



October 2013 Report

Presented at the November 12, 2013 Library Board Meeting

1. STATISTICS

Circulation:	Adult	YA	Juvenile	Total	Year to Date
2013	37,861	3,755	22,429	64,045	654,909
2012	37,499	3,938	22,362	63,799	655,943
2011	36,758	3,940	22,469	63,167	644,815
(2012/2013 +/-)					(%)

Self-Service checkouts:

	3M	ITG	ITG #2	ITG#3	Total	% of total
2013		13,012	11,821	4,177	29,010	45%
2012		11,200	11,292	4,350	26,842	42%
2011		11,418	10,644	4,496	26,558	42%

Library cards issued:

	Adult	Juv.	Sr.	Org.	Total
2013	102	22	3		127
2012	68	27	4	1	100
2011	78	18	2	0	98

System holds:

	Loaned to other LINK libraries	Borrowed from other LINK libraries
2013	18,920	19,008
2012	17,886	17,452
2011	16,928	17,289

Miscellaneous:	ILL	Visits	Study rooms use	Public Fax Use
2013	41	31,675	592.5 hours / 408 bookings	72 users / 218 pages
2012	81	34,654	600.75 hours / 426 bookings	75 users / 175 pages
2011	50	30,579	579.5 hours / 413 bookings	68 users / 181 pages

Overdrive Use Statistics for Middleton Public Library

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	Total
2012	838	818	1,061	905	927	954	960	1,140	1,137	1,221	9,961
2013	1,688	1,508	2,086	1,746	1,936	2,131	2,493	2,368	2,177	2,094	20,227


2. LIBRARY PROGRAMS / TOURS / PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES		
Date	Program	Attendance
10/1/2013	<p>Toddler Storytime Session 1: Bedtime : Songs and Activities: Hello, Everybody; Are You Sleeping (Baby Bear)?; Here is a Baby (fingerplay); Twinkle, Twinkle; Scarf Songs (Wind O Wind, 2 Little Blackbirds, Popcorn); 4 in the Bed (flannel), Hickory Dickory Dock (with bells); Clap Your Hands; Goodbye Song Books: Peekaboo Bedtime; Tuck Me In!; The Going to Bed Book; Goodnight Moon (big book and read-together) Take-Home Handout: interactive art project, literacy tips, book list</p> <p>Evaluation: We had a very lively group of toddlers today! They enjoyed the variety of songs, books, and activities.</p>	29
10/1/2013	<p>Toddler Storytime Session 2: Bedtime : Hello, Everybody; Are You Sleeping (Baby Bear)?; Here is a Baby (fingerplay); Twinkle, Twinkle; Scarf Songs (Wind O Wind, 2 Little Blackbirds, Popcorn); 4 in the Bed (flannel), Hickory Dickory Dock (with bells); Clap Your Hands; Goodbye Song Books: Peekaboo Bedtime; Tuck Me In!; The Going to Bed Book; Goodnight Moon (big book and read-together) Take-Home Handout: interactive art project, literacy tips, book list</p> <p>Evaluation: The back-to-back scheduling has really helped to even out our Tuesday attendance! Storytimes are much more comfortable now!</p>	28
10/1/2013	<p>Tween Knitting Circle : Knitting instruction and practice</p> <p>Evaluation: Lots of projects are in the works, including a belt, a turtle, and a pocket purse! Hosting a series of knitting workshops allows the participants' skills to develop further than a one-time workshop might.</p>	6
10/2/2013	<p>Mixed Age Storytime #1 - Food : Books: Growing Vegetable Soup, Jamberry, On Top of Spaghetti, Hi Pizza Man --- Songs, Flannels, Props: We're all here for storytime, Little Mouse, Head Shoulders Knees & Toes, Brush Your Teeth, Toy Pizza, Bean Bag Rock, Spot ---- Film: Spot's Breakfast ---- Stamping and coloring place setting (from Doodlecook)</p> <p>Evaluation: A nice time, it was fun to all sing "On Top of Spaghetti" together and the kids enjoyed the stamping activity.</p>	29
10/2/2013	<p>Mixed-Age Storytime #2 - Food : Books: Growing Vegetable Soup, Jamberry, On Top of Spaghetti, Hi Pizza Man --- Songs, Flannels, Props: We're all here for storytime, Little Mouse, Head Shoulders Knees & Toes, Brush Your Teeth, Toy Pizza, Bean Bag Rock, Spot ---- Film: Spot's Breakfast ---- Stamping and coloring place setting (from Doodlecook)</p> <p>Evaluation: A nice group. Everyone shared ideas for interesting ingredients they like to add to their soup!</p>	22
10/2/2013	<p>Winning in the Second Half: Planning for Long Term Care : An overview of the issues to consider when planning for long-term care after retirement. (Co-sponsored by the Senior Center)</p> <p>Evaluation: Great turnout, especially considering that we only had about 16 people signed up the day of the program. (For the record, this is our second try scheduling this program after we were snowed out in February) Anne and Shannon were great--very knowledgeable and great at answering questions and communicating complex information. Several patrons commented how much they had learned. Afterwards, Anne spoke to me about the possibility of bring in an expert in Elder Law, as issues relating to that topic kept coming up. She knows of someone here in Middleton, so we'll probably try to schedule that sometime in early 2014.</p>	27

10/3/2013	<p>Star Wars Origami : I brought step-by-step instructions for simple light sabers, R2-D2s, C3POs, and Yodas, and I set out books with more elaborate patterns as well as other Star Wars craft books (thumb print doodles, etc.) and Star Wars scrapbooking paper and stickers. I taught the simple designs to those who were interested, and patrons were free to experiment and try any designs/ideas they chose. This was an all-ages event; we had many 'tweens, along with adults (two adults came without children!), teens, and younger children. We had a lot of families.</p> <p>Evaluation: This went really well! I liked the structure of the program, and patrons were pleased with it, too. Many participants commented about how happy they were to attend an after-school program that the whole family could enjoy. I would definitely do this program again! I am personally not a Star Wars expert or an origami expert, but by keeping things simple and providing materials for exploration, patrons could tailor their experience to their level of ambition.</p>	53
10/3/2013	<p>Teen Techno Minutes : Resume formatting</p> <p>Evaluation: I assisted a bit with this session, because I didn't want Sam to have to provide resume help. Sam was able to help the patron print off his current resume and a few sample resumes, and I provided guidance on more general resume topics. Kudos to Sam once again for his patience and professionalism, even when the topic was a bit beyond him.</p>	2
10/3/2013	<p>Baby and Tiny Tots Storytime #1 : Books: Baby Danced the Polka, Dance with Me, Goodnight Moon (group reading) --- Songs, Rhymes, Flannels, Scarves: Hello, Head Shoulders Knees & Toes, Are You Sleeping Baby Bear, ABC Song, Clap Your Hands, Wheels on the Bus, If You're Happy and You Know It, Here Sits the Lord Mayor, Hickory Dickory Dock, 2 Little Blackbirds, The Grand Old Duke of York, Walking Walking, Pop Goes the Weasel, The More We Get Together --- Freeplay --- Display of board books for checkout and handout from today's storytime with suggested activities to try at home.</p> <p>Evaluation: A great group, it's hard to believe we're already in week 3!</p>	22
10/3/2013	<p>Baby and Tiny Tots Storytime #2 : Books: Baby Danced the Polka, Dance with Me, Goodnight Moon (group reading) --- Songs, Rhymes, Flannels, Scarves: Hello, Head Shoulders Knees & Toes, Are You Sleeping Baby Bear, ABC Song, Clap Your Hands, Wheels on the Bus, If You're Happy and You Know It, Here Sits the Lord Mayor, Hickory Dickory Dock, 2 Little Blackbirds, The Grand Old Duke of York, Walking Walking, Pop Goes the Weasel, The More We Get Together --- Freeplay --- Display of board books for checkout and handout from today's storytime with suggested activities to try at home.</p> <p>Evaluation: Another great group. I think the back-to-back offering is works out really well with set up and attendance balance.</p>	18
10/4/2013	<p>MCPASD Early Childhood Special Needs Classroom Visit : Shared 2 stories about apple and fall to tie in with the current unit. I also shared some rhymes and songs with the students and teachers and used some sign language.</p> <p>Evaluation: The visit was a great opportunity to connect with teachers and students that may not always have a chance to come to the library. I was also able to leave some publicity for the students to take home and share with their families. Today, there were 5 students and 3 teachers present.</p>	8
10/4/2013	<p>Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime : Today's theme: Perros/dogs. Stories in Spanish and English. Songs and movement in Spanish. Perro grande y pequeño perro (big and small dog) paper craft.</p> <p>Evaluation: Quite a few new families and more babies and toddlers today than we typically have.</p>	39

