

## 2024 Irvin L. Young Memorial Library Highlights

- Our mocktail program was featured in the article, “Spirit-Free Spaces: Libraries Shake Things Up with Mocktail Programs” in the January/February 2024 issue of *American Libraries* Magazine.
- We collaborated with over 25 community organizations and individuals to provide over 120 library programs and events for children, teens, adults, and all ages.
- Staff members served on the library’s building committee, the ALSC Programs and Services Recognition committee, the CSLP Early Literacy Manual committee, the Whitewater City leadership committee, the Whitewater LEADS board, and the WLA Children’s Book Awards committee.
- Created and implemented a monthly library newsletter.
- Implemented a new events calendar and room reservation software which makes it easier for patrons to find events and book our rooms and makerspace equipment.
- For Library Lovers’ Month in February, created a giving tree where patrons could choose an item to donate, which resulted in many donations that offset costs for library programming.
- Itty Bitty Art Show in March had 44 community participants.
- Our library board approved a Land Acknowledgement Statement and Commitment to Action, which includes a new tab on the library’s website with links to resources about local Indigenous history (including book lists and highlights from our library’s collection) and current issues for further research and education. This page will be continually updated as needed.
- Purchased new equipment for the Makerspace with a Bridges grant, including an embroidery machine, upgraded scanner, a sublimation printer, heat press, and printmaking supplies.
- Our Summer Reading Program was a success. From June 10-July 20 we had 251 youth participants, 123 adult participants, 397 Bingo sheets turned in for prizes, 909 attendees at library events, and 10,415 material checkouts.
- The Library Expansion & Renovation Project began on September 9<sup>th</sup> and a groundbreaking event was held on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

