



## **LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**

**Waunakee Public Library Board Room**

**Friday, November 15, 2024 7:45 AM**

- I. Call to order**
- II. Roll call: Annie Ballweg, Jean Elvekrog, Kathy Grosskopf, Melissa Hill, Sam Kaufmann, Carolina Quintana-Kuether, Cathy Sheffield, Library Director Erick Plumb.**
- III. Public Comment**
- IV. Consent agenda**
  - A. Approve October 11, 2024 Library Board Minutes**
  - B. Approve Schedule of Bills**
  - C. Approve Financial Reports**
- V. Library Director's Report**
- VI. Old Business**
  - A. Friends of the Library Update**
- VII. New Business**
  - A. Review 2024 letter to past donors**
- VIII. Adjourn**

**Next Library Board meeting:** Friday, December 20, 2024 @ 7:45 AM in the Board Room, Waunakee Public Library

Notice is hereby given that the Village Board may attend this meeting. No action will be taken by the Village Board at this meeting.

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**Waunakee Public Library**

**Library Board Meeting**

**Friday, October 11, 2024- 7:45AM**

**201 N. Madison Street, Conference Room**

- I. **Call to order:** Cathy Sheffield called the meeting to order at 7:45 AM
- II. **Roll Call:**
  - A. **Roll call:** Present: Cathy Sheffield, Melissa Hill, Jean Elvekrog, Kathy Grosskopf, Annie Ballweg, Carolina Quintana-Kuether, Library Director Erick Plumb.  
Absent: Sam Kaufmann
  - B. **Guests:** No
- III. **Public Comment** No public comment
- IV. **Approval of the consent agenda** Jean made a motion to approve. Cathy seconded. Passed.
- V. **Director's Report** Held interviews this week for two new Library Assistants. Jeff Curwick will be leaving WPL on October 18. Amy Sampson and Beth Meyer have begun working in their new positions. Mobile Glass will be giving us estimates for possibly enclosing the Tech Hub and/or enclosing or reimaging the Den space.
- VI. **Old Business**
  - A. **Introduction of Village Facility Manager Jeff Witt and discussion about maintenance priorities for 2025** Jeff laid out his vision for how he would like his department to operate going forward. The Board shared what needs we have from Jeff and the maintenance department. Jeff answered questions from the Board. We look forward to working with Jeff.
  - B. **Friends of the Library Update** There will be a patriotic themed bake sale the morning of the election, so that people may buy baked goods while they are waiting in line to vote in Community Hall. The Friends will be having a social event to make crafts out of tea cups.
  - C. **Update on Strategic Plan progress** We went through four line items that have not been addressed to discuss what the original thought process was behind the individual plans. We will bring back to discuss further at another meeting.
- VII. **New Business**
  - A. **Review Appropriate Behavior Policy** Kathy made a motion to approve with discussed changes. Melissa seconded. Passed.
- VIII. **Adjourn** Cathy made a motion to adjourn at 8:56am. Annie seconded. Passed.

**Library Board Meeting: Friday, November 15, 2024 at 7:45 AM**  
**Respectfully submitted, Kathy M. Grosskopf, Trustee and Secretary**

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## October 2024

Account	Vender	Amount
<u>100-551400-210 Outside services</u>		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<u>100-551400-219 Automation levy</u>	SCLS	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<u>100-551400-290 Leased items</u>		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	Gordon Flesch	569.29
		0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>569.29</b>
<u>100-551400-292 Maintenance contracts</u>		
	SCLS	0.00
	Bibliotheca	2,212.78
		0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,212.78</b>
<u>100-551400-311 Postage</u>		
	Post Office	4.40
	UPS Store	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4.40</b>
<u>100-551400-320 Publications, subscriptions and dues</u>		
	Wall Street Journal	0.00
	State of Wi	0.00
	Amazon	0.00
	Rotary	120.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>120.00</b>
<u>100-551400-330 Travel and training</u>		
	SCLS	0.00
	UW- Madison	0.00
	WLA	20.00
	Dunkin	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<u>100-551400-340 Programs</u>		
	Pig	85.67
	Dunkin	26.98
	Amazon	865.49
	Target	131.18
	Fleet Farm	99.90
	Abarrotes Yuremi	126.84
	Fleet Farm	99.90
	Laura Eyler	275.00
	Costco	0.00
	Book Outlet	283.29
	Pizza Hut	117.21
	SCLS	126.50
	Walgreens	12.99
	Walmart	113.82
	Dollar Tree	1.25
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,366.02</b>
<u>100-551400-341 Equipment</u>		