10/5/2013	<p><u>Dane County Libraries Trivia Night</u> : 4 rounds of team trivia to raise money for the Beyond the Page Campaign.</p> <p>Evaluation: Aside from a few minor hiccups (e.g. not enough pens, some minor technical difficulties) the second annual trivia night was a success. Turnout was on the low side considering that Madison Public Library was, in theory, advertising the event to their patrons, but everyone who attended seemed to have a good time. Just like last year, we couldn't have done it without our volunteers. From check-in to distributing and scoring answer sheets, our small army of very capable volunteers were crucial to the success of this event.</p>	83
10/5/2013	<p><u>Krafty Kids - Halloween!</u> : Halloween themed crafts, sticker scenes, worksheets</p> <p>Evaluation: Crafters of all ages packed the Archer rooms to create Halloween themed craft kits. The selections included a paper-plate spider, craft stick pumpkin, pumpkin bucket, and reflector necklace. In addition, 2 types of sticker scenes and numerous coloring & educational worksheets were offered. A small Halloween eraser was given out as a parting gift. Thanks to volunteers Amanda J. and Mercedes R. for helping to organize such a big, active group.</p>	81
10/6/2013	<p><u>5th Grade Class Visit</u> : Carol Pincombe, a 5th grade teacher at Sauk Trail Elementary, brought her class (along with some parents) to the library on a Sunday afternoon. I gave a quick LinkCat demo and tour of our children's/'tween website, and then I presented 24 booktalks. These were organized into 8 themes; each theme had an accompanying Bookletters booklist, which I printed for each student and pointed out on our website tour. After the booktalks, students had an opportunity to check out books, apply for library cards (many thanks to Maria from Circulation for making card applications available!), and make Middleton Public Library buttons. Each family received our events brochure and informational bookmark. Mrs. Pincombe brought cookies, and she had also arranged for a police officer to talk about his job after my presentation. After the officer's presentation, button making, book checkout, and additional book recommendations continued.</p> <p>Evaluation: I'm so glad Carol reached out to the library to request this visit! It's unusual to have a class visit on a Sunday, but she had a really high turn-out. I was glad to have the chance to recommend a wide range of books and introduce families to some of our library services. The only drawback to this visit was the extreme amount of prep time required, (selecting books on the 8 themes, placing holds, creating booklists, creating handouts for families, writing and practicing booktalks), especially with very limited lead time (about a week and a half). I hope to have the chance to use some of the material I generated with other 5th-grade classes.</p>	31
10/7/2013	<p><u>MCASP Early Childhood Special Needs Classroom</u> : Met with the afternoon 3K special needs class and shared 2 stories to tie in with their market and vegetable unit. I also left some library brochures and information for the students to take home and share.</p> <p>Evaluation: A nice way to bring the library to students that may not have a chance to visit the library regularly. Hopefully the flyers the students will bring home will alert families to our evening and weekend events. At today's class, there were 7 students, 2 teachers and 1 assistant.</p>	10

10/7/2013	<p>Pajama Storytime - Bedtime : Read alouds: Tuck Me In and Peekaboo Bedtime. Group reading: Goodnight Moon. Songs, Rhymes, & Flannels: Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, Little Mouse, Where is Thumbkin?, Thelma Thumb, Hickory Dickory Dock, Are You Sleeping? Brush Your Teeth, Bean Bag Rock, The More We Get Together, Goodnight Moon flannel. Project: decorated and cut out pajamas for popsicle stick puppets. One-on-one reading time and free play with the puppets and flannel pieces.</p> <p>Evaluation: A nice group of 4 young families. The children ranged in age from 1-3 so it was nice to have the open play and reading time. I was pleased with the turnout and hope to have consistent attendance for this program.</p>	12
10/7/2013	<p>Make-It Monday: Slither And Jump Afternoon Session : This program was open to children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Participants dropped in anytime during the 90-minute program to create paper racing worms and leaping lizards, two projects involving engineering, math, art, and science concepts. This program supports the library's Makerspace goal as well as the nation-wide trend toward STEAM-related programming.</p> <p>Evaluation: This program went really well! We had a wide range of ages; most children and 'tweens came with their families (we had two 'tweens come on their own). I had created handouts for each project with step-by-step instructions and photos of each step, which meant that participants could largely do the projects independently, at their own pace, while I circulated around the room, assisted people, and had the chance to talk with young people and their families. We had a lot of positive feedback about offering after-school programming for elementary ages (K and up). In the past, most of my programming has been offered for age 8 or grade 2 and up, but the guidelines I used for today's program (K-6) work well for families with multiple children, or for K-1 students looking for a STEAM activity.</p>	27
10/7/2013	<p>Make-It Monday: Slither and Jump Evening Session : This program was open to children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Participants dropped in anytime during the 90-minute program to create paper racing worms and leaping lizards, two projects involving engineering, math, art, and science concepts. This program supports the library's Makerspace goal as well as the nation-wide trend toward STEAM-related programming.</p> <p>Evaluation: Even though our attendance at evening programs isn't typically through the roof, I think it's so important to offer programming for working families.</p>	10
10/8/2013	<p>Toddler Storytime: The Number Three : Songs and Activities: Hello, Everybody; Theme Intro with three kitties and thee birds; Scarf Songs (Wind, O Wind, Popcorn, Two Little Blackbirds); Three Little Monkeys (fingerplay); Three in the Bed (flannel); Hickory Dickory with three mice; Clap Your Hands; Goodbye Song Books and Stories: One, Two, Buckle My Shoe (Jane Cabrera version); The Three Bears (Byron Barton version); The Three Little Pigs (storytelling with stick puppets and props)</p> <p>Evaluation: The number three is a theme that a lot of our toddlers can relate to, because many of them are three years old! We had fun counting, singing, and sharing stories while encouraging early literacy and number sense.</p>	20

