

All About Birds!

The library offered several different programs about birds in May!

May 8, we had our yearly program at Ochsner Park Zoo. This year, B-B-B-Bird was the word: participants got to learn about bird nests, eggs, wings, and feet from Zoo docents, they got to explore bird sounds featured in books from the library, and they got to make bird feeders out of cardboard tubes and popsicle sticks. Families enjoyed the warm, sunny weather, and the chance to play in the park afterwards!



Making bird feeders at the zoo!

In place of the regular Baraboo Buds Garden Club, the library partnered with Powered Up Baraboo to bring in an expert on bird-window collisions. Brenna Marsicek, Director of Outreach at the Southern Wisconsin Bird Alliance, gave a presentation on the research on bird-window collisions and tips for what you can do to prevent birds from hitting your windows at home.



Brenna Marsicek gave an informative presentation

Piano Duet Concert

On May 9, the library was happy to welcome back its favorite piano-playing duo. Zach Ott, librarian, and Gretchen Roltgen, retired librarian, returned for another installment of their popular piano duet concerts. The show featured fun, familiar pieces such as a *Little Mermaid* song medley, a rendition of 90s pop hit "Barbie Girl," and finally, as an encore, "Georgia On My Mind."



Learning Chess

On a beautiful Saturday morning in May, Mitch Wilson, a local chess enthusiast who can



Mitch teaching about chess

frequently be found playing chess at the library, gave an interesting and informative presentation on chess strategy. Participants

learned some good strategies for starting a game, were walked through the gameplay of a famous historical chess match, and then had time to play each other!



The game is on!

Summer Programming Preview

Summer programming is nearly here! This summer, “adventure begins at your library,” and the library will have lots of fun things to do. There will be some programs similar to what we’ve offered before for kids, teens, and adults, and many new programs, too!

Starting with the youngest patrons, Lullaby Club is back for little ones 0-5 on Tuesday mornings. This is a calm storytime for folks who



Parachute time at Storytots

want to focus on building the bond between children and their caregiver/s through songs, rhymes and shared literacy activities. Storytots will also be returning, though the focus this

season will be on sensory experiences. Storytots: Sensory Adventure will be on Wednesday mornings and is intended for children ages 2-5 and their caregiver/s. Newly added this summer is Story and a Stroll. This is a weekly program for children 0-5 that starts in the library auditorium with a short storytime, then folks can take their little ones on an activity walk through a nearby neighborhood. Be sure to bring your walking shoes, sunscreen, and strollers!

Kids ages 6-11 have a lot of new options for activities at the library this summer. For kids ages 6-8, there will be Epic Explorers on Wednesday afternoons, a weekly program with different activities every week, such as crafts, games, and movies. Kids 6-11 can join the Adventure Club on Tuesday



Playing with Pokemon cards

afternoons. This weekly program will explore two different continents, Australia and Africa, through food, crafts, and games. Tweens have programs just for them this summer! Wednesday is Tween Tuesday for kids 9-11, and will feature a fun lineup of crafts and games like *Just Dance* and diamond art.

Teens will have a fun, adventurous set of activities for their weekly Teen Tuesday. Additionally, in partnership with Sauk County 4-H, the library will have a weekly Maker Monday program for teens to participate in a wide variety of craft projects on Monday afternoons. There will also be *Dungeons and Dragons* One-Shot programs led by a local DM, and fun after-hours programs for teens every month.



Teens playing D&D

Adults will be able to get in on the adventure this summer, too! There will be a variety of programs that highlight adventure around the world (June), in your backyard (July), and in imagined world (August). These will take the shape of different craft projects like painting emu eggs, games

like *Dungeons and Dragons* or playing with a Virtual Reality Headset, a guided Geology hike



Enjoying a gardening presentation

at Devil's Lake, a Badger Talk lecture from a UW Anthropology professor about dugout canoes in Wisconsin, and after-hours movie nights.

Check out the Summer Programming Brochure or the library website calendar (<https://calendar.csmpi.org/>) to learn more about all of the fun programs coming up!