	Minuteman Press	0.00
	Amazon	0.00
	Nassco	0.00
	Laird Plastics	0.00
	SCLS	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<u>100-551400-350 Repairs and maint</u>		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<u>100-551400-380 Adult books</u>		
	Amazon	225.25
	Baker and Taylor	4,133.29
	Ice Age Trail Alliance	73.50
	Dane County Library Service	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,432.04</b>
<u>100-551400-381 Juvenile books</u>		
	Amazon	28.28
	Baker and Taylor	1,913.23
	Penworthy	0.00
	The Dot Central	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,941.51</b>
<u>100-551400-383 Serial subscriptions</u>		
	Rivistas	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<u>100-551400-384 - Digital Materials &amp; Computer Software</u>		
	Amazon	0.00
	Kanopy	101.65
	T- mobile - Hotspots	213.20
	Verizon -Hotspots	200.05
	CDW - Adobe	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>514.90</b>
<u>100-551400-385 Kit supplies</u>		
	Amazon	23.50
	Minuteman Press	42.46
	Target	0.00
	Walmart	0.00
	LL Bean	0.00
	Wall Monkeys	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>65.96</b>
<u>100-551400-386 Audio materials</u>		
	Blackstone Publishing	0.00
	Midwest Tape	106.23
	Amazon	101.96
	Findaway	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>208.19</b>
<u>100-551400-387 Videos</u>		
	Amazon	346.12
	Midwest Tape	230.91
	Debbie Howard	0.00
	Greta Productions	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>577.03</b>
<u>100-551400-390 Other</u>		
	Amazon	118.08
	Office Depot	162.32
	Azuradisc	0.00
	Walmart	178.68
	SCLS	1,216.05
	Demco	294.45
	Thermal Paper Direct	0.00
	Uline	0.00

<u>100-551400-391 Personnel</u>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,969.58</b>
<u>100-551400-392 Public relations</u>	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	Minuteman Press	68.00
	Intuit Mailchimp	58.00
	Waunakee Rotary	0.00
<u>100-551401-210 Building services</u>	<b>Total</b>	<b>126.00</b>
	The Electricians	0.00
	Midwest Alarm	844.92
	Otis Elevator Company	0.00
	Bruce Company	301.00
	JF Ahern	0.00
	Master Building Solutions	2,085.75
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,231.67</b>
<u>100-551401-350 Repairs/Maintenance</u>		
	Nassco	0.00
	Kraemer Air Filter Corp	0.00
	Menards	56.46
	Ace Hardware	72.33
	Amazon	0.00
	Schilling Supply Company	1,581.31
	Hallman Lindsay	159.96
	The Electricians	0.00
	USA Clean	0.00
	Waunakee Power Equipment	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,870.06</b>
<u>220 fund</u>		
	Walgreens	60.94
	Waunakee Chamber of Commerce	0.00
	Tee Public	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>60.94</b>
	<b>Month Total</b>	<b>20,290.37</b>



VILLAGE OF WAUNAKEE  
EXPENDITURES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET  
FOR THE 9 MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

GENERAL FUND

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET AMOUNT	VARIANCE	% OF BUDGET	PRIOR YEAR
<u>LIBRARY OPERATIONS</u>						
100-551400-110 LIBRARY FULL TIME	39,283.09	355,812.95	481,614.00	125,801.05	73.88	326,699.40
100-551400-120 LIBRARY PART TIME	28,279.54	265,474.26	363,945.00	98,470.74	72.94	248,116.20
100-551400-130 LIBRARY FICA	4,918.30	45,267.61	64,686.00	19,418.39	69.98	41,512.16
100-551400-131 LIBRARY RETIREMENT	3,479.67	31,508.50	42,819.00	11,310.50	73.59	28,915.65
100-551400-132 LIBRARY HEALTH	12,786.18	127,861.80	156,479.00	28,617.20	81.71	128,651.21
100-551400-133 LIBRARY LIFE	74.81	724.34	808.00	83.66	89.65	651.72
100-551400-134 LIBRARY DENTAL	658.36	7,509.25	8,460.00	950.75	88.76	6,832.70
100-551400-210 LIBRARY OUTSIDE SERVICES	108.00	761.25	1,296.00	534.75	58.74	1,165.00
100-551400-219 LIBRARY AUTOMATION LEVY	.00	72,018.00	72,019.00	1.00	100.00	68,923.32
100-551400-225 LIBRARY COMMUNICATIONS	761.84	6,001.78	8,700.00	2,698.22	68.99	5,046.72
100-551400-290 LIBRARY LEASED ITEMS	304.47	4,864.25	8,940.00	4,075.75	54.41	5,335.96
100-551400-292 LIBRARY MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	.00	2,107.40	2,477.00	369.60	85.08	2,009.39
100-551400-311 LIBRARY POSTAGE	62.63	943.15	1,500.00	556.85	62.88	752.64
100-551400-320 LIBRARY PUBS/SUBS/DUES	4,317.40	10,600.09	2,924.00	( 7,676.09)	362.52	2,067.70
100-551400-330 LIBRARY TRAVEL/TRAINING	150.00	1,279.08	2,200.00	920.92	58.14	360.00
100-551400-340 LIBRARY PROGRAMS	5,850.53	33,795.20	35,000.00	1,204.80	96.56	24,928.42
100-551400-341 LIBRARY EQUIPMENT	283.76	3,958.17	7,500.00	3,541.83	52.78	2,456.15
100-551400-380 LIBRARY ADULT BOOKS	5,054.53	30,337.34	50,000.00	19,662.66	60.67	25,323.63
100-551400-381 LIBRARY JUVENILE BOOKS	4,078.69	21,307.01	28,000.00	6,692.99	76.10	15,615.11
100-551400-383 LIBRARY SERIAL SUBSCRIPTIONS	.00	6,976.16	8,572.00	1,595.84	81.38	6,787.48
100-551400-384 LIBRARY COMPUTER SOFTWARE	404.26	15,000.02	22,721.00	7,720.98	66.02	19,432.14
100-551400-385 LIBRARY KIT SUPPLIES	397.08	3,682.11	4,500.00	817.89	81.82	3,828.43
100-551400-386 LIBRARY AUDIO MATERIALS	679.05	7,831.10	8,500.00	668.90	92.13	4,329.50
100-551400-387 LIBRARY VIDEOS	488.97	5,813.98	8,000.00	2,186.02	72.67	5,825.43
100-551400-390 LIBRARY OTHER	359.52	6,748.39	16,000.00	9,251.61	42.18	7,526.18
100-551400-391 LIBRARY PERSONNEL	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	230.00
100-551400-392 LIBRARY PUBLIC RELATIONS	469.98	2,964.03	6,000.00	3,035.97	49.40	2,394.41
TOTAL LIBRARY OPERATIONS	113,250.66	1,071,147.22	1,413,660.00	342,512.78	75.77	985,716.65