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10/8/2013	<p>'Tween Knitting Circle : Knitting instruction and practice.</p> <p>Evaluation: We had two brand-new knitters today! One courageous knitter began making a 3-D plush pencil, and one is learning new skills with a pocket purse project.</p>	10
10/9/2013	<p>Mixed Age Storytime #1 - Bedtime : Read alouds: A Book of Sleep, Tuck Me In, Spot Say Goodnight, Goodnight Moon --- Songs, Rhymes, & Flannels: Little Mouse, Are You Sleeping, Where is Thumbkin?, Thelma Thumb, Brush Your Teeth, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, Bean Bag Rock, Goodnight Moon flannel, Spot doll, Gorilla puppet ---- Film: Goodnight Gorilla ---- Project: decorated and cut out pajamas for popsicle stick puppets.</p> <p>Evaluation: A fun group and great theme with so many nice choices of books. Gorilla got lots of hugs this morning!</p>	41
10/9/2013	<p>Mixed-Ages Storytime #2 - Bedtime : Read alouds: A Book of Sleep, Tuck Me In, Spot Say Goodnight, Goodnight Moon --- Songs, Rhymes, & Flannels: Little Mouse, Are You Sleeping, Where is Thumbkin?, Thelma Thumb, Brush Your Teeth, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, Bean Bag Rock, Goodnight Moon flannel, Spot doll, Gorilla puppet ---- Film: Goodnight Gorilla ---- Project: decorated and cut out pajamas for popsicle stick puppets.</p> <p>Evaluation: Another fun group. The kids had a lot of fun decorating and making their pajama friends.</p>	25
10/10/2013	<p>Baby Storytime #1 : Books: Peekaboo Bedtime, Spot Says Goodnight, Tuck Me In, Goodnight Moon (group reading) --- Songs, Rhymes, Flannels, Scarves: Hello, If You're Happy and You Know It, Head Shoulders Knees & Toes, Are You Sleeping Baby Bear, ABC Song, Clap Your Hands, Pat-a-Cake, Grand Old Duke of York, Wheels on the Bus, Hickory Dickory Dock, 2 Little Blackbirds, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, Thelma Thumb, Walking Walking, Pop Goes the Weasel, The More We Get Together --- Freeplay --- Display of board books for checkout and handout from today's storytime with suggested activities to try at home.</p> <p>Evaluation: Heidi Green from Demco was here to observe Upstart's "Very Ready to Read" program in action. She had a lot of positive things to share which was great to hear!</p>	23
10/10/2013	<p>Baby Storytime #2 : Goodnight Moon (group reading) --- Songs, Rhymes, Flannels, Scarves: Hello, If You're Happy and You Know It, Head Shoulders Knees & Toes, Are You Sleeping Baby Bear, ABC Song, Clap Your Hands, Pat-a-Cake, Grand Old Duke of York, Wheels on the Bus, Hickory Dickory Dock, 2 Little Blackbirds, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, Thelma Thumb, Walking Walking, Pop Goes the Weasel, The More We Get Together --- Freeplay --- Display of board books for checkout and handout from today's storytime with suggested activities to try at home.</p> <p>Evaluation: Same exact attendance for group #2 and another very fun group of babies and grown-ups!</p>	23

10/10/2013	<p>Kids Book Club : A to Z Mysteries Book Club. Read the first 2 chapters from Absent Author, the first book in the series. Made detective licenses. Cracked the codes to reveal title of books from the series. Every participant received a "detective memo pad" and using ink pads, fingerprinted themselves and also created fingerprint art inspired by Ed Emberley's fingerprint drawing book. Display of A to Z Mysteries to check out. Served apples and scooby doo graham crackers for snack.</p> <p>Evaluation: A fun group. There were 10 kids (k-grade 3), 2 parents and one younger sibling in a stroller. The kids had a lot of fun with all the projects and were so happy to take home the notepads! I was pleased with the turnout and am looking forward to our monthly kids book clubs specifically for this age group.</p> 	13
10/10/2013	<p>Teen Techno Minutes : Word business cards from templates, general image searching</p> <p>Evaluation: Once again, Sam impressed me by his expertise and professionalism. His original student canceled earlier today and a new student was booked in her place, though I didn't know this before she arrived. Sam was flexible with taking on a new topic on the spot, and reported that the session went very well.</p>	2
10/10/2013	<p>Craig Schreiner Author Visit : Photographer Craig Schreiner discusses and shows photos from his book, One Small Farm, which tells the story of the Lamberty family farm in Pine Bluff, WI.</p> <p>Evaluation: Amazing turnout. Standing-room only. No doubt, due in large part to all of the free publicity the event received in the WSJ (Craig is a former staff photographer). WI Historical Society press sent staff to sell books and they told me they sold more than 80! Another successful partnership with WHSP, who always does a great job selling books at these events--very easy to work with. The Lambertys were also great, and they stayed after to sign books alongside Craig. WHSP were very impressed at the number of people we were able to turn out, and I already have tentative plans for two book events featuring WHSP titles in 2014.</p>	103
10/11/2013	<p>Techno Minutes : Intro to Facebook</p> <p>Evaluation: Great session getting a patron signed up for Facebook - was able to send her off with several Facebook books too, which will surely help her feel less overwhelmed!</p>	1

10/11/2013	<p>Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime : Today's theme: "Abuelitas"/grandmas. Books in Spanish, English, and both languages. Songs and movement activities in Spanish. Made little bookmarks for grandmas/grandpas.</p> <p>Evaluation: Katy reported all went well and "one of the books was so sweet I had to fight the tears!"</p>	31
10/12/2013	<p>PAWS to Read : Children sign up to read to a dog. Sessions last about 15 minutes. The dogs people hand out bookmarks with their dogs photo on it for the kids.</p> <p>Evaluation: A good day, the dogs and their people showed up on time and were ready to go. Lots of parents stayed and listened to their children and took photos. It's a very popular program. Attendance numbers represent 10 children and 12 adults/parents. We almost always have a waiting list for this program. 2 children we unable to come today - their father called at 11:30 and let us know. I couldn't find any kids in the library who were able to take their place at 2:45. 2 other children were no-shows, but I was able to find another child to take their slots.</p>	22
10/14/2013	<p>Pajama Storytime - Birthday : We're all here for storytime (song), Little Mouse (flannel), Baby Bear (puppet/song), Birthday cake and candles (flannel), Little Gorilla (book), Happy Birthday(song), Just Like Jasper (book), Clap Your Hands (song), Spot Bakes a Cake (book), Brush Your Teeth (song), Hickory Dickory Dock (step bells/rhyme), Mouse's Birthday (book), Goodnight Moon (group reading/flannel), Twinkle Twinkle Little Star (song), Bean Bag Rock (movement), Hokey Pokey (movement), Birthday card (craft project)</p> <p>Evaluation: A fun group! 7 kids ranging in age from 10 months - 4 years old. Coincidentally, one of the girls has a birthday tomorrow so that made the theme very fun. 2 of the children had older siblings attending this evening's Read It and Eat Book Club and the parents commented that it was great to have something for all their kids this evening at the library.</p>	13
10/14/2013	<p>Read It and Eat Book Club : This book club meets once per month during the school year. Our October book was Bunnica by Deborah and James Howe. We discussed the book and then enjoyed scary stories around the (electric) campfire, told by library volunteer and retired Elm Lawn librarian, Jean Devore.</p> <p>Evaluation: We have a lot of "regulars" in this book club, and I love having an opportunity to create a forum in which they can discuss books and form a community of sorts outside of school. Jean's stories were perfect for 'tweens-- scary, but framed in "These stories are so silly!" I had brought a bunch of scary-story books for participants to check out, and they all disappeared!</p>	16
10/15/2013	<p>Toddler Storytime: Cats : Books: Mama Cat Had Three Kittens, Kitten's First Full Moon, Goodnight, Moon (read-together) Songs and Activities: Three in the bed (flannel), 3 kittens puppet, Hickory Dickory (with kitties), Milkshake (with egg shakers), Clap Your Hands, Scarf Songs (Popcorn, Wind O Wind, Two Little Blackbirds)</p> <p>Evaluation: Lots of smiles, giggles, and "meow" sounds today!</p>	32
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10/15/2013	<p>Tween Knitting Circle : Knitting instruction and practice</p> <p>Evaluation: We had one new knitter today! Another knitter was proud to show off her finished pocket purse-- complete with button hole and button!</p>	5


