

BARABOO PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Looking Backwards and Forwards

As January begins, we pause to take a grateful look behind us before charging into the future.

On September 18, 1895, Wisconsin's Secretary of State Henry Casson signed a charter enabling the formation of The Free Public Library of the City of Baraboo. It was not until two years later that the Library Directors voted to accept the first 300 books that had been collected for the library, then located in a room of the Baraboo City Hall. Growth for the city and its library was inevitable.

2019 was a momentous year for the Baraboo Public Library. The Baraboo Common Council decided to move forward with a 2021 expansion of the building in order to better serve residents of the Baraboo area.

We thank the Common Council for their decision to support expansion on behalf of the residents of Baraboo.

We thank the many library supporters who have donated to the library building fund over the past 18 years, with large or small

contributions. We also thank Juanita Schadde for her generosity in donating \$2.5 million to expand the library in memory of the Schadde family of Baraboo.

We cannot forget the library supporters who, from 2001 to the present day,



Baraboo's city hall, and site of its first public library circa 1897. Northwest corner of Fourth Street and Ash Street. Photo courtesy of John McNabb..

contributed countless hours of their time to study the library's growing space needs, as well as plan and advocate for expansion.

We also wish to express our deep gratitude to the library employees and library supporters who have worked tirelessly over the years to improve library services and our ability to serve the community.


In 2020, library leaders will work on finalizing the detailed schematics for the expanded library. We will do additional fundraising to add renewable energy and energy efficiency features to the plan. Construction of the library addition will begin in spring 2021. This phase will necessitate that library staff use ingenuity in presenting programs and providing services, as some current library areas will need to be vacated during construction.

On September 18, 2020, the Baraboo Public Library will observe the 125th Anniversary—the *quasquicentennial*—of its formal existence. We are eager to embrace the changes and opportunities that lie ahead. But we will also take time this year to remember and celebrate the events and people contributing to a bright future.



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January 2020 Important Dates

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 BARABOO PUBLIC LIBRARY		230 Fourth Avenue Baraboo, WI 53913 608-356-6166 baraboopubliclibrary.org	<i>1</i> Library Closed All Day	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> Free Play Group 9am	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> Twilight Tales 6:30pm	<i>7</i> Booker's Buddies Story Time 10am Rhyme Time Story Time 11am TEEN Tuesday - Anime & Manga Fest 4pm	<i>8</i> Babygarten Story Time at Oak Park Place 9:30am Puppy Club Story Time 11am Building Blocks (LEGO bricks & Minecraft) 1:30pm	<i>9</i> Homeschooling Program for Families 9:30am CrafterNoon 3:45pm Baraboo Chess Club 5:45pm Friends Annual Meeting 6pm Music with Friends Concert - Wrannock (& Refreshments) 6:30pm	<i>10</i> Free Play Group 9am	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> Homeschoolers Book Club for Teens 1pm Twilight Tales 6:30pm	<i>14</i> Booker's Buddies Story Time 10am Rhyme Time Story Time 11am TEEN Tuesday - Proper British Tea Party & Talent Show 4pm Lit Wits Book Group 6:30pm	<i>15</i> Babygarten Story Time 9:30am Puppy Club Story Time 11am Building Blocks (LEGO bricks & Minecraft) 1:30pm	<i>16</i> CrafterNoon 3:45pm	<i>17</i> Free Play Group 9am	<i>18</i> Fairy Tale Tea Party (Ticket required for admission) 10am Fairy Tale Tea Party (Ticket required for admission) 12 pm
<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> Twilight Tales 6:30pm	<i>21</i> Booker's Buddies Story Time at Oak Park Place 10am Rhyme Time Story Time 11am TEEN Tuesday - Life-size Monopoly 4pm Tuesdays with Murder Book Group 6:30pm Readers Anonymous Book Club 6:30pm	<i>22</i> Babygarten Story Time 9:30am Puppy Club Story Time 11am Building Blocks (LEGO bricks & Minecraft) 1:30pm	<i>23</i> CrafterNoon 3:45pm Read to Shadow, a Cat! 6pm	<i>24</i> Free Play Group 9am	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> Coffee Break-Twilight Tales 6:30pm	<i>28</i> Coffee Break-Booker's Buddies Story Time 10am Coffee Break-Rhyme Time Story Time 11am TEEN Tuesday - Blanket Forts & Cocoa 4pm Book Art 6pm	<i>29</i> Coffee Break-Babygarten Story Time 9:30am Coffee Break-Puppy Club Story Time 11am Building Blocks (LEGO bricks & Minecraft) 1:30pm	<i>30</i> CrafterNoon at St. Clare Meadows 4pm Improv Lab 6pm	<i>31</i> Free Play Group 9am	