

## **Programming & Makerspace Librarian Report**

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### **Programs:**

5/14: Community Helpers Storytime (13)

5/19: Tea of the Month – Chai (36)

5/22: Financial Games for Homeschool Families – (6)

This program was part of the *Thinking Money for Kids* grant

5/31: Storytelling Festival w/Rachel. We talked to 131 people and provided a flowerpot painting activity which 39 people participated in. We also had 4 library card sign ups. We gave out information about the summer reading program, the new Friends of the Library brochure, and building project info.

6/9: Summer Reading Program begins! Science Heroes (58)

6/9: Teen Book Cover Contest begins

6/10: William Shakespeare begins

6/11: Storytime in the Park (33)

### **Upcoming Programs:**

6/13: Fun Fridays: Windchimes

6/16: Novel Motion Circus

Wednesdays: Storytime in the Park

6/19: Tea of the Month

6/20: Fun Fridays: Kinetic Sand

6/23: Snake Discovery

6/24: Currency Conga

6/26: Kids take/make – patriotic glasses craft

6/26: Summer Wellness for Adults: Reiki & Meditation

6/27: Fun Fridays: Painted Bird Houses

### **Strategic Goals:**

Strategic Goal 1 – *Continue to keep the public updated on the progress of the renovation.* I created a communication plan, graphics, flyers, press release, etc. about Phase Three updates.

Strategic Goal 2 – *Complete a digital transition of the library's current website to a Bridges Library System supported platform.* I am nearly finished with the new website design and demonstrated it to the library board. We are now waiting on the domain name transfer.

Strategic Goal 4 – *Create a plan to renew and revitalize the Friends of the Library.* The FOTL had their first meeting and the group is off and running! Membership brochures have been finalized and are starting to be distributed. I will continue to attend meetings a staff liason.

### **Other Updates:**

- Applied for the WiLS Ideas to Action Fund grant. If awarded, the library will receive \$5,000 to create a Sensory-Inclusive space in the children's area, Sensory Go-Bags, a Social Story for the library's website, and supplies to start a monthly Inclusive Playgroup program. Awards will be announced in September 2025 and funds will be distributed soon after.
- Deana and I attended the Whitewater Middle School Pride night. We brought an activity, stickers, bookmarks, pins, and books. We interacted with about 20 students. There was a great discussion and feedback about how the library can support students in the future teen space.
- Created and managed a Facebook ad campaign to promote the Summer Reading Program.
- Set up a Story Stroll with a bilingual picture book for the Whitewater Storytelling Festival and then moved it to outside of the library for people to enjoy over the summer.
- Working with the UW Children's Center to help sponsor a "Born Learning Trail" which is an interactive learning trail for children that will be going up in the community this fall.

### **Meetings**

5/15: Met with Nate Eaton, a student at UW-W. He and other students are taking a summer class that requires civil action projects. They want to help the library promote the Summer Reading Program, and possibly host a fundraiser.

5/19: Friends of the Library Board meeting

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5/21: Management meeting

5/21: WLA Children's Book Award committee meeting

5/21: Building committee (furniture) meeting

5/28: WLA Mentorship meeting with Emily Whitmore

5/28: Management meeting

6/4: Jennalee Johnson, UW-W Children's Center

6/4: Management meeting

6/11: Management meeting

**Professional Development:**

- *The Library Friends, Foundations, and Trusts Handbook* by Diane P. Tuccillo (Rowman & Littlefield, 2024)
- Infosec: Physical Security
- Human Resources for WI Library Leaders: Lifecycle of the Employee – HR Basics Part 1
- CVMIC: Professional Communication for Leaders