



LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

**Waunakee Public Library Board Room
Friday, July 18, 2025, 7:45 AM**

- I. Call to order**
- II. Roll call: Annie Ballweg, Jean Elvekrog, Melissa Hill, Leah Huibregtse, Sam Kaufmann, Carolina Quintana-Kuether, Cathy Sheffield, Library Director Erick Plumb.**
- III. Public Comment**
- IV. Consent agenda**
 - A. Approve May 23, 2025 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. Nomination and Election of Library Board officers for 2025-26**
 - B. Discussion of 2026 Library Budget goals and priorities**
 - C. Preview of new WPL website**
 - D. Discussion of 2025-26 goal setting for Library and Library Director**
- VIII. Adjourn**

Next Library Board meeting: Friday, August 15, 2025 @ 7:45 AM in the Board Room, Waunakee Public Library

Notice is hereby given that members of 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, May 23, 2025 - 7:45AM

201 N. Madison Street, Conference Room

- I. **Call to order:** Cathy Sheffield called the meeting to order at 7:47 AM
- II. **Roll Call:**
 - A. **Roll call:** Present: Jean Elvekrog, Melissa Hill, Leah, Huibregtse, Sam Kaufmann, Annie Ballweg, Cathy Sheffield, and Library Director Erick Plumb. Absent: Carolina Quintana-Kuether
 - B. **Guests:** Kathy Grosskopf
- III. **Public Comment** No public comment
- IV. **Introductions of Library board members** Official welcome of Leah Huibregtse.
- V. **Proclamation of Appreciation for Kathy Grosskopf** The board thanked Kathy for her 9 years of service and presented her with a certificate of appreciation. Trustees were asked to consider volunteering to fill her position as Secretary.
- VI. **Approval of the consent agenda** Jean moved to approve. Annie seconded. Passed.
- VII. **Director's Report** SCLS is officially transitioning to a new ILS, Symphony, in the 1st or 2nd quarter of 2026. Work continues on our new website; Trustees may get a preview in June. April study room use broke previous monthly record by over 100 rentals. 5/2 staff training was successful. Reviewed working with customers with dementia and library law/interactions with law enforcement. Summer reading begins 6/1, theme is "Color Our World." Summer hours have begun.
- VIII. **Old Business**
 - A. **Friends of the Library Update** Friends will co-sponsor a program on The Anxious Generation with WCSO in fall 2025.
 - B. **Discuss and approve revised Library Code of Conduct Policy** Policy has been reviewed by the Village attorney. Sam made a motion to approve. Melissa seconded. Passed.
- IX. **New Business**
 - A. **Discuss and possibly approve revised Community Hall Usage Policy** Discussed refund policy and adjusted it to provide a 50% refund for cancellations made 2-4 weeks prior to an event. Will revisit the section regarding fundraisers in the future. Annie made a motion to approve. Jean seconded. Passed.
- X. **Adjourn** Sam made a motion to adjourn. Cathy seconded. Passed. Cathy adjourned the meeting at 8:20 AM

Library Board Meeting: Friday, July 18, 2025 at 7:45 AM

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Sheffield, Trustee



June 2024

Account	Vender	Amount
<u>100-551400-210 Outside services</u>		
	Total	0.00
<u>100-551400-219 Automation levy</u>	SCLS	0.00
	Total	0.00
	Total	0.00
<u>100-551400-290 Leased items</u>	Gordon Flesch	423.98
		0.00
	Total	423.98
<u>100-551400-292 Maintenance contracts</u>	SCLS	0.00
	Fearing's	0.00
		0.00
	Total	0.00
<u>100-551400-311 Postage</u>	Post Office	17.46
	UPS Store	0.00
	Total	17.46
<u>100-551400-320 Publications, subscriptions and dues</u>	Wall Street Journal	194.97
	ALA	325.00
	National Notary Association	178.00
	WLA	0.00
	Total	697.97
<u>100-551400-330 Travel and training</u>	SCLS	0.00
	UW- Madison	0.00
	WLA	0.00
	Dunkin	0.00
	Total	0.00
<u>100-551400-340 Programs</u>	Pig	48.06
	Dunkin	27.98
	Amazon	369.01
	Dollar Tree	12.50
	Menards	0.00
	Rashmi Sharma	0.00
	Culvers	25.00
	School Life	305.30
	Costco	134.86
	Intuit Mailchimp	0.00
	Breakout	101.97
	Havens petting farm	1,304.16
	Jamie Statz-Paynter	0.00
	American Button Machines	73.26
	Tania Tandias	600.00
	Ace Hardware	0.00
	Sticker Junkie	354.00