10/15/2013	<p>Getting to Know Medicare : An overview of Medicare including enrollment, eligibility and what the different parts (A, B, C, D) mean for seniors.</p> <p>Evaluation: I wasn't able to attend this program, but I was comfortable letting Jesse go solo as he's presented this program many times before at our library. He reported that "the questions and the interactions were wonderful."</p>	23
10/16/2013	<p>Adult Creative Writing Group : Monthly meeting of the library-sponsored group.</p> <p>Evaluation: Kathy had this to say: "We had 10 people last night...ironically, one new person didn't show for a second time in a row. I sent her an email asking if she was still interested or had she decided the group wasn't for her. I will contact the next person on the waiting list. I also know of one member who is going to attend thru the end of the year but then she has a commitment that happens on the third Wednesday of the month for 2014, so I we can add another person from the wait list in January."</p>	10
10/16/2013	<p>Middleton High School tour : Tour of the library, highlighting career/college and consumer information, demonstration of databases: A-Z, Consumer Reports online, Ebsco, Overdrive, Mango & Zinio. Discussed TAC's contributions to the library, Friends group & volunteering, mentioned upcoming events, video game binders, and how to obtain a library card. Pulled a number of books on Midwestern authors for a report they are doing.</p> <p>Evaluation: Great group! Although it was a class with some reading issues, they were very attentive and asked good questions. Teacher was very enthusiastic about our library in particular, highlighting our no fines policy and easy computer access. Students had a list of questions, such as "list 3 ways the library could save you money." Had a few students sign up for our Dec. program, helped a Spanish-speaking student find books and program info for younger siblings, and had a teen boy who was amazed that I guessed he was a gamer & showed him some of our new xbox games.</p>	22
10/16/2013	<p>Mixed Age Storytime - Birthday : We're all here for storytime (song), Little Mouse (flannel), Birthday cake and candles (flannel), Five Little Monkey Bake a Birthday Cake (book), Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed (movement), Gorilla (puppet), Little Gorilla (book), Happy Birthday(song), Just Like Jasper (book), Five Birthday Candles (rhyme/flannel), Spot (doll), Spot Bakes a Cake (book), Brush Your Teeth (song), Bean Bag Rock (movement), Spot's Birthday Party (film), Birthday card (craft project)</p> <p>Evaluation: A fun theme and lots of opportunities for participation with the today's books.</p>	35
10/16/2013	<p>Mixed Age Storytime - Birthday : We're all here for storytime (song), Little Mouse (flannel), Birthday cake and candles (flannel), Five Little Monkey Bake a Birthday Cake (book), Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed (movement), Gorilla (puppet), Little Gorilla (book), Happy Birthday(song), Birthday Box (book), Five Birthday Candles (rhyme/flannel), Spot (doll), Spot Bakes a Cake (book), Brush Your Teeth (song), Bean Bag Rock (movement), Spot's Birthday Party (film), Birthday card (craft project)</p> <p>Evaluation: Great group again - birthdays are so much fun!</p>	30
10/16/2013	<p>Middleton High School Tour : Tour of the library, highlighting career/college and consumer information, demonstration of databases: A-Z, Consumer Reports online, Ebsco, Overdrive, Mango & Zinio. Discussed TAC's contributions to the library, Friends group, mentioned upcoming events, video game binders, and how to obtain a library card. Pulled a number of books on Midwestern authors for a report they are doing.</p> <p>Evaluation: A larger group than the first and a bit more distracted (teacher warned me that this was a talkative group), but appreciative of what the library offers. (the boys were very impressed that we offered some gaming consoles and Kindles) Quite a few in this group applying for library cards for the first time.</p>	26


10/16/2013	<p>Books & Brownies: Lions of Little Rock : Discussion of "The Lions of Little Rock" with sheets to try making a magic square. (mentioned in book)</p> <p>Evaluation: Wonderful discussion--only one of the 3 had heard of the events in Little Rock in the 50s. Talked about racism today, when would it be permissible for a government to infringe on individual rights for the greater good, and how one person's courage can inspire others. They were happy to try the magic square activity, though it does take some math skills!</p>	3
10/17/2013	<p>Getting to Know Medicare : An overview of Medicare for those approaching the age of eligibility.</p> <p>Evaluation: Smaller crowd than the 6:00 PM session on 10/15, but that's to be expected. Jesse reported that everything went smoothly. Demand for these seminars is steady, so I'll probably book some sessions for 2014. Jesse does a good job of presenting the information clearly and objectively; plus, the price is right (i.e. free).</p>	12
10/17/2013	<p>Baby and Tots Storytime : Songs and Activities: Hello, Everybody; Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes; The Wheels on the Bus; Baby Bear; ABCs; Three in the Bed (flannel); Two Little Blackbirds; Wind, O Wind; Popcorn; Hickory Dickory Dock; The Grand Old Duke of York; Trit Trot to Boston Books: Pat-a-Cake; Tuck Me In!; Goodnight Moon (read-together)</p> <p>Evaluation: A very lively group! They loved using the scarves for Two Little Blackbirds, Wind, O Wind, and Popcorn!</p>	17
10/17/2013	<p>Baby and Tots Storytime : Songs and Activities: Hello, Everybody; Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes; The Wheels on the Bus; Baby Bear; ABCs; Three in the Bed (flannel); Two Little Blackbirds; Wind, O Wind; Popcorn; Hickory Dickory Dock; The Grand Old Duke of York; Trit Trot to Boston Books: Pat-a-Cake; Tuck Me In!; Goodnight Moon (read-together)</p> <p>Evaluation: This group was generally a little younger than the first group, so we did a lot of adult/child movements along with our activities.</p>	21
10/18/2013	<p>Teen Techno Minutes : Sam helped a patron organize her digital photos.</p> <p>Evaluation: Sam reports that the session went well, and that he and Otty will soon move on to Skype.</p>	2
10/18/2013	<p>American Family Children's Hospital School Visit : I visited the American Family Children's Hospital school to bring a new bag of books (K-12), talk about the books, and collect last month's books. The teachers were thrilled to learn about some new fiction and nonfiction titles for all ages.</p> <p>Evaluation: Madison's hospital school is one of just two in the state; I'm glad we can provide outreach to the teachers here!</p>	3
10/19/2013	<p>Techno Minutes : Kindle Fire tutorial</p> <p>Evaluation: Patron was really pleased to learn about all the ways he could use his Kindle Fire (had only been using email function).</p>	1
10/19/2013	<p>Kid Kit Workshop : Participants created kits full of early literacy activities for toddlers and young children. The activities were built around the Every Child Ready to Read II framework. This workshop was open to anyone who takes care of young children, including parents, grandparents, older siblings, babysitters, friends, and many more.</p> <p>Evaluation: This was my first time generating and facilitating this program, and it went really well! We had a mix of 3 school-age kids, 6 'tweens, and 9 adults. They were thrilled to take home a bag full of ready-to-go activities to use with the young people in their lives! I was glad to have a chance to talk about early literacy and how to select activities that foster early literacy skills.</p>	18