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VILLAGE OF WAUNAKEE  
EXPENDITURES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET  
FOR THE 9 MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

GENERAL FUND

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET AMOUNT	VARIANCE	% OF BUDGET	PRIOR YEAR
<u>LIBRARY BUILDING</u>						
100-551401-110 LIBRARY BLDG FULL TIME	5,097.12	48,123.27	66,272.00	18,148.73	72.61	48,140.58
100-551401-120 LIBRARY BLDG PART-TIME	2,110.42	19,271.41	34,334.00	15,062.59	56.13	15,005.89
100-551401-121 LIBRARY BLDG OVERTIME	489.81	2,066.73	.00	( 2,066.73)	.00	.00
100-551401-130 LIBRARY BLDG FICA	574.90	5,205.08	7,696.00	2,490.92	67.63	4,695.35
100-551401-131 LIBRARY BLDG RETIREMENT	385.50	3,463.11	4,573.00	1,109.89	75.73	3,273.57
100-551401-132 LIBRARY BLDG HEALTH	1,713.47	16,907.30	20,940.00	4,032.70	80.74	15,851.44
100-551401-133 LIBRARY BLDG LIFE	6.53	59.10	71.00	11.90	83.24	57.14
100-551401-134 LIBRARY BLDG DENTAL	163.97	1,647.46	1,968.00	320.54	83.71	1,508.37
100-551401-210 LIBRARY BLDG SERVICES	2,583.98	16,859.52	29,753.00	12,893.48	56.66	15,570.37
100-551401-220 LIBRARY BLDG UTILITIES	3,842.77	19,446.45	24,000.00	4,553.55	81.03	20,788.04
100-551401-221 LIBRARY BLDG GAS HEAT	.00	6,617.99	18,000.00	11,382.01	36.77	10,727.13
100-551401-341 LIBRARY BLDG EQUIPMENT	.00	.00	1,446.00	1,446.00	.00	.00
100-551401-350 LIBRARY BLDG REPAIRS/MAINT	1,226.57	9,393.20	21,000.00	11,606.80	44.73	17,441.16
100-551401-390 LIBRARY BLDG OTHER	.00	200.00	200.00	.00	100.00	185.00
TOTAL LIBRARY BUILDING	18,195.04	149,260.62	230,253.00	80,992.38	64.82	153,244.04
<u>DEPOT</u>						
100-551410-350 DEPOT REPAIRS/MAINT	.00	.00	600.00	600.00	.00	.00
TOTAL DEPOT	.00	.00	600.00	600.00	.00	.00

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VILLAGE OF WAUNAKEE  
BALANCE SHEET  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

LIBRARY SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

ASSETS

220-11110	COMMINGLED CASH	138,389.91	
220-11801	CASH ON HAND	175.00	
	TOTAL ASSETS		138,564.91

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

FUND EQUITY

220-34300	FUND BALANCE	124,317.37	
	BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	124,317.37	
	REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES - YTD	14,247.54	
	TOTAL FUND EQUITY		138,564.91
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		138,564.91

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# WAUNAKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

