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Taking Our Literacy Show on the Road

There are often times when you **cannot** see Youth Services staff members conducting literacy programs because they are out and about, taking programs to children in schools, day care centers and even senior residences.

Youth Services outreach efforts for young children include monthly intergenerational programs at Oak Park Place. **Babygarten** is for children from birth to age 18 months and their parents and caregivers. Anne Horjus, Youth Services program coordinator, and Gail Johnson, Youth Services program assistant, lead participants in rhymes, music, and stories, while emphasizing the importance of reading to babies.



Anne Horjus

Seniors who reside at Oak Park Place often gather and join in the fun.

Booker's Buddies caters to Children ages 3-5 and their parents and caregivers, along with seniors who get a kick out of interacting with kids as they enjoy stories, songs, and crafts.

Anne Horjus uses his skills in arts, crafts, teaching and performance during monthly **CrafterNoon** sessions at St. Clare Meadows. Children in kindergarten through 3rd grade can attend these programs with their parents and caregivers, along with interested residents at the facility.

Carey Kipp, Youth Services librarian, says that these intergenerational programs give kids a chance to interact with older adults, which many of the kids might not have in their lives on a regular basis. The visits also bring youthful energy into the lives of seniors who live at these residences.

Youth Services staff members also bring early literacy activities to local 4K, kindergarten and first grade classrooms. Anne makes monthly visits to 4K classes at St. Joseph's, St. John's, New Life Childcare, and St. Clare Tommy Bartlett Child Care

Center for story times. Gail travels to Children's Day Center, Bear-a-boo Daycare, West Kindergarten Center, and East Elementary School each month to share stories with 4K students.



Carey Kipp

Carey Kipp, makes monthly school visits to read to early childhood, kindergarten and first grade classrooms at East, Al Behrman, Gordon L. Willson, and West Schools. She also makes monthly visits to Children's Day Center, St. Joseph's, St. Clare, and St. John's 4K classrooms. This summer, in addition to making weekly visits to Kidstop students at Gordon L. Willson, and to summer school students at Al Behrman, she will make weekly visits to the Boys and Girls Club of West-Central Wisconsin in Baraboo, to lead kids in summer reading program activities.


Efforts to encourage reading activities by Baraboo area youth also include older students. Penny Johnson, teen specialist, visits English classes at Baraboo High School to register students for library cards in advance of a Junior class research project. She visits each Jack Young Middle School Language Arts class in the spring to tell students about the library's summer reading program for teens. She also provides book talks and other activities to classes throughout the school year. This summer, during June and July, Penny will make weekly visits to Baraboo School District summer school Language Arts classes to do book talks and bring books for teens to check out.



Penny Johnson

Carey Kipp says the outreach staff enjoy these visits around town. "We get to interact with kids, which is a hoot, and we get to share our favorite books with them, which we love!"

Youth Services outreach efforts are an important element of building literacy skills in Baraboo's youth, and a key investment by the Baraboo Public Library in the education of this community.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 2018 Programs		1 Estate Planning at Baraboo Senior Center 1pm TEEN TUESDAY-Yarn Arts 4pm Memoir Workshop 6:30pm	2 Building Blocks (LEGO bricks & Minecraft) 1:30pm	3	4 Wii Bowling for Adults 12pm	5
6	7 Word Games for Adults 6:30pm	8 TEEN TUESDAY-May the Fourth Be With You... 4pm Lit Wits 6:30pm Funeral Planning at Baraboo Senior Center 6:30pm	9	10	11 Friends of the Library Book Sale 9am-4pm	12 Friends of the Library Book Sale 9am-4pm
13	14 Teen Book Club for Homeschoolers 2pm	15 Advance Directives at Baraboo Senior Center 1pm TEEN TUESDAY - National Chocolate Chip Day 4pm Tuesdays with Murder 6:30pm	16 Building Blocks (LEGO bricks & Minecraft) 1:30pm	17 Debbie McKinney: Bringing Hope 6:30pm	18 Wii Bowling for Adults 12pm	19 Friends Charcoal Drawing Fundraiser-Preregistration Required 10am
20	21 Fireside Story Time for Adults 6:30pm	22 ADRC Resources at Baraboo Senior Center 1pm TEEN TUESDAY - National Egg Month Party 4pm Invasive Species Control 6:30pm	23 Building Blocks (LEGO bricks & Minecraft) 1:30pm Readers Anonymous 6:30pm	24 Joan McArthur: This is Baraboo 6:30pm	25 Wii Bowling for Adults 12pm	26
27	28 Library Closed for Memorial Day	29 Financial Planning at Baraboo Senior Center 1pm TEEN TUESDAY - Life Size Games 4pm Naloxone Training—Preregistration Required 6:30pm	30 Building Blocks (LEGO bricks & Minecraft) 1:30pm	31	 BARABOO PUBLIC LIBRARY	