<u>100-551400-341 Equipment</u>	Total	3,356.10
	Minuteman Press	0.00
	Amazon	0.00
	Nassco	0.00
	Laird Plastics	0.00
	SCLS	0.00
	Total	0.00
<u>100-551400-350 Repairs and maint</u>		
<u>100-551400-380 Adult books</u>	Total	0.00
	Amazon	498.54
	Baker and Taylor	4,624.66
	Barnes and Noble	0.00
	Dane County Library Service	0.00
	Total	5,123.20
<u>100-551400-381 Juvenile books</u>		
	Amazon	173.15
	Baker and Taylor	2,448.33
	Penworthy	0.00
	The Dot Central	0.00
	Total	2,621.48
<u>100-551400-383 Serial subscriptions</u>		
	Rivistas	0.00
<u>100-551400-384 - Digital Materials & Computer Software</u>	Total	0.00
	EBSCO	1,800.00
	Kanopy	104.50
	T- mobile - Hotspots	123.20
	Verizon -Hotspots	182.00
	Slack	163.70
	Total	2,373.40
<u>100-551400-385 Kit supplies</u>		
	Amazon	331.07
	Minuteman Press	0.00
	Target	0.00
	Walmart	0.00
	Genesis Graphics	0.00
	Wall Monkeys	0.00
	Total	331.07
<u>100-551400-386 Audio materials</u>		
	Blackstone Publishing	706.05
	Midwest Tape	195.90
	Amazon	0.00
	Findaway/Playaway	0.00
	Total	901.95
<u>100-551400-387 Videos</u>		
	Amazon	461.05
	Midwest Tape	46.48
	Debbie Howard	0.00
	Greta Productions	0.00
	Total	507.53
<u>100-551400-390 Other</u>		
	Amazon	347.26
	Office Depot	0.00
	SCLS	0.00
	Walmart	118.80
	Thermal Paper Direct	172.80
	Demco	302.91

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	The Library Store	145.95
	Uline	220.91
<u>100-551400-391 Personnel</u>	Total	1,308.63
	Total	0.00
<u>100-551400-392 Public relations</u>		
	Minuteman Press	76.46
	Canva	299.63
	Mail Chimp	106.84
	Sticker Junkie	139.92
	Total	622.85
<u>100-551401-210 Building serices</u>		
	The Electricians	0.00
	Midwest Alarm	0.00
	Otis Elevator Company	0.00
	Bruce Company	0.00
	JF Ahern	0.00
	CJ's Lawn & Snow	432.00
	Total	432.00
<u>100-551401-350 Repairs/Maintenance</u>		
	Nassco	0.00
	Kraemer Air Filter Corp	0.00
	Menards	0.00
	Ace Hardware	0.00
	Amazon	0.00
	Schilling Supply Company	0.00
	Qual Line Fence	0.00
	The Electricians	0.00
	USA Clean	0.00
	Wana Bike Shop	0.00
	Total	0.00
<u>220 fund</u>		
	Demco	0.00
	Waunakee Chamber of Commerce	0.00
	Tee Public	0.00
	Total	0.00
	Month Total	18,717.62

VILLAGE OF WAUNAKEE
EXPENDITURES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET
FOR THE 6 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