October 2024

	2024			2023		% Change	% Change	YTD
	October	Prev Month	Yr-to-date	October	Yr-to-date	Prev Month	Prev Year	% Change
# of Days Library was open	31	28	282	31	284	10.7%	N/A	N/A
<b>CIRCULATION</b>								
Physical circulation	22,767	22,765	239,725	24,245	243,226	0.0%	-6.1%	-1.4%
Digital circulation	5,196	5,133	51,353	5,182	44,178	1.2%	0.3%	16.2%
Library Total	27,963	27,898	291,078	29,427	287,404	0.2%	-5.0%	1.3%
Per Day library was open	902	996	1,032	949	1,012	-9.5%	-5.0%	2.0%
Average of Deforest, Monona and Verona	26,025	25,468	272,604	26,142	272,162	2.2%	-0.4%	0.2%
<b>By Category</b>								
Books								
Juvenile Fiction	3,221	3,234	34,967	3,506	33,721	-0.4%	-8.1%	3.7%
Juvenile Non-Fiction	1,572	1,352	15,738	1,648	16,210	16.3%	-4.6%	-2.9%
Easy Readers	1,660	1,765	18,304	1,807	18,413	-5.9%	-8.1%	-0.6%
Picture books	4,883	4,612	47,709	5,388	50,533	5.9%	-9.4%	-5.6%
Total Juvenile	11,336	10,963	116,718	12,349	118,877	3.4%	-8.2%	-1.8%
Young Adult	663	690	7,715	736	7,606	-3.9%	-9.9%	1.4%
Adult Fiction	3,312	3,387	33,259	3,198	32,082	-2.2%	3.6%	3.7%
Adult non-Fiction	2,152	2,207	23,810	2,227	23,469	-2.5%	-3.4%	1.5%
Large print	966	904	9,025	824	8,947	6.9%	17.2%	0.9%
Total Adult	6,430	6,498	66,094	6,249	64,498	-1.0%	2.9%	2.5%
Magazines	402	471	4,360	420	4,146	-14.6%	-4.3%	5.2%
Audio	719	808	8,469	816	8,961	-11.0%	-11.9%	-5.5%
DVD and Blu-ray	2,139	2,220	24,347	2,416	25,993	-3.6%	-11.5%	-6.3%
Software and video games	136	122	1,618	154	1,447	11.5%	-11.7%	11.8%
Kits	844	919	9,264	1,004	10,714	-8.2%	-15.9%	-13.5%
Electric Resources	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
E-reader, laptops, equipment	53	53	709	58	631	0.0%	-8.6%	12.4%
E-books	5,196	5,133	51,353	5,182	44,178	1.2%	0.3%	16.2%
% of total circulation	18.6%	18.4%	17.6%	17.6%	15.4%	1.0%	5.5%	N/A
<b>PROGRAMS</b>								
Children								
Number	43	32	372	42	347	34.4%	2.4%	7.2%
Attendance	1,475	856	13,981	1,315	11,868	72.3%	12.2%	17.8%
Young adult								
Number	7	6	60	6	55	16.7%	16.7%	9.1%
Attendance	60	37	541	28	440	62.2%	114.3%	23.0%
Adult								
Number	24	20	204	22	152	20.0%	9.1%	34.2%
Attendance	305	150	3,506	364	2,260	103.3%	-16.2%	55.1%
<b>NEW PATRONS ADDED</b>	89	83	1,038	92	983	7.2%	-3.3%	5.6%
<b>PUBLIC MEETING ROOM BOOKINGS</b>	35	39	286	34	271	-10.3%	2.9%	5.5%
<b>STUDY ROOM BOOKINGS</b>	683	596	5902	528	4472	14.6%	29.4%	32.0%
<b>PUBLIC PC SESSIONS</b>	417	420	4,278	456	4,421	-0.7%	-8.6%	-3.2%
<b>UNIQUE WIRELESS USERS</b>	1,703	1,568	16,156	2238	21,738	8.6%	-23.9%	-25.7%
<b>CURBSIDE TRANSACTIONS</b>	33	29	307	36	376	13.8%	-8.3%	-18.4%
<b># OF VISITORS TO LIBRARY</b>	14,094	13,113	142,622	12,193	125,882	7.5%	15.6%	13.3%

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**Library Activity Report**  
**Library Director Erick Plumb**  
**November 15, 2024**

**Library Activity in October/November**

The Village Board reviewed the 2025 proposed Operating budget on October 21. They had no questions about the library's budget proposals. The Board will vote to approve the budget at the November 18 meeting. We plan on posting the new Special Events Coordinator position that week.

We were proud to host the national election at the library on November 5. Turnout was strong all day. The Friends of the library group held the bake sale during the morning; it was a smashing success with over \$800 raised. We thank them for putting that together. The day went very well with no snafus and we thank the Village Clerk and her team for once again running a fantastic election.

The village's new facility manager, Jeff Witt, continues to do an amazing job consolidating maintenance services throughout the village. Jeff has found numerous ways and areas that the library can improve its daily maintenance functions. Additionally, our newest hire, Jesse Simms, has been a great addition with a strong work ethic, and he complements our existing crew nicely.