10/21/2013	<p>Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime : Today's theme: "numbers/Los numerosos". Read books in Spanish, English and both languages. Songs and movement activities in Spanish. Activity: little number coloring book.</p> <p>Evaluation: Katy's comment: "Big storytime with lots of little ones."</p>	42
10/21/2013	<p>Pajama Storytime - Farm : Hello (song), We're all here for storytime (song), Little Mouse (flannel), Farm (flannel), Goodnight Lulu (book), This Little Piggy (rhyme/fingerplay), Peek-a-Moo (book), Old MacDonald Had a Farm (song w/flannel), Lazy Daisy Cranky Frankie (book), Hickory Dickory Dock (rhyme w/ stepbells), Farm Animals (book), Baa Baa Black Sheep (rhyme w/ sign language), Baby Bear (puppe/song), Goodnight Moon (flannel, group reading), Twinkle Twinkle Little Star (rhyme/flannel), Farm (coloring, stamping activity)</p> <p>Evaluation: I was pleasantly surprised by tonight's turnout and many of the kids came dressed in their pajamas which was cute. Lots of sibling pairs older preschooler and young elementary school aged kids with toddlers. A nice way to end a Monday evening.</p>	28
10/21/2013	<p>Teen Advisory Committee : 2 truths and a lie, voting for Jan/Feb programs, theme ideas, planning of Zombie party: point system, humans vs zombie rules, new materials suggestions, poster giveaway, display of "Teen Advisory Recommends"</p> <p>Evaluation: Nice to see some new people! There were more boys than girls, but the girls were much more talkative, so we went around in a circle to discuss most items to give the guys more "air time". There was a lot of excitement for a Dr. Who party, that actually gathered all 7 votes for the best program idea. Teen Bands Night, Cram & Cocoa and a NerdFighter (John Green) program also gathered some votes, but the bike tech/repair program I had hoped to do didn't gather any votes, unfortunately. Group was excited to pick their favorites for a "Teen Advisory Recommends" display, also.</p>	7
10/21/2013	<p>"The Haunting of Hill House" : An hour-long radio drama adaptation of Shirley Jackson's "The Haunting of Hill House" presented by Heartline Theatricals. Funded by the Beyond the Page Endowment.</p> <p>Evaluation: Great event and a great turnout! Seats were filled by about 6:50 and after that it was standing-room only. Lots of variety in ages of patrons attending. About 30-40 people stayed for the talk-back afterwards. Overall, an excellent program that brought live theater into the library and (hopefully) demonstrated the value of the Beyond the Page endowment!</p>	125
10/22/2013	<p>Toddler Storytime : Songs and Activities: Hello, Everybody; Clap Your Hands; Red Squirrel; Shaker Songs (Milkshake, I Know a Chicken); Scarf Songs (Wind, O Wind, Popcorn, Two Little Blackbirds); Hey Diddle Diddle (flannel) Books: Baby Loves Fall; Whose Nose?; Plumply Dumpy Pumpkin Take-home: tissue paper fall leaves</p> <p>Evaluation: A very active, engaged group! We had a lot of fun sharing stories, songs, and more!</p>	31
10/22/2013	<p>Lunch Bunch, 7th grade : Discussion of "The Apothecary" by Meloy, voting for December's book.</p> <p>Evaluation: Fantastic group of students who wanted to delve into the book immediately--had to tell them to wait for a few people to arrive! They all really loved the book. (One said it was her new favorite book & another said she usually hated historical fiction, but she loved how this one mixed in fantasy. One new girl came as she was intrigued by her friends discussing the book.) A few students came early to let me know there was a science fair meeting & they were sorry to miss the discussion. They were a lot more critical of one main character than the 6th graders and read it with a careful eye for detail and motivations. None had heard of McCarthy or knew exactly what Communism was, so gave some background.</p>	5

10/22/2013	<p>Lunch Bunch, 6th grade : Discussion of the Apothecary by Meloy and voting for December's book.</p> <p>Evaluation: A lot of book-lovers in this group and hard to reach a consensus for which book to read next! Everyone wanted to give a summary of the books they nominated, so the time went fast. A science fair lunch meeting took some of the members from last time away, but still a good-sized group. One student had asked her father what communism was & reported back to the others, but they were still a little confused. All seemed to love this book, though! One girl from China explained how in China the government only allows one child, but her aunt had a second child in Hong Kong & that is how they work around the system. Some interesting stories!</p>	8
10/22/2013	<p>Techno-Minutes : Helped a woman named Karen download and listen to audiobooks on her iPad.</p> <p>Evaluation: She already had the app and was pretty well-versed in using Overdrive, but she had problems in the past trying to download all of the component parts of an audiobook. Stressed the importance of waiting until all component parts of the audio book are downloaded before trying to listen to the book in the car.</p>	1
10/22/2013	<p>Tween Knitting Circle : Knitting instruction and practice</p> <p>Evaluation: This was our last knitting meeting of this session; quite a few projects were finished and new skills were mastered!</p>	6
10/22/2013	<p>Toddler Storytime : Songs and Activities: Hello, Everybody; Clap Your Hands; Red Squirrel; Shaker Songs (Milkshake, I Know a Chicken); Scarf Songs (Wind, O Wind, Popcorn, Two Little Blackbirds); Hey Diddle Diddle (flannel) Books: Baby Loves Fall; Whose Nose?; Plumply Dumply Pumpkin Take-home: tissue paper fall leaves</p> <p>Evaluation: Now that the group has heard these songs and rhymes multiple times, participants are eager to join in, and they look forward to their favorites!</p>	23
10/23/2013	<p>YMCA Outreach Visit : We shared the Caldecott Honor book Creepy Carrots, and we created our own creepy carrot bookmarks using pre-cut paper, wiggly eyes, and other art supplies.</p> <p>Evaluation: This group loved the colorful wiggly eyes! Many participants asked to make more than one project!</p>	19
10/23/2013	<p>YMCA Outreach Visit : We shared the Caldecott Honor book Creepy Carrots, and we created our own creepy carrot bookmarks using pre-cut paper, wiggly eyes, and other art supplies.</p> <p>Evaluation: The book was a big hit! All ages enjoyed joining in on "Creeeeeeepy Carrots"!</p>	42
10/23/2013	<p>YMCA Outreach Visit : We shared the Caldecott Honor book Creepy Carrots, and we created our own creepy carrot bookmarks using pre-cut paper, wiggly eyes, and other art supplies.</p> <p>Evaluation: This book works really well with a wide range of ages, and it's a little bit Halloweeny without being overtly so. A good fit for our YMCA participants!</p>	29
10/23/2013	<p>Let's Talk About Texts : A discussion of Dan Chaon's novel "Await Your Reply."</p> <p>Evaluation: Turnout was better than last time, but still on the low side. With one meeting left in 2013, Rebecca and I will talk about whether or not we want to continue the group meetings every month or if we want to go back to every other month. Everyone who came tonight has been to previous meetings (everyone except my friend Andrew, who I invited) and all of them expressed interest in continuing the group.</p>	6