GENERAL FUND

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET AMOUNT	VARIANCE	% OF BUDGET	PRIOR YEAR
<u>LIBRARY OPERATIONS</u>						
100-551400-110 LIBRARY FULL TIME	34,342.37	222,847.83	440,455.00	217,607.17	50.59	242,249.20
100-551400-120 LIBRARY PART TIME	33,352.10	215,612.02	439,106.00	223,493.98	49.10	182,064.04
100-551400-121 LIBRARY OVERTIME	.00	83.04	.00	(83.04)	.00	.00
100-551400-130 LIBRARY FICA	4,876.75	32,200.64	67,290.00	35,089.36	47.85	30,951.82
100-551400-131 LIBRARY RETIREMENT	3,396.38	22,218.78	44,560.00	22,341.22	49.86	21,458.33
100-551400-132 LIBRARY HEALTH	13,082.06	91,574.43	173,958.00	82,383.57	52.64	89,503.26
100-551400-133 LIBRARY LIFE	115.82	610.42	831.00	220.58	73.46	499.91
100-551400-134 LIBRARY DENTAL	.00	.00	9,182.00	9,182.00	.00	5,328.47
100-551400-210 LIBRARY OUTSIDE SERVICES	.00	2,626.00	1,296.00	(1,330.00)	202.62	327.00
100-551400-219 LIBRARY AUTOMATION LEVY	.00	71,386.00	71,386.00	.00	100.00	72,018.00
100-551400-225 LIBRARY COMMUNICATIONS	767.09	3,834.34	9,120.00	5,285.66	42.04	3,718.09
100-551400-290 LIBRARY LEASED ITEMS	.00	3,226.60	9,298.80	6,072.20	34.70	3,047.53
100-551400-292 LIBRARY MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	.00	6,341.18	2,477.00	(3,864.18)	256.00	2,107.40
100-551400-311 LIBRARY POSTAGE	23.42	587.57	1,800.00	1,212.43	32.64	819.35
100-551400-320 LIBRARY PUBS/SUBS/DUES	178.00	(3,255.63)	3,114.00	6,369.63	104.55-	5,092.89
100-551400-330 LIBRARY TRAVEL/TRAINING	.00	538.50	3,500.00	2,961.50	15.39	929.08
100-551400-340 LIBRARY PROGRAMS	2,211.89	13,029.40	40,000.00	26,970.60	32.57	19,409.45
100-551400-341 LIBRARY EQUIPMENT	1,330.00	2,178.34	9,000.00	6,821.66	24.20	3,378.51
100-551400-380 LIBRARY ADULT BOOKS	5,344.21	24,544.32	52,500.00	27,955.68	46.75	17,071.12
100-551400-381 LIBRARY JUVENILE BOOKS	779.25	8,083.57	29,500.00	21,416.43	27.40	12,843.41
100-551400-383 LIBRARY SERIAL SUBSCRIPTIONS	.00	297.30	8,717.00	8,419.70	3.41	183.19
100-551400-384 LIBRARY COMPUTER SOFTWARE	2,375.95	21,023.26	23,302.00	2,278.74	90.22	13,745.71
100-551400-385 LIBRARY KIT SUPPLIES	142.04	2,245.66	4,500.00	2,254.34	49.90	2,238.47
100-551400-386 LIBRARY AUDIO MATERIALS	722.30	1,918.42	9,500.00	7,581.58	20.19	6,129.36
100-551400-387 LIBRARY VIDEOS	314.17	3,125.16	8,000.00	4,874.84	39.06	3,875.24
100-551400-390 LIBRARY OTHER	722.47	5,456.28	16,000.00	10,543.72	34.10	4,885.05
100-551400-392 LIBRARY PUBLIC RELATIONS	269.92	1,443.58	6,000.00	4,556.42	24.06	1,596.47
TOTAL LIBRARY OPERATIONS	104,346.19	753,777.01	1,484,392.80	730,615.79	50.78	745,470.35

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VILLAGE OF WAUNAKEE
EXPENDITURES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET
FOR THE 6 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

