

BARABOO PUBLIC LIBRARY

September 2019

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Library Expansion Project Story Continues...

At the August 27 Baraboo Common Council meeting, alders postponed making a decision about the timing of the library expansion project. Ehler's, the City's financial advising firm, gave a report on the state of debt/borrowing for the City. Their report concluded that the City does have the borrowing capacity to expand the library and build a new fire station/EMS building in one year. However, they also noted that it would raise the levy rate considerably, which could be a red flag on the City's currently excellent credit rating.

Alder John Ellington (also president of the library's Board of Trustees) presented a scenario in which the library could initially pay part of the debt for the library expansion out of existing library building funds, thereby relieving some of the City's debt burden for a few years. Other potential options for the timing and financial structure of City building projects were also discussed by the alders, Ed Geick, and the Mayor, resulting in a request that the City finance director put together a "What If" analysis incorporating known financial factors and potential variables for the Council to consider at their next meeting. The capital improvement project schedule including the library project will be discussed again at the next Council meeting on September 10.

After nearly two decades in which the library has done financial planning, advocacy, design, and consideration of public opinion, the expansion project is ready for the green light to begin. The fact that the Council is seriously considering the financial ramifications of returning the library expansion

project to 2021 is due in large part to the strong support of library advocates. Through your calls and letters to your Common Council representatives, your posting of library expansion signs in your front yards, and your presence at Common Council meetings, you have shown the alders that the Baraboo Public Library matters to our community, and that expansion in 2021 is something our community wants and needs.

We encourage you to continue to express to your friends, neighbors and Common Council representatives your support for a 2021 library expansion, and invite you to attend the next Common Council meeting on September 10 at 7 PM.



Ann Burton speaks in support of library expansion in 2021 during the August 27 meeting of the Baraboo Common Council.

Scarecrows on Parade



Join the fun! **Register now** for the **Scarecrow Workshop at Ochsner Park on September 21 at 10 AM**. Or build a scarecrow at home. Display your scarecrow creation in your yard and be part of our 3rd annual community-wide Scarecrow Parade. **Judging on September 25**. Prizes will be awarded!

September 2019 Programs

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
1	2 Closed for Labor Day	3 Booker's Buddies Story Time 10am Rhyme Time Story Time 11am TEEN Tuesday - Pizza Party 4pm	4 Babygarten Story Time 9:30am Puppy Club Story Time 11am Building Blocks (LEGO bricks & Minecraft) 1:30pm	5 CrafterNoon 3:45pm	6 Free Play Group 9am	7		
8	9 Teen Book Club 1pm Twilight Tales 6:30pm	10 Booker's Buddies Story Time 10am Rhyme Time Story Time 11am TEEN Tuesday - Paper Rollercoasters 4pm Lit Wits Book Group 6:30pm	11 Babygarten Story Time at Oak Park Place 9:30am Puppy Club Story Time 11am Building Blocks (LEGO bricks & Minecraft) 1:30pm Read with Desmond the Dog 6pm	12 Homeschooling Program for Families 9:30am CrafterNoon 3:45pm Baraboo Chess Club for Adults 5:45pm Baraboo 2030: We MUST Get There From Here 6pm	13 Free Play Group 9am	14		
15	16 Twilight Tales 6:30pm Podcast Creator Group 6:30pm	17 Booker's Buddies Story Time at Oak Park Place 10am Rhyme Time Story Time 11am TEEN Tuesday - Milk Shake Day 4pm Tuesdays with Murder Book Group 6:30pm Readers Anonymous 6:30	18 Babygarten Story Time 9:30am Puppy Club Story Time 11am Building Blocks (LEGO bricks & Minecraft) 1:30pm	19 CrafterNoon 3:45pm	20 Free Play Group 9am	21 Scarecrows on Parade 10am Preregistration Required		
22	23 Coffee Break-Twilight Tales 6:30pm	24 Coffee Break-Booker's Buddies Story Time 10am Coffee Break-Rhyme Time Story Time 11am TEEN Tuesday - Banned Books Week Movie 4pm	25 Coffee Break-Babygarten Story Time 9:30am Coffee Break-Puppy Club Story Time 11am Building Blocks (LEGO bricks & Minecraft) 1:30pm Read to Desmond the Dog 6pm	26 CrafterNoon at St. Clare Meadows 4pm Baraboo 2030: The Courage to Chart a New Course Panel Discussion 6pm	27 Free Play Group 9am	28		
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