10/23/2013	<p><u>Getting the Most Out of PowerPoint</u> : An overview of Microsoft PowerPoint, including tips and tricks for putting together a more effective and interesting presentation.</p> <p>Evaluation: This class was a new one for us, though Walker has taught it at FCH before. Great turnout. Walker said the crowd was very engaged and had lots of questions and feedback.</p>	20
10/24/2013	<p><u>Adult Book Discussion</u> : Discussion of A Tale for the Time Being by Ruth Ozeki, this year's Go Big Read selection, facilitated by two UW-SLIS students.</p> <p>Evaluation: Good turnout. The few times that I poked my head in the room, it sounded like the discussion was lively and plenty of people were participating. If Mary and Carolyn follow up with Jenny with any kind of evaluation I'll make sure to add it here.</p>	16
10/24/2013	<p><u>Baby & Tiny Tots Storytime</u> : Books: Spots Feathers and Curly Tails, Peekamoo, Goodnight Moon (group reading) --- Songs, Rhymes, Flannels, Scarves: Hello, Head Shoulders Knees and Toes, Are You Sleeping Baby Bear, ABC Song, Clap Your Hands, This Little Piggy, Grand Old Duke of York, Old MacDonald Had a Farm, Wheels on the Bus, If You're Happy and You Know It, Baa Baa Black Sheep, Hickory Dickory Dock, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, The More We Get Together --- Freeplay --- Display of board books for checkout and handout from today's storytime with suggested activities to try at home.</p> <p>Evaluation: A really nice and easy-going group this morning</p>	22
10/24/2013	<p><u>Baby and Tiny Tots Storytime</u> : Books: Spots Feathers and Curly Tails, Peekamoo, Goodnight Moon (group reading) --- Songs, Rhymes, Flannels, Scarves: Hello, Head Shoulders Knees and Toes, Are You Sleeping Baby Bear, ABC Song, Clap Your Hands, This Little Piggy, Grand Old Duke of York, Old MacDonald Had a Farm, Wheels on the Bus, If You're Happy and You Know It, Baa Baa Black Sheep, Hickory Dickory Dock, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, Pop Goes the Weasel, Walking Walking, Hokey Pokey, The More We Get Together --- Freeplay --- Display of board books for checkout and handout from today's storytime with suggested activities to try at home.</p> <p>Evaluation: A very active and energetic bunch today so it was great to have more movement activities during and in between our stories. The "Books in Motion" presentation at last week's YS workshop had some great tips that I was able to use with this group.</p>	33

10/24/2013	<p>Harry Potter Party : A variety of stations. Photo booth in front of the "Hogwarts Castle", a forest with trees and mushroom lamps, pom-pom owl critter craft station, wand making station, guessing jar for Bernie Botts Every Flavor Beans, Sorting Hat, HP Jigsaw Puzzle, HP bottlecap necklace making, Quidditch game, take home die cuts</p> <p>Evaluation: The program was a lot of fun and it was great to have such a nice turnout. Quite a few came dressed as characters from the series. There really was something for everyone, the collaboration was very successful!</p> 	130
10/24/2013	<p>Harry Potter Volunteer Opportunity : Volunteers came in to set up, help during the program, and clean up.</p> <p>Evaluation: We had a great group of volunteers - 'tweens, teens and adults. Most came to help set up and stayed for the entire event. We had a few that stayed to help clean up. Having the volunteers was a great help and definitely added to the party atmosphere. It also allowed for the librarians to be more relaxed and enjoy the time with our patrons.</p>	10
10/24/2013	<p>Zombie Apocalypse : Zombie mini-golf (eyeball ball, shoot into skull, jack-o-lantern), severed hand toss, zombie challenges, survival items choosing, edible plants quiz, zombie trivia: all earned immunity points toward the Humans vs. Zombies game. Also had a photo booth and a computer set up where you could "zombify" a photo of yourself. Snacks: Graveyard dirt, brain lollipops, blood & guts smoothie (beets), and blood clots (craisins).</p> <p>Evaluation: A lot of enthusiasm for this program! We had one teen who came 3 hours early as he said he wanted to be the first one here and wondered if he could earn extra zombie immunity points for it... There was a lot of set up required for this program with not a lot of time, so I was very happy to have 3 teen volunteers helping out. One loved mini-golf and managed to put together 5 holes with books paving the pathways. TAC helped out a lot in creating rules for the Zombies vs. Humans, and one parent asked if she could sneak in while the kids were out on missions to zombify a photo of her kids. One boy asked if he could do everyone's zombie makeup for the photo booth--nice to have volunteers with talent! Definitely a great time and awarded 2 Zombie immunity bars at the end to the highest scorers.</p>	16

10/25/2013	<p>Trick-or-Treat (DIY) : Treats at desk for children participating in Middleton's Downtown Trick-or-Treat event.</p> <p>Evaluation: Obviously, popular! I'm glad we participated with other area businesses to make the day special for our young patrons. Adorable costumes! My favorite was a baby dressed as a lobster - mom dressed as a chef and carried the baby around in a big pot. Photo on the staff utility page.</p> 	300
10/25/2013	<p>Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime : Today's theme: Calabazas & esqueletos/pumpkins and skeletons. Songs and movement in Spanish and books related to the theme in Spanish, English, and both languages. Ended the storytime with a cute monstrios/monster craft.</p> <p>Evaluation: A really great group of listeners and participators. Since there was no school, we had a couple of older siblings attend which made storytime special. A great way to read about the "Day of the Dead" celebration.</p>	20
10/26/2013	<p>Movie Matinee: Harry Potter : Showing of Harry Potter: Sorcerer's Stone with popcorn.</p> <p>Evaluation: A great film for the Halloween season--a program for all ages. Parents were very appreciative of the program.</p>	19
10/28/2013	<p>Chess Club : Chess play and instruction for all ages and levels.</p> <p>Evaluation: 3 kids and one adult came today. I think the small attendance was probably due in part to the holiday weekend for school aged kids. Brad and I discussed the possibility of hosting Chess Club on Sunday afternoons in 2014.</p>	4
10/28/2013	<p>Pajama Storytime - Halloween : Hi Hello and How are You (song), Little Mouse (flannel), Halloween (flannel), Monster (puppet), Leonardo (puppet), Leonardo the Terrible Monster (book), Faces (flannel), If You're Happy and You Know It (song), Itsy Bitsy Spider (rhyme/puppet), Where is Baby's Pumpkin? (book), Brush Your Teeth (song/toothbrush), 5 Little Pumpkins (rhyme/mini pumpkins /scarves), Brooms are For Flying (book), Peek-a-Boooo! (book), Bean Bag Rock (song) ---- The More We Get Together (song) --- Halloween stamping art activity</p> <p>Evaluation: A fun time tonight, it's great to be developing some Monday evening "regulars". Of course, Halloween is a fun theme for everyone.</p>	22