GENERAL FUND

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET AMOUNT	VARIANCE	% OF BUDGET	PRIOR YEAR
<u>LIBRARY BUILDING</u>						
100-551401-110 LIBRARY BLDG FULL TIME	.00	242.20	54,781.00	54,538.80	.44	32,911.55
100-551401-120 LIBRARY BLDG PART-TIME	2,722.32	17,920.87	31,025.00	13,104.13	57.76	13,243.02
100-551401-121 LIBRARY BLDG OVERTIME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	1,457.46
100-551401-130 LIBRARY BLDG FICA	208.26	1,416.98	6,564.00	5,147.02	21.59	3,575.43
100-551401-131 LIBRARY BLDG RETIREMENT	.00	16.83	3,807.00	3,790.17	.44	2,371.46
100-551401-132 LIBRARY BLDG HEALTH	.00	105.51	23,559.00	23,453.49	.45	11,766.89
100-551401-133 LIBRARY BLDG LIFE	.00	3.22	85.00	81.78	3.79	39.51
100-551401-134 LIBRARY BLDG DENTAL	.00	.00	2,128.00	2,128.00	.00	1,155.55
100-551401-210 LIBRARY BLDG SERVICES	831.00	7,456.14	29,903.00	22,446.86	24.93	6,430.04
100-551401-220 LIBRARY BLDG UTILITIES	2,549.37	10,003.27	21,000.00	10,996.73	47.63	9,395.59
100-551401-221 LIBRARY BLDG GAS HEAT	368.94	8,634.26	19,200.00	10,565.74	44.97	5,979.20
100-551401-341 LIBRARY BLDG EQUIPMENT	.00	972.98	1,446.00	473.02	67.29	.00
100-551401-350 LIBRARY BLDG REPAIRS/MAINT	.00	2,426.09	21,000.00	18,573.91	11.55	6,620.87
100-551401-390 LIBRARY BLDG OTHER	729.20	3,438.52	200.00	(3,238.52)	1,719.26	200.00
TOTAL LIBRARY BUILDING	7,409.09	52,636.87	214,698.00	162,061.13	24.52	95,146.57
<u>DEPOT</u>						
100-551410-350 DEPOT REPAIRS/MAINT	71.86	171.44	2,000.00	1,828.56	8.57	.00
100-551410-390 DEPOT OTHER	.00	4.58	.00	(4.58)	.00	.00
TOTAL DEPOT	71.86	176.02	2,000.00	1,823.98	8.80	.00

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VILLAGE OF WAUNAKEE
REVENUES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET
FOR THE 6 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

LIBRARY SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

		PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET AMOUNT	VARIANCE	% OF BUDGET	PRIOR YEAR
	<u>LIBRARY REVENUES</u>						
220-46740011	PUBLIC CHARGES	232.43	2,806.87	4,000.00	(1,193.13)	70.17	1,772.03
220-46740014	PHOTOCOPIES	344.45	2,545.94	4,000.00	(1,454.06)	63.65	2,403.26
220-46740015	ROOM RENTAL	1,933.65	11,336.50	12,500.00	(1,163.50)	90.69	6,753.57
	TOTAL LIBRARY REVENUES	2,510.53	16,689.31	20,500.00	(3,810.69)	81.41	10,928.86
	<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE</u>						
220-48140001	INTEREST INCOME	538.00	3,151.00	.00	3,151.00	.00	3,766.00
220-48540070	DONATIONS	500.00	4,500.00	.00	4,500.00	.00	6,056.00
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	1,038.00	7,651.00	.00	7,651.00	.00	9,822.00
	TOTAL FUND REVENUE	3,548.53	24,340.31	20,500.00	3,840.31	118.73	20,750.86

VILLAGE OF WAUNAKEE
EXPENDITURES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET
FOR THE 6 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

LIBRARY SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET AMOUNT	VARIANCE	% OF BUDGET	PRIOR YEAR
<u>LIBRARY</u>						
220-551400-390 LIBRARY OTHER	.00	21,236.00	500.00	(20,736.00)	4,247.20	11,215.13
TOTAL LIBRARY	.00	21,236.00	500.00	(20,736.00)	4,247.20	11,215.13
TOTAL LEISURE ACTIVITIES	.00	21,236.00	500.00	(20,736.00)	4,247.20	11,215.13
<u>TRANSFERS OUT</u>						
220-592400-900 TRANSFER OUT	.00	5,000.00	.00	(5,000.00)	.00	.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS OUT	.00	5,000.00	.00	(5,000.00)	.00	.00
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES	.00	5,000.00	.00	(5,000.00)	.00	.00
TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES	.00	26,236.00	500.00	(25,736.00)	5,247.20	11,215.13
NET REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURE	3,548.53	(1,895.69)	20,000.00			9,535.73