At the November 4 Village Board meeting, the Village Board approved a revised full-time position for a full-time building maintenance supervisor who will be based at the library and work under Jeff Witt. This position replaces Jeff Curwick's position at the library. The position has already been posted. Additionally, the public works department is revising one of their positions in the 2025 budget as a dedicated arborist. This new position will benefit the library greatly as we have struggled to keep our trees and plants looking good and healthy.

We hired two new Library Assistants! Marlys Carr joins our Youth Services department and Maddy Werschem joins us on the adult services side. Marlys is a voracious reader and will be joining us as our primary Sunday anchor in the Children's Room. Maddy works at the Sun Prairie Public Library so is no stranger to our system and to working with area patrons. We're delighted to have them join us!

**Youth Services Report by Brittany Gitzlaff**

October was a busy month! We began with another Village of Waunakee scavenger hunt with the Village Center. The warm weather worked in our favor, and we had nearly 150 people participate. Laura hosted another popular Teen Late Night event, and allowed the teens to color on a wall that was due for an upgrade the next week. We participated in the Trunk-or-Treat event with Create Waunakee, and had a blast as always. The kids from Prairie Elementary visited all month long, and enjoyed checking out books, and participating in a poll about what kind of reading preferences they each have. The biggest event of the month was the Día de los Muertos celebration with the Midwest Mujeres group and the Waunakee Library Latina Ambassadors. Caitlin worked extremely hard to make this happen, and we



were blown away to have 194 community members show up and celebrate. We are also excited to have Marlys Carr join the library and the Youth Services team. She will be working evenings and every Sunday, and is a big reader and loves working with kids.

### **Adult Services & Community Engagement Report by Amy Sampson**

In October, I was on vacation for the first two weeks. After returning, I continued preparing for the two bigger programs of the month, the Caregiver Resource Fair and Celebracion del Dia de los Muertos. Unfortunately, the Caregiver Resource fair had low attendance, but we had a great turnout for the Day of the Dead celebration! I have created a Spanish-language library programs and materials survey we will be promoting November/December.

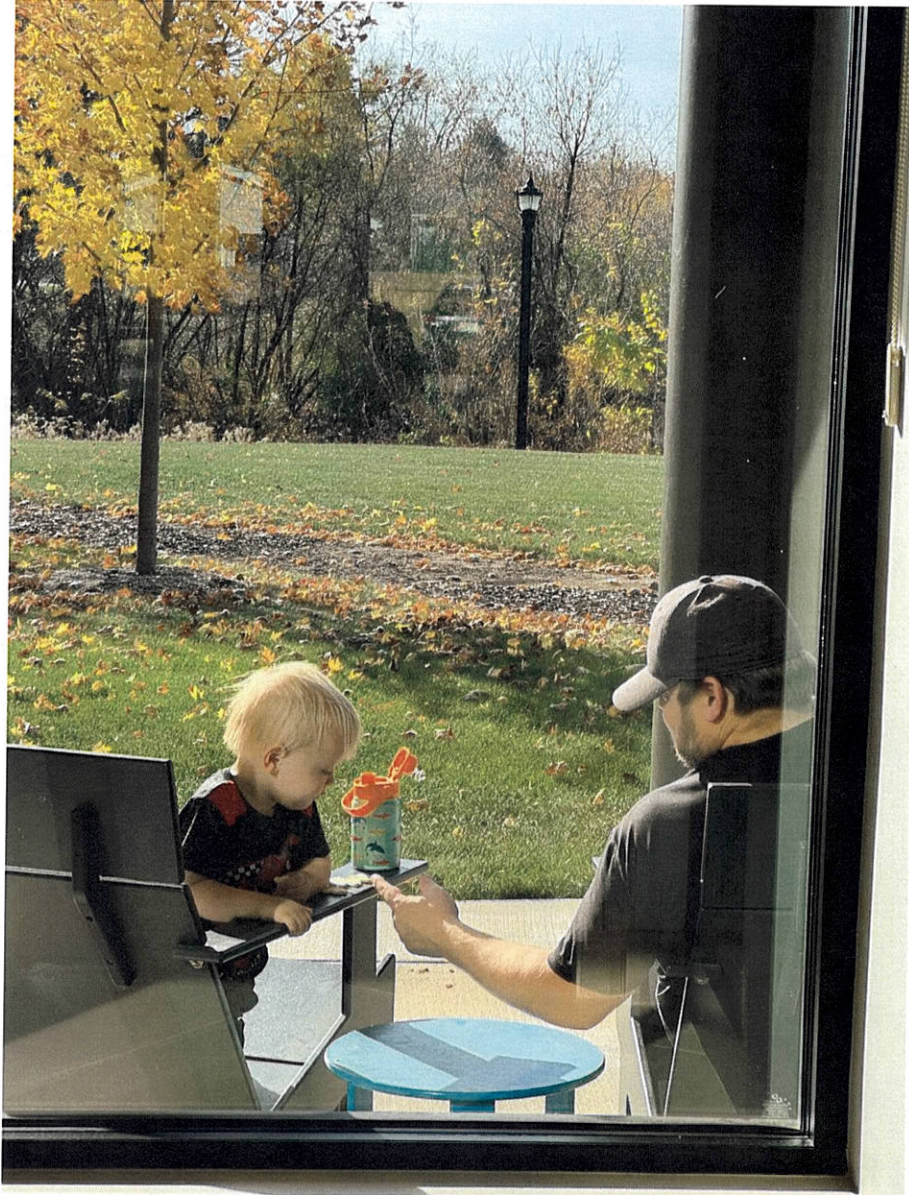
I started scheduling programs into 2025. I met with Literacy Network for a mid-semester check in of our English classes, and met with WNC to discuss offering workforce development programs in both English and Spanish. I worked with Jeff Witt to set up new procedures for Building Supervisors to handle Community Hall set-ups now that Jeff Curwick is gone. I am currently taking an online CE course in AI and Libraries from the UW-Madison iSchool.