10/29/2013	<p>Toddler Storytime - Halloween : Hi Hello and How are You (song), If You're Happy To Be Here (song with flannel), Halloween (flannel), Monster (puppet), Where is Baby's Pumpkin? (book), Clap Your Hands (song), Itsy Bitsy Spider (rhyme/puppet), 5 Little Pumpkins (rhyme/mini pumpkins /scarves), Brooms are For Flying (book), Halloween (flannel), Peek-a-Boooo! (book), Goodnight Moon (book/group reading), Twinkle Twinkle Little Star (rhyme), ---- The More We Get Together (song) --- Halloween stamping art activity</p> <p>Evaluation: An energetic group so the theme was perfect for today. Brooms are For Flying was a great book to share and incorporate motion.</p>	38
10/29/2013	<p>Toddler Storytime - Halloween : Hi Hello and How are You (song), If You're Happy To Be Here (song with flannel), Halloween (flannel), Monster (puppet), Where is Baby's Pumpkin? (book), Clap Your Hands (song), Itsy Bitsy Spider (rhyme/puppet), 5 Little Pumpkins (rhyme/mini pumpkins /scarves), Brooms are For Flying (book), Halloween (flannel), Peek-a-Boooo! (book), Goodnight Moon (book/group reading), Twinkle Twinkle Little Star (rhyme), ---- The More We Get Together (song) --- Halloween stamping art activity</p> <p>Evaluation: A cute group, the kids had a lot of fun coming up to put up all the different Halloween flannels on the board.</p>	22
10/29/2013	<p>Meriter Hospital Mother Baby Hour : Presented a sample baby storytime and answered questions regarding our library's events, resources, and public libraries in general.</p> <p>Evaluation: Another nice group of first time moms and their babies. They were especially cute today, dressed in costume - most were pumpkins! The books I shared were Halloween themed so it was a great pairing.</p>	14
10/29/2013	<p>Techno Minutes : iPad crash course</p> <p>Evaluation: We started with "what is wi-fi?" and ended with logging points in a Weight Watchers app. Whew!</p>	2
10/30/2013	<p>Mixed-Ages Storytime - Halloween : Hi Hello and How are You (song), Little Mouse (flannel), Monster (puppet), Leonardo (puppet), Leonardo the Terrible Monster (book), 5 Little Pumpkins (rhyme / mini pumpkins /scarves), Brooms are For Flying (book), Halloween (flannel), Peek-a-Boooo! (book), Brush Your Teeth (song/toothbrush), Spot (doll), Spot's Halloween Party (book), Bean Bag Rock (song) ---- Spot Goes to a Party (film) --- Halloween stamping art activity</p> <p>Evaluation: A fun time and great to see the kids in their costumes.</p>	43
10/30/2013	<p>Mixed Ages Storytime - Halloween : Hi Hello and How are You (song), Little Mouse (flannel), Monster (puppet), Leonardo (puppet), Leonardo the Terrible Monster (book), 5 Little Pumpkins (rhyme / mini pumpkins /scarves), Brooms are For Flying (book), Halloween (flannel), Peek-a-Boooo! (book), Brush Your Teeth (song/toothbrush), Spot (doll), Spot's Halloween Party (book), Bean Bag Rock (song) ---- Spot Goes to a Party (film) --- Halloween stamping art activity</p> <p>Evaluation: Another fun Halloween themed storytime. The monster puppets were big hits with everyone and the kids had a lot of fun creating Halloween cards with the rubber stamps.</p>	39

10/31/2013	<p>Baby & Tiny Tots : Hi Hello and How are You (song), Head Shoulders Knees and Toes (song), Are You Sleeping Baby Bear? (song/puppet), ABC Song (song), If You're Happy To Be Here (song with flannel), Where is Baby's Pumpkin? (book), Clap Your Hands (song), Pat-a-CAke (rhyme), Itsy Bitsy Spider (rhyme/puppet), Trot Trot to Boston (rhyme/puppet), Grand Old Duke of York (rhyme/puppet), Wheels on the Bus (song), Halloween (flannel), Peek-a-Boooo! (book), 2 Little Blackbirds (rhyme/puppet), 5 Little Pumpkins (rhyme/mini pumpkins /scarves), Hickory Dickory Dock (stepbells/rhyme), Goodnight Moon (flannel/book/group reading), Twinkle Twinkle Little Star (rhyme), The More We Get Together (song), Play time</p> <p>Evaluation: A nice storytime and Halloween is a fun and festive way to end our Sept/Oct storytime series.</p>	20
10/31/2013	<p>Baby & Tiny Tots - Halloween : Hi Hello and How are You (song), Head Shoulders Knees and Toes (song), Are You Sleeping Baby Bear? (song/puppet), ABC Song (song), If You're Happy To Be Here (song with flannel), Where is Baby's Pumpkin? (book), Clap Your Hands (song), Pat-a-CAke (rhyme), Itsy Bitsy Spider (rhyme/puppet), Trot Trot to Boston (rhyme/puppet), Grand Old Duke of York (rhyme/puppet), Wheels on the Bus (song), Halloween (flannel), Peek-a-Boooo! (book), 2 Little Blackbirds (rhyme/puppet), 5 Little Pumpkins (rhyme/mini pumpkins /scarves), Hickory Dickory Dock (stepbells/rhyme), Goodnight Moon (flannel/book/group reading), Twinkle Twinkle Little Star (rhyme), The More We Get Together (song), Play time</p> <p>Evaluation: A nice group again. They were very appreciative of our library and the storytimes we offer - it's great to hear and receive such positive feedback.</p>	29
Number of Programs / Total Attendance		
	Children's	57 / 1714
	Teens	8 / 106
	Adults	20 / 579
	Grand Total	85 / 2399
	DIY/Passive Program Total	1 / 300

3. LIBRARY EXHIBITS



Exhibit Case: Growing Food & Sustainability – Gabriela

Picture Railing: Deborah Ahlstedt – Photographs

4. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Library Highlights for October 2013

Staff Development:



Library staff attending this year's WLA Conference in Green Bay: Sarah Hartman, Jason Boak, Rebecca Light, Jenny Carr, Svetha Hetzler and Rebecca Van Dan.

