

Carnegie Schadde Memorial Public Library (Baraboo)

Sauk County Library Board Summary

Jamie Menning – Director
11/18/2025

Community Outreach

Collaborated with Pathway Home to assist individuals in finding shelter.
Exploring a partnership for a poverty simulation event in the spring.

Programming Highlights

Fall Piano Duet Concert (75 attendees).
Glow in the Dark Art Party (86 attendees).
Badger Talk: Myths about Autopsy and Death Investigation (54 attendees).
Haunted Portage Author Event (20 attendees).
Bat Week Program with WI DNR (22 attendees).
Outreach visits to local schools and Headstart classrooms.

Upcoming Programs and Public Meetings:

The Public Library Standards Steering Committee will be using the CSMPL Auditorium -
Topham Family Foundation Auditorium.
Monday, November 24, 2025 9:30 am–3:30 pm

Holiday Piano Duet Concert
Friday, Dec 5 • 6:30–8 pm — Zach Ott & Gretchen Roltgen perform seasonal piano duets

Holiday Songs & Carols
Thursday, Dec 11 • 6:30–7:30 pm — Sing along to classics with Katie James (vocals) & Zach Ott (piano); refreshments included

Puzzle Swap Night
Thursday, Dec 18 • 6–7:30 pm — Bring a completed puzzle to exchange

Staff Updates

We will be having Narcan training during our all-staff meeting on Thursday, thanks to the Sauk County Public Health Department.

Resource Library Role

I'm new to the role and excited to figure out how everything works.

Plain Library Sauk County library Report

Library Events

- Pinch Pot Craft Tuesday & Wednesday, July 22 & 23 at 1pm
- Art Adventurers Thursday 24, July 24 at 2pm
- Free family Flicks & Bricks Monday, July 28 at 1pm
- Next library board meeting will be Tuesday, July 28 at 6:30 pm
- Story time will be Tuesday, July 29 at 4:30 and run through August 12.
- String art Craft Wednesday, July 30 at 1pm
- Art Adventures Thursday, July 31 at 2pm
- Summer Library program we have had 25 summer events so far with 474 people in attendance and have 7 adults, 3 teens and 53 kids signed up.

You can watch Meteorologist Alex Harrington's talk on the 1918 Cyclone he presented on May 31(133 attendance) by checking out the library website or Facebook page and clicking on the link.

Yoga Flow Classes- Thanks to the Friends of the Kraemer Library for supporting these classes. By popular demand we will be hosting another round of Yoga Classes starting Monday, July 21 and running every Monday till August 11. For more information contact the library by calling 608-546-4201.

Library Landscaping – the areas surrounding the outside of the library will be undergoing major landscaping during Aug.

Summer library program is ongoing and will run till August 16.

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George Culver Community Library

November 25, 2025

Kylee Bear

Programs & Events:

- We've had great success with offsite storytimes, with two standouts: a Police Station Storytime (partnership with PDS) in July with 94 attendees and a Fire Station Storytime in November with 114 attendees!
- We had our final summer presenter in August, J&R Aquatic, discussing animal science with live, small animals (reptiles, hedgehogs, etc.) and had 46 attendees. Live animals are always a hit!
- In collaboration with the Sauk Prairie Historical Society and our municipality, we hosted a presentation by Dr. Luther Leith of the WI Historical Society, who served as the leading archaeologist on a construction project on Water St last year. We ended up with standing room only, 108 attendees! The Historical Society recorded the event and has this posted on their YouTube channel and website.
- With the return of the school year our SPHS Fun Fridays have returned, now alternating each month with PDS. We hosted in September to create playdough and in November creating foam stamps, both with 20 teens.
- We hosted a family/young children holiday party on Halloween, called the Spooktacular Party, and had 70 attendees! They were encouraged to come in costume, made slime, played games and danced!
- Hosted our second annual Noche de Cuentos Bilingual Storytime in November, this year in collaboration with the UW-Madison Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies Program and the Institute for Regional and International Studies National Resource Center partnership.

Upcoming Events:

- No School Day: Puppet Workshop – Wednesday, November 26 at 11:30am – School Age
- No School Day: Playdough Lab – Monday, December 1 at 11:30am – School Age
- Snow Globe Crafting – Tuesday, December 2 at 10:00am – Adults
- Crafts for Cats – Tuesday, December 9 at 6:00pm – All Ages
- Disco BINGO: Youth Only Night – Tuesday, December 16 at 6:00pm – School Age to Teens
- An Evening with Consul General Balazs Martonffy – Thursday, December 18 at 6:00pm
- Book Club Holiday "Wrap" Party and Book Swap – Tuesday, December 23 at 1:00pm
- Count Down to Noon Bubble Party – Wednesday, December 31 at 11:30am – Children/Families
- Technology Help Drop-In – January, exact date and time TBD

Other Updates:

- We had our highest new card month since September 2022 in October with 42 new cards, 23 of them were juvenile cards, and circulation remaining steady around 6% up from last year!
- Approved for a Healthy Living Grant from Sauk Prairie Healthcare Foundation, which will be used to create a seed library and have gardening and healthy eating/cooking programs throughout 2026.
- We are hosting a food drive to support both our Little Free Pantry and the Sauk Prairie Food Pantry through December 12.
- All staff has now been here for at least a year as of the end of October!