### **Random happy image of the month:**

Bilingual Celebracion del Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) on October 26



Bonus random image of the month:



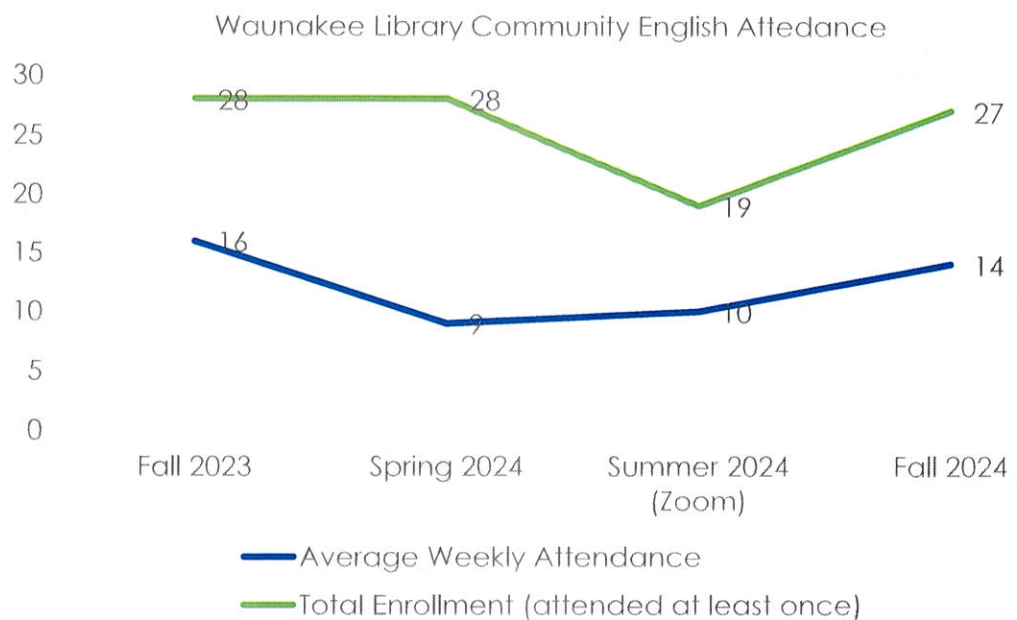


## WAUNAKEE LIBRARY COMMUNITY ENGLISH: FALL 2024 UPDATE

10/29/24

### PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- 27 students enrolled (participated at least once)
  - 4 students returned from a previous semester
- Average of 14 students attending each week
- Students have practiced introductions, expressing likes and dislikes, workplace communication, applying for a job, and visiting the doctor's office.



### ABOUT THE LEARNERS

- Students are from 6 different home countries: Colombia, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Ukraine, and Venezuela.
- 75% of students are women.
- 7 students are parents of children under 18.
- Students are between 27 and 61 years old.
- 100% of students are low income (< 250% FPL)

### LOOKING AHEAD

- Literacy Network's 2025 semester dates:
  - Spring 2025: January 21<sup>st</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Summer 2025: May 27<sup>th</sup> – August 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Fall 2025: September 15<sup>th</sup> – December 13<sup>th</sup>

DRAFT DONOR LETTER

November 20, 2024

Season's Greetings to our *Engaging Minds, Connecting Community Campaign* supporters,

On August 1, we celebrated five years of service at the new Library at 201 North Madison St. As we have noted in past years, and in the attached highlight sheet, we have seen extraordinary growth at WPL in those years. Library visits have surged, and the variety of programs offered to our community has expanded significantly. We're particularly proud of the role our library's event spaces have played in strengthening local connections, as we notched our 1,000 non-library event hosted in our first five years—from civic meetings to celebrations, business events to educational workshops.

We've also been investing in the quality of the resources that make the library a welcoming, evolving space. This year, we allocated \$6,000 towards new study room furniture thanks to donations from you. As our building continues to experience heavy use, we recognize the need for ongoing reinvestment to keep our library a vibrant, adaptable space that meets the needs of all.

