

## Discovery Days

Discovery Days is a program for kids learning outside of a traditional school setting in 4K through middle school with a focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics).



In April, participants learned how to make compost with worms! They started a science experiment to test

### Getting flower seeds to plant

whether flower seeds will grow better in regular potting soil or with compost. At the end, they got to take home their own bucket of worms to make compost!



Looking at compost worms

There is still one Discovery Day this spring, Thursday, April 20 at 10 AM in room 12/14 of the Baraboo Civic Center. Sue Johansen-Mayoeth, a naturalist with Devil's Lake State Park, will give a presentation all about bats!

## New Library Staff

The library is happy to welcome Amy to our Programming and Outreach team! Amy will be focused on programming for school-aged children. She's planning lots of fun activities for our Summer Reading Program. Come say hello!



## Baraboo Buds - Rock Painting

In March, the Baraboo Buds Garden Club had a rock painting party. The club met to create painted rock markers for their gardens to mark what they've planted.

Participants got to show off their creativity and craftiness, and could take home something beautiful and practical for



Showing off the painted rocks

their garden. The Baraboo Buds Garden Club meets regularly at 6:30 PM on the second Tuesday of the month. April's meeting will be a seed starting workshop led by Master Gardener Doreen Hamburg.

## Ask an Arborist: Tree Planting

The library was pleased to present a program on how to plant trees. Alison Holets of Canopy Climbers, LLC gave an informative presentation that covered a variety of issues such as site selection, soil science, and tree species, in addition to best practices when planting your trees.

Every attendee who had the space and ability to plant them was able to take home a



Alison, the presenter, and Eleanor, from the library, showing off the tree seedlings

tree seedling--either Allegheny Serviceberry or Shagbark Hickory--graciously provided by Chief River Nursery, based out of Grafton, Wisconsin. This program was also co-sponsored by Powered Up Baraboo and the Baraboo Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department.



## Library Construction Update

The library addition continues to proceed on schedule. Currently, they are finishing the windows, painting, and cabinetry, and are beginning to put in ceiling tiles, and will begin on floor coverings soon.



View of the whole building



Exterior of the program room, which will be directly above the Main Service Desk



The wood paneled room will be the Creative Classroom, which is right next to the stairs leading to the Carnegie building side of the library

## Storytots

This winter and early spring, Storytots, a storytime meant for children aged birth through 5, has met in the Baraboo Civic Center. Kids have a



Kids love playing with the parachute!

chance to be silly and get their wiggles out, while also benefiting from activities to promote early literacy. Storytots will continue the first three Wednesdays in April at 10 AM at the Langer Park Shelter, 501 Remington Street.

## Teen Update

In March, teens got to participate in a variety of fun activities at the library during Teen Tuesdays. They got to make a tiny bookshelf, they had a Mario Kart tournament, they had a Boba Tea themed activity, and they participated in the Teen Advisory Board, during which they had a chance to give input on upcoming Teen Tuesday activities.



Making mini bookshelves

Teen Tuesday will be taking a break until summer, but teens are still welcome to

hang out at the library from 4-5 PM on Tuesdays in April; games will be available to play.

## Library Moving Update

The library anticipates moving into the new addition in May and opening it to the public in early June. The library will host an Open House in June to celebrate the halfway mark of the project--the completion of the new addition. Once library operations have moved into the addition, work will begin on renovations of the old building. The entire project is planned for completion in late October, so if there are not significant delays, a Grand Opening Celebration will be held in November.