendors,
- narrow subject area,
- redundancy within the collection, and/or obsolescence.

- We also consider the holdings of other Monarch libraries and availability through Interlibrary Loan from other Wisconsin libraries.

Specifically, In the case of the two books requested, both titles lacked professional reviews and had very low demand from our library vendors' selection lists. Additionally, our selectors recently added titles on the same subject, which do meet our collection criteria, so redundancy was also a factor.