At a time when our community, like so many others, is facing turbulence and division, the library has remained a safe and inclusive space for all. It's a place where connections are made, ideas are exchanged, and individuals from all backgrounds can come together. Our monthly Saturday Socials bring community members together. Our Teen Advisory Board has set a record for participation. Our ongoing partnerships with Waunakee Neighborhood Connection and the Literacy Network to provide ESL classes is especially meaningful, as we work to welcome and support our newest non-English-speaking residents. This Fall, we welcome 27 ESL students from six countries, ranging from Ukraine to Colombia. In an increasingly diverse and complex world, fostering community-building is more important than ever, and we're proud that the library can play such an essential role.

Thank you for being an integral part of our success. We look forward to our continued partnership as we work together to build an even stronger, more connected community.

Sincerely,

Erick Plumb  
Library Director

Cathy Sheffield  
Library Board President

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# 2024 AT THE WAUNAKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

## A PLACE FOR COMMUNITY

- In January, we partnered with the Waunakee IDEA for our second MLK Day at the library, including a talk by NAACP Youth Commandos Rev. Joseph Baring and Fred Reed to talk about their role in Milwaukee's Open Housing Marches in 1967-8.
- September started our 4th semester of English Classes offered by Literacy Network, in partnership with Waunakee Neighborhood Connection. So far, we have had 102 learners attend these classes!
- Teen and Preteen programs have seen a 23% increase in attendance this year, including a record number of students participating in The Teen Advisory Council of Students (TACOS)!
- 14-year-old Harlow M's design was chosen by the community to appear on limited edition library cards to celebrate the 5th anniversary of our new building!



## EXPANDING ACCESS

- The Library Book Bike continued to bring library materials out into the community at the Farmers Market, Play in Your Park events, and more!
- Each month, we have started appointing an honorary Kid Librarian who will curate their own shelf of books for display all month long.
- Spanish-language collections in the adult, teen, and children sections have been expanded and updated to reflect the growing needs of our community!



November 2024

# Waunakee Public Library

## Book Clubs

### Adult Programs

\* = Registration Required

#### 11/2 Saturday Social

9:00am | Den

Get to know your neighbors at our Saturday Social! There will be complimentary coffee and donuts to enjoy while catching up with old and new friends.

#### 11/6 and 11/20 A Good Yarn

10:00am | Living Room

Bring your current knitting/crochet project for a social hour with a group of like-minded fiber friends!

#### 11/7 and 11/21 Yoga for Beginners

10:00am | Community Hall

This class is a gentle yoga class for all ages, and all levels, no registration required.

#### 11/7 Writer's Group

1:00pm | Board Room

Are you looking for a way to connect with other local authors and writers? Join the Writer's Group!

#### 11/7 A Navajo Investigator's Search for the Unexplained\*

6:00pm | Virtual

Hear from Navajo Ranger Stanley Milford, Jr. as he chats about the chilling and clear-eyed memoir of his investigations into bizarre cases of the paranormal and the unexplained in Navajoland.

#### 11/7 Warm and Cozy Soup\*

6:00pm | Community Hall

Laura Eyler, personal chef and owner of Thyme Savor Cuisine, will share recipes for hearty soup sure to warm you up.

#### 11/9 Sobre la migración infantil desde Centroamérica (en español)\*

1:00pm | Virtual

Sintoniza una conversación especial con el autor más vendido del New York Times Javier Zamora mientras conversa con nosotros sobre su fascinante historia de supervivencia y perseverancia, tal como se cuenta en sus memorias premiadas *Solito*.

#### 11/12 Still Alice Movie & Discussion

1:00pm | Community Hall

Join Ellen from the ADRC as we watch *Still Alice* and discuss afterwards.

#### Wednesday Night Page Turners

11/13 | 6:30pm | Overlook

*West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge



#### Books in the Overlook

11/19 | 6:30pm | Overlook

*Long Bright River* by Liz Moore



#### 11/14 Good Morning Games

9:00am | Community Hall

Join us for an adult game group where we play Mahjong (Filipino style)! Don't know how to play? We are happy to teach!

#### 11/14 On Childhood Migration from Central America (in English)\*

3:00pm | Virtual

Tune in for a special conversation with New York Times bestselling author Javier Zamora as he chats with us about his riveting tale of survival and perseverance as told in his award-winning memoir *Solito*.

#### 11/18 and 11/25 Sustainable Studio\*

6:00pm | Community Hall

Learn to make a crochet basket! Basic knowledge of crocheting is necessary for this class. Must attend both sessions.

#### 11/20 Native Rights and Culture in Fiction\*

6:00pm | Virtual

Join us as Mona Susan Power chats about her newest novel *A Council of Dolls*. This conversation highlights how her work explores Native Rights and Native American culture, in particular using an important symbol that anchors comfort and companionship in Native life: dolls.

#### 11/23 Friends of the Library Holiday Craft Fair

9:00am - 3:00pm | Waunakee Intermediate School

The Friends of the Waunakee Library present the Annual Holiday Craft Fair, Book Sale (back for 2024!), Bake Sale, and Container Raffle! Handmade items including textiles, Christmas tree ornaments & wreaths, specialty foods, art, centerpieces, home decor, doll clothes, candles, soaps, cards, embroidered sweaters, quilted items, and much more! All proceeds benefit Waunakee Public Library.