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VILLAGE OF WAUNAKEE
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2025

LIBRARY SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

ASSETS

220-11110	COMMINGLED CASH	139,325.08	
220-11801	CASH ON HAND	175.00	
	TOTAL ASSETS		139,500.08

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

FUND EQUITY

220-34300	FUND BALANCE	141,395.77	
	BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	141,395.77	
	REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES - YTD	(1,895.69)	
	TOTAL FUND EQUITY		139,500.08
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		139,500.08

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Summary of Fund Activity
Waunakee Library Forever Fund - # 1030243

Fund Statement: 1/1/2025 through 5/31/2025

Beginning Balance	335,755.74
<u>Contributions/Gifts</u>	
Contributions*	485.20
Transfers In	0.00
Total Contributions	485.20
<u>Portfolio Gains (Losses)</u>	
Interest & Dividends	447.78
Unrealized Gain / Loss	9,712.99
Realized Gain / Loss	1,329.38
Investment Expenses	(173.91)
Total Portfolio Gains (Losses)	11,316.24
<u>Grants/Distributions</u>	
Grants/Distributions	0.00
Transfers Out	0.00
MCF Support	(1,410.29)
Total Grants/Distributions	(1,410.29)
Ending Fund Balance	346,146.89
Available to Grant	13,080.80

*Contribution totals include net gift amounts for credit card gifts. Each credit card gift is assessed a merchant processing fee by the donor's credit card company of approximately 4%.

WAUNAKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

June 2025

	2025			2024		% Change	% Change	YTD
	June	Prev Month	Yr-to-date	June	Yr-to-date	Prev Month	Prev Year	% Change
# of Days Library was open	26	29	173	26	170	-10.3%	N/A	N/A
CIRCULATION								
Physical circulation	26,800	22,181	145,866	26,954	139,219	20.8%	-0.6%	4.8%
Digital circulation	5,910	5,703	34,713	4,929	30,632	3.6%	19.9%	13.3%
Library Total	32,710	27,884	180,579	31,883	169,851	17.3%	2.6%	6.3%
Per Day library was open	1,258	962	1,044	1,226	999	30.8%	2.6%	4.5%
Average of Deforest, Monona and Verona	32,293	25,418	163,728	30,582	158,740	27.0%	5.6%	3.1%
By Category								
Books								
Juvenile Fiction	4,378	3,223	20,866	4,491	19,842	35.8%	-2.5%	5.2%
Juvenile Non-Fiction	1,771	1,532	10,103	1,725	9,401	15.6%	2.7%	7.5%
Easy Readers	2,477	1,665	11,289	2,293	10,494	48.8%	8.0%	7.6%
Picture books	5,131	4,185	29,190	5,262	27,516	22.6%	-2.5%	6.1%
Total Juvenile	13,757	10,605	71,448	13,771	67,253	29.7%	-0.1%	6.2%
Young Adult	997	650	4,494	1,033	4,624	53.4%	-3.5%	-2.8%
Adult Fiction	3,638	3,257	20,370	3,511	18,971	11.7%	3.6%	7.4%
Adult non-Fiction	2,228	2,257	14,552	2,258	14,457	-1.3%	-1.3%	0.7%
Large print	1,079	986	5,959	852	5,064	9.4%	26.6%	17.7%
Total Adult	6,945	6,500	40,881	6,621	38,492	6.8%	4.9%	6.2%
Magazines	411	586	2,895	503	2,430	-29.9%	-18.3%	19.1%
Audio	876	709	4,859	975	5,020	23.6%	-10.2%	-3.2%
DVD and Blu-ray	2,194	1,978	13,194	2,609	14,399	10.9%	-15.9%	-8.4%
Software and video games	209	206	1,325	174	1,023	1.5%	20.1%	29.5%
Kits	1,291	826	5,978	1,153	5,266	56.3%	12.0%	13.5%
Electric Resources	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
E-reader, laptops, equipment	84	59	434	81	432	42.4%	3.7%	0.5%
E-books	5,910	5,703	34,713	4,929	30,632	3.6%	19.9%	13.3%
% of total circulation	18.1%	20.5%	19.2%	15.5%	18.0%	-11.7%	16.9%	N/A
PROGRAMS								
Children								
Number	39	18	219	46	231	116.7%	-15.2%	-5.2%
Attendance	2,364	488	8,139	2,553	8,182	384.4%	-7.4%	-0.5%
Young adult								
Number	7	7	48	7	36	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%
Attendance	69	52	298	89	240	32.7%	-22.5%	24.2%
Adult								
Number	19	20	136	28	126	-5.0%	-32.1%	7.9%
Attendance	235	247	1,791	393	2,073	-4.9%	-40.2%	-13.6%
NEW PATRONS ADDED	100	82	592	135	627	22.0%	-25.9%	-5.6%
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM BOOKINGS	29	27	182	19	160	7.4%	52.6%	13.8%
STUDY ROOM BOOKINGS	617	754	4081	541	3304	-18.2%	14.0%	23.5%
PUBLIC PC SESSIONS	503	470	2,655	486	2,461	7.0%	3.5%	7.9%
UNIQUE WIRELESS USERS	1,896	1,841	10,669	1,549	9,723	3.0%	22.4%	9.7%
CURBSIDE TRANSACTIONS	24	27	187	21	202	-11.1%	14.3%	-7.4%
# OF VISITORS TO LIBRARY	16,053	13,462	85,245	15,355	82,139	19.2%	4.5%	3.8%