Sauk County Library Board Meeting/RKS Notes for Nov. 25, 2025

INTERNET CONNECTION: We have still had internet interruptions. We write down any checkouts and log them in once the internet is reconnected.

PROGRAMS: EVERY WEEK WE HAVE A THEME SO THERE ARE A VARIETY OF BOOKS FOR THE ADULTS OR YOUTH TO CHECK OUT.

OVERALL PROGRAMMING: We finished up with summer programs and put together a second Homeschool Group program, Tuesdays and another on Thursdays, 1:30 PM-3PM, to be able to offer another day and timeframe that works for others. We have had great attendance at both which is about 10-15 depending on the activity or program. We have done a great deal of craft projects or study on tree leaves: leaf rubbings with crayons, print-making, a craft using leaves and glue. It is amazing to see what the kids put together. I post their craft pictures on Facebook.

We have seen a few new faces at our morning coffee and bring-a-recipe-baked-item program at The Gathering and also the same for our Craft Time where people bring their own crochet or knitting or other project that they are working on.

A few more people are bringing their children to the Little's Story Time more consistently which helps to replenish those that "graduated" to a Pre-K program. We have also seen an increased attendance from our local CESA school (1 teacher and 5 students) for the Adventures In Reading (AIR) program. This is a great opportunity for disadvantaged students to be able to read a book and sip on hot chocolate for an hour.

STAFF: my newly hired Library Assistant in May had to give notice due to an upgrade in her husband's employment but I managed to post this and soon after interview a new hire rather quickly. Corbin helped to set up the November programming along with training Eva Nielsen the last week of October. Eva has library experience from the UW-Stevens Point library. She is making the transition here well and I am very thankful to keep the programs going.

For December programming, we will be baking cookies for the Homeschool Group and cinnamon ornaments, and we will be doing a candle project to cover the variety of patrons that we have here with Christmas-Hanukkah-Kwanzaa.

EVENTS: In October, we had the Harvest Meal sponsored by St. John and Station 136, the Library Silent Auction, and Pumpkin Sale. We also made up 16 To-Go bags with a hot pork brisket sandwich, chips, and a drink for the corn truckers bringing in their load to the co-op.

We will be having our 3rd Annual Community-wide Chili Cook-off/Christmas Tree Lighting/Library Holiday Raffle on Saturday December 6, starting at 5 PM that involves the church providing a chili cook-off with judging for the best one at 7 PM, 5:45 PM wagon rides and caroling, tree lighting, and library raffle baskets (one basket from the Mead King). This event will be held in the Community Center Dining Room. We have been posting flyers and the event is on Facebook. 11/25/2025 Becky Anderson, RKS Director

**SCLS Report (compiled by SCLS consultant staff)
County Library Board/Director Meeting
January 2026**

SCLS Projects and News

Annual Reports, contact Traci Miller with questions.

Important dates:

- January 20-21: Form opens
- February 13: First review
- February 23: All reports turned in

ILS Migration project: For updates, see the [SirsiDynix ILS Migration page](#).

Important dates:

- April 3-15: Technical Services freeze
- April 13-15: System down, use Offline Circulation
- April 16: Go live on SirsiDynix Symphony

Wisconsin's Digital Library surpassed 80 million all-time checkouts in December. View the Digital Title Circulation dashboard [here](#).

2025 Circulation Top 20: Lists are available [here](#). The updated dashboard includes library logos for easy branding. The lists can also be downloaded in print friendly formats. Contact Tim Drexler with questions.

ALA welcomes reinstatement of all federal IMLS grants to libraries. Details [here](#).

Events and Meetings

January 21-22: Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference ([Details and registration](#))

February 10: Library Legislative Day. ([Details](#)) (Registration is closed.)

All Directors Meetings (Locations to be determined)

March 19

May 21

July 16

November 19

Reminders

- Watch for Top 5 emails (weekly) and Online Update (monthly) for information on services, events, CE opportunities, and upcoming meetings.
- Committee and meeting agendas and minutes are available on the SCLS website.
- If you have information that you would like to share system wide through the SCLS Facebook page, you can email the details to either Shawn Brommer or Mark Jochem.