# November 2024 Waunakee Public Library

## Kids Programs

\* = Registration Required

### 11/1 Kids Dance Party

9:45am | Storytime room

Come shimmy, shake, and dance up a storm to all of our favorite songs! All ages.

### 11/4 Pokemon Club

3:30pm | Storytime room

Join fellow Pokémon players and fans to enjoy all things Pokémon. Grades K-4.

### 11/6 LEGO League

3:30pm | Storytime room

Come join us to build your own creation or participate in the monthly LEGO building challenge. Grades K-4.

### 11/12 My First Book Club\*

3:30pm | Storytime room

Join us as we snack and read longer picture books, early readers and chapter books together. Grades K-2.

### 11/13 STEAM Break\*

3:30pm | Storytime room

Join us in building, experimenting and creating. Experiments and activities relate to all things STEAM (Science, Tech, Engineering, Art and Math). Grades K-4.

### 11/16 and 11/30 The Young and the Restless

10:00am | Community Hall

Get your wiggles out with! This program is an opportunity for kids to be active, develop motor skills, and make new friends. Ages 0-5.

### 11/20 Kids Club\*

3:30pm | Storytime room

Join us for a club just for kids! Each month features a different activity, craft, and brain break! Grades K-3.

### 11/21 PAWS to Read\*

4:00pm | Storytime room

Read a story with Dalton and Flik, certified Pet Partners Therapy Dogs & Read With Me Program Dogs! Grades K-4.

### 11/21 and 11/22 Escape Room: Escape the Sea Monster\*

11/21 at 5:30pm, 11/22 at 3:30 & 4:45pm | Storytime room

Bring your clue-finding and puzzle-solving skills to make your way through an escape room!

### 11/23 Storycrafters

10:00am | Storytime room

Join us for a story, song, and craft! This program is recommended for all ages and their caregiver.

### 11/25 Maker Monday\*

3:30pm | Storytime room

This class is open to all kids who love art & want some more hands-on time to develop their skills and experiment with different techniques & materials. Grades 1-4.

### 11/27 Open Art Studio

3:30pm | Storytime room

Children will be able to explore and create using a variety of different art mediums and materials. Grades K-4.

## Storytimes

### Baby Time

WEDNESDAY 9:45AM | 11/6, 11/13, 11/20

Share some stories, rhymes, and lap songs, followed by play time for babies and chat time for caregivers! Ages 0-1.

### Preschool Storytime

TUESDAY 9:45AM | 11/5, 11/12, 11/19

WEDNESDAY 10:45AM | 11/6, 11/13, 11/20

Fun for preschoolers and caregivers who are getting ready for the school experience. Ages 3-5.

### Tiny Tots

TUESDAY 10:45AM | 11/5, 11/12, 11/19

THURSDAY 9:45AM | 11/7, 11/14, 11/21

Tiny Tots is an active 20 minute program of simple stories, rhymes, and songs. Ages 1-3.

### Jammie Jams

MONDAY 6:30PM | 11/4, 11/11, 11/18

Wear your coziest pajamas and join us for an evening storytime! We'll share stories, rhymes & activities! All ages.

### Little Bodies Big Feelings Storytime

FRIDAY 9:45AM 11/8

Come play, sing, and read with us about our emotions and healthy ways to address them! All ages.

### All Ages Storytime

FRIDAY 9:45AM | 11/15

Come join the professionals of CI Pediatric Therapy for books & activities! All ages.

### Bilingual Storytime/Hora del Cuento Bilingüe

SATURDAY 9:45AM | 11/2

FRIDAY 9:45AM | 11/22

Join the fun of developing Spanish/English language skills with Bilingual storytime! All ages.

## Teen Programs

### 11/6 Preteen Book Club

6:30pm | Living Room

Reading *Hide and Don't Seek* by Anica Mrose Rissi. Grades 5-8.

### 11/14 Teen Book Club

6:30pm | Living Room

Reading *All These Bodies* by Kendare Blake. Grades 8+.

### 11/8 or 11/9 TACOS

11/8 at 4:00pm, 11/9 at 2:00pm | Board Room

TACOS members, it's our monthly meeting! If you're not sure which meeting to go to, please contact Laura.

### 11/19 Anime Club

4:30pm | Storytime Room

We'll watch anime and do some anime-related activities! Grades 5-12, permission slip required.

### 11/21 Teen Escape Room: Escape the Sea Monster\*

6:45pm | Storytime room

Bring your clue-finding and puzzle-solving skills to make your way through an escape room! Grades 5-12.

### 11/26 Crafternoon: Pocket Pals

4:30pm | Storytime Room

we're making tiny creatures and their habitats! Your felt pocket pal will fit inside a little metal tin, so that you can always keep them close. Grades 5-12.