Waunakee Public Library Activity Report
Library Director Erick Plumb
July 18, 2025

Library Activity in June/July

- We are in the thick of the Summer Reading Program. Due to Sun Prairie Library's closure for much of June, we saw plenty of new faces along with all our regular users. Thus far, it's been a very gratifyingly busy – and very loud – summer.
- In recent weeks, I met with all 28 library employees individually for my annual Check-In with the Director, and I'm pleased to report that you have a very happy, albeit busy, library staff! Check-ins focused on internal communication, continuing education opportunities, workflow matters, and the working environment in the staff room.
- We are still set for our new library website to launch on August 19. Staff have begun training on how to work on the site. We are thrilled to move forward with this, as our current site is... lacking, to be charitable.
- I'm beginning to prepare for the 2026 budget, due to the Finance Department on July 25. One new service we have contracted to offer is full access to the online *New York Times* and its various features, such as the word games and food sections and the *Athletic* sports section. Our service starts January 1. Additionally, we will be beefing up our budget for our well-circulating video game collection.
- A lawn mower kicked up a rock and shattered a window in the Children's Room in an unfortunate mishap. Jeff Witt is working on replacing the window. The shattered window was a popular children's attraction before storytime the day of the incident.
- The Village is pursuing a grant from the Dane County Office of Energy & Climate Change for the installation of publicly-accessible EV charging sites. This program will pay for the EV charging equipment for 4 spaces per site, with priority for spaces near multi-family or higher density areas. The Village proposal would place four spaces in the Library's south (overflow) lot, near the lot entrance on Cross Street, facing the Madison & Main apartments.

Youth Services Report by Brittany Gitzlaff

In June we began the Summer Reading Program, and had one of our busiest months to date. Our big performers this month were Havens Petting Farm, which brought in over 600 people, followed by two shows by Absolute Science the next week. The book bike made its return, and we joined the Village Center for the Big Rig Gig and Play in Your Park. Storytime numbers have been extremely high, and mornings in the library are, at best, controlled chaos. Teen favorite programs this month were Frankentoys and Cupcake Decorating. Laura also introduced a bonus reading challenge for teens this summer, and that's been a big hit with them. We've given out approximately 900 summer reading necklaces as part of the reading program, which continues to be a favorite aspect of the program for kids.

Adult Services & Community Engagement Report by Amy Sampson

On Sunday June 1st, Andrea worked with local photographer Francesca Colver to get professional photos of the building and library spaces taken. It was a beautiful day that produced beautiful photos! Later that week, Andrea and I met with the maintenance team for a check in on how event set up processes have been working.

Although the summer semester of English classes started at Heritage, we were informed that the space would no longer be available for the summer. After calling around town, Crossroads Church was able to open their space for us during the summer and have been great to work with.

June kicked off our first program with Waunakee Area EMS with a bystander CPR and AED use training session. We had a great response and are working on continuing a quarterly informational series with EMS. We also hosted Mark Moran, antiques appraiser, later in the month for another fascinating program. I continued scheduling other Fall programs like cooking classes, classical guitar, and state parks spotlights. I met with the Dementia Friendly Committee to get ready for the next Caregivers Resource Fair in September. I also started recruiting participants for All Around Town in September.

This month I took an online UW-Madison iSchool CE course on workplace communication.

Random happy image of the month: Some of the amazing creations made by Waunakee teens and tweens in the *Frankentoys* program in June.



July 2025

Waunakee Public Library

Adult Programs

Book Clubs

* = Registration Required

6/1 - 8/14 Adult Summer Reading Program

Pick up your Summer Reading sheet in the library lobby or on our website, read books, do activities, and earn prizes!

7/2, 7/16 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!

7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31 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!

7/3 Writer's Group

1:00pm | Living Room

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

7/10 Sustainable Studio*

6:00pm | Community Hall

Design and embellish your own stamped wooden ornament for display!

7/14 125 Years of Wisconsin State Parks

6:30pm | Community Hall

Take a trip back in time as we explore the 125 year history of the Wisconsin State Park System. Learn about the structure of the park system, the variety of properties included and when they were established. We'll also be talking about present day outdoor recreation opportunities and how the state park system is preparing for the next 125 years!

7/16 The Ride Ahead: Love, Tattoos, and Other Disabled Things*

5:30pm | Community Hall

Join the Waunakee IDEA and Waunakee Public Library in celebrating Disability Pride Month with a viewing of the film *The Ride Ahead: Love, Tattoos, and Other Disabled Things*. About the Film: Samuel Habib is a typical 21-year-old, itching to move out, start a career, and find love. But no one tells you how to be an adult, let alone an adult with a disability. Can a community of disability activists help him follow his dreams? Refreshments provided, please RSVP.



Wednesday Night Page Turners

7/9 | 6:30pm | Overlook

Looking for Alaska by John Green



Books in the Overlook

7/15 | 6:30pm | Overlook

Piranesi by Susanna Clarke

7/23 Noche Flamenca with Tania Tandias Flamenco & Spanish Dance Company

6:30pm | Community Hall

Tania Tandias Flamenco & Spanish Dance presents a performance of fiery dance from southern Spain. Tania Tandias and company member, Augusta Brulla, perform exciting dances highlighting the contagious rhythms of footwork and castanets. Traditional costumes, fans and other props will add color to this evening of Spanish dance!

7/24 Friends of the Library Meeting

6:30pm | Overlook

The Friends work together to strengthen and expand services at the library, purchase materials, equipment and services not readily obtained through the library budget, and contribute to the cultural opportunities of the community. The meeting is open to all - current members and those interested in learning more about the group!

7/31 On the Strangeness and Wonder of Our Brains with Pria Anand*

1:00pm | Virtual

You're invited to a fascinating conversation with neurologist and author Pria Anand to chat about her new book *The Electric Mind: A Neurologist on the Strangeness and Wonder of Our Brains*.

7/31 Adult Escape Room: Escape the Old West*

6:30pm | Storytime Room

Bring your clue-finding and puzzle-solving skills to make your way through an escape room! This escape room is for adults only. Registration required.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can watch on-demand recordings of past author talks with popular authors like Jodi Picoult, Silvia Moreno-Garcia, Smithsonian scientists, and more!

Head to our Library Speakers Consortium portal at <https://libraryc.org/waunakeepubliclibrary>

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Waunakee Public Library

Kids Programs

See website for virtual programs & Book Bike schedule!!

7/2 LEGO League

* = Registration Required

3:30pm | Storytime room

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

7/7 Pokemon Club

3:30pm | Storytime room

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

7/8 Miller & Mike

1:30pm and 3:00pm | Community Hall

This family comedy show includes physical comedy, juggling, audience participation, magic, and other random acts of entertainment! Ages 4+

7/9 STEAM Break*

3:30pm | Storytime room

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

7/11 Melody Sprouts Music Time

Ages 0-4: 9:45am, Ages 4-6: 10:45am | Storytime Room

Come experience the joy of music this week in a preview class that's full of fun, learning, and imagination!

7/14 Make a Mess Monday*

3:30pm | Patio

Let's get messy with science experiments, art projects and anything else that makes a mess! Grades 1-4.

7/15 Circus Cameron: A One-Man Marvel

1:30pm and 3:00pm | Community Hall

Watch as Circus Cameron balances atop wobbling props, performs incredible acrobatics, and juggles clubs as razor-sharp as his wit! Ages 4+

7/16 Kids Club*

3:30pm | Storytime room

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

7/21 Food Feud*

3:30pm | Community Hall

See who reigns supreme in our cookie and candy challenges fit for the Olympics. Grades 1-4.

7/22 James the Magician

1:30pm and 3:00pm | Community Hall

Come see James Ember perform his interactive, comedy magic show! Ages 4+

7/23 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.

7/28 Maker Monday*

3:30pm | Storytime room

For kids who love art & want more hands-on time to try out different techniques & materials. Grades 1-4.

7/30 and 7/31 Escape Room: Escape the Old West*

7/30 - 3:00pm and 4:00pm, 7/31 - 5:30pm | Storytime room

Bring your clue-finding and puzzle-solving skills to make your way through an escape room! For families with school-age children.

Storytimes

Baby Time (Ages 0-1)

WEDNESDAY 9:45AM | 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30

Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-5)

TUESDAY 9:45AM | 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29

WEDNESDAY 10:45AM | 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30

Tiny Tots (Ages 1-3)

TUESDAY 10:45AM | 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29

THURSDAY 9:45AM | 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31

Jammie Jams

MONDAY 6:30PM | 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28

Teen Programs (Grades 5+)

7/3 Crafternoon: Pressed Flower Buttons

2:00pm | Storytime Room

Use the button maker and dried flowers to produce some cool personalized buttons.

7/7 Tie Dye & Water Balloons

2:00pm | Patio

Tie-dye something and then cool off with a water balloon fight!

7/10 Storm Drain Retrieval Challenge

2:00pm | Storytime Room

Can you retrieve items that have fallen below a grate? Test your ingenuity and your building skills!

7/14 Crafternoon: Fantasy Map

2:00pm | Storytime Room

Bring a fantasy world to life! Make your very own map of an imaginary place.

7/17 Messy Art

2:00pm | Storytime Room

We're going to make art AND a mess! (Wear clothes that are okay to get a little paint).

7/18 Late Night Hangout*

6:30pm | Storytime Room

It's time for a late night lock-in at the library. We will have food, movies, video games, crafts, and more!

7/21 Sew a Rainbow Plush*

2:00pm | Storytime Room

Let's start sewing! We're going to make a plush rainbow. No sewing experience necessary.

7/24 Anime Club

2:00pm | Storytime Room

Join us for some anime-related activities!

7/28 Fun and Rec

2:00pm | Community Hall

Are you ready to get moving? We'll play some active games, including some you know, but with a twist - have you ever played Red Light, Green Light with a chicken?

7/30 Teen Escape Room: Escape the Old West*

2:00pm | Storytime Room

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

7/31 Bad Art Exhibit

2:00pm | Storytime Room

Express yourself without worrying if your art is "good"! The worst art will win a terrible trophy!

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