Library programming and events:

In October of 2013 we hosted 85 programs and counted 2,399 attendees a significant increase over last year's figure of 66 programs and 2,145 attendees! Efforts to include more multigenerational programming has been successful, including Harry Potter Party. Our hefty programming schedule continues to garner positive feedback from the public, including this comment:

Patron email, regarding our **Read It and Eat: Book Club**: *“My family truly loves our library and all the great programs offered. I am a firm believer in the local library system.”*



Beyond the Page 2013 Library Event
The Haunting of Hill House – radio drama performance

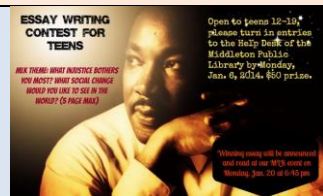


Middleton Public Library submitted Beyond the Page Grant Proposals for 2014:

YMCA Outreach: The Middleton Public Library community outreach project was enthusiastically received during the school year of 2012-2013. Through monthly scheduled visits to the YMCA of Dane County’s after-school sites in Middleton we brought the library to 65-100 children per month via 20-minute programs involving read-a-louds, crafts, group activities, and more. The purpose of this grant is to extend the program into the 2014 school months (January – May and September – December) and to put books into the hands of all participating students.



Banned Books: Six Dane County Libraries will partner with Forward Theater Company over a 2-year period to commission 5-7 monologues that reflect a history of banned books. The monologues will approach the topic from a variety of points of view, such as the author of a banned book, the patron wanting a book banned, or a character in a banned book. These monologues will be performed at five library locations in the fall of 2014, and three more library locations in 2015. Matinee performances of the monologues will be offered to Dane County-area schools before the FTC monologue festival in the winter of 2015. Wisconsin Public Radio has expressed interest in recording the performances in 2014 and airing these recordings of the original library performances during Banned Books week in October 2015.



Dr. King's Dream: This brilliant depiction of the life and career of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stars Shawn Hamilton in a stirring solo performance. It begins at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis on April 4, 1968, as Dr. King answers a young colleague's question with an anecdote from the Montgomery bus boycott. The play instantly shifts to Montgomery and, over the next forty-five minutes, brings to life all of the dignity, courage, devotion, and humanity of a most remarkable American leader.

Night Travels: Sleep, Dreams and Shadows: The mystical transition between the worlds of consciousness and sleep/dreaming form our most ancient source of stories and myths, which continue to hold meaning for us today demonstrated through the arts and humanities. Audience participations and fellow sleepers will view connected performances in original theatre, music, and dance; hear a dynamic brief overview of literature and visual art inspired by sleeping and dreaming; create a community art piece inspired by their own dream symbols and have the opportunity to share and explore their own dreams and the quirky nature of sleep.

Discovering Austen: *Discovering Austen* takes place in the dressing room of an actor who has been cast as Jane Austen herself. Still searching for the essence of her character only hours from opening, she explores Austen's writing in an attempt to find the author in the pages of her novels and letters. *Discovering Austen* is a wonderful opportunity to see Austen's characters and the author herself come to life. This work was selected as one of three scripts for the 2013 Wisconsin Wrights New Play Development Project.



We began a very exciting partnership with the Arts Board for a community art project:

Purpose: To look at artistic options for a vacant wall in the Library's stairwell to the lower level, located on the west-side of the building.

Focusing on:

Showcasing local art in the vacant space.

Encouraging **community involvement** in the production of the art.

Offering **education for youth, related to the project** through interaction with artists.

Fostering **community development of the arts**, while providing a creative environment.

Planning a community event that will **build a partnership** between the Middleton Library, Hubbard Art Center and the residents of Middleton.

Do **fundraising** for Public Art Installations or The Hubbard Art Center.

Determine a gallery name for the vacant space, deeming it **an important space**, and **maintaining it** accordingly.

5. STAFF DEVELOPMENT: MEETINGS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

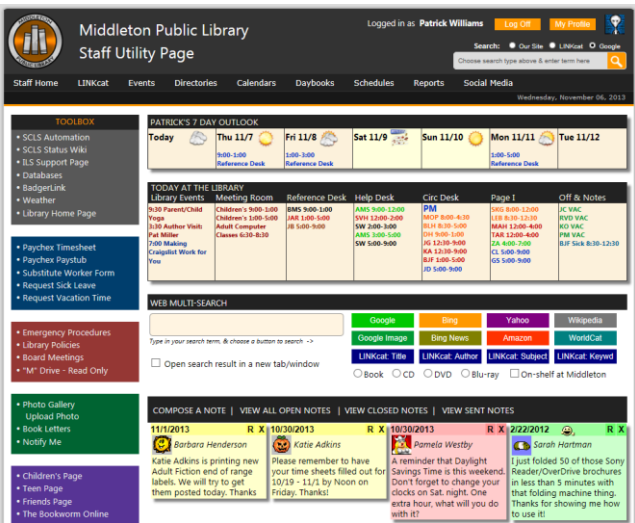
Date	Staff	Title
10/1/2013	Jason, Katie A,	Designing a Marketing Plan : Delivered by Ben Bizzle, Director of Technology for Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library in Arkansas. Discussed how to improve or start marketing a library to the community. He emphasized getting decision-makers on board with marketing initiatives and then forming a group to work as a team on marketing ideas. Tips on branding and how to deliver marketing solutions creatively and memorably. Practical tips on where to find graphics and tutorials online as well as suggested software packages were shared to help libraries that do not have a graphic artist on staff. Bizzle also discussed where effective advertising can be placed (newspapers, radio, billboards etc) and pointed to Facebook as the single most cost effective promo tool today, if used properly (it's called SOCIAL media for a reason).
10/4/2013	Svetha	SLIS Student Tour : Met with 2 SLIS students to give them a tour and interview of the YS department.
10/6/2013	Amanda	SLIS Student Tour/Interview : Three students from the School of Library and Information Studies at UW-Madison came to tour the library and ask questions about our Youth Services Department. One student stayed after the tour and interview to sit in on the class visit later in the afternoon.
10/11/2013	Svetha, Amanda	Growing WI Readers Workshop : Growing Wisconsin Readers overview presented by DPI Youth & Special Services Consultant Tessa Micheaelson Schmidt. Presentation of Common Core standards and library programs presented by Shawn Brommer. Books in Motion presentation by author and librarian, Julie Dietzel-Glair.

10/16/2013	Jenny Carr	<u>ILL Subcommittee Meeting</u> : Beth Price gave an OLL update for SCLS, including stats and new workflow procedures. Specifically, covered procedure for handling duplicate items and explained "receive and return" reporting. Beth gave a tour of the "behind the scenes" workings of ILLiad software that her staff uses. Discussion on topics for next meeting and agreed on a date - Jan 15, 2:00pm via GoToMeeting. Beth then gave us a tour of the new library.
10/17/2013	Amanda	<u>Charlotte Zolotow Lecture</u> : Leonard Marcus presented a lecture titled "Why Picture Books Matter." This was the Cooperative Children's Book Center's annual Charlotte Zolotow lecture, given each year by a different author/illustrator/expert in the field.
10/18/2013	Amanda	<u>Cooperative Children's Book Center Book Sale</u> : I assisted in setting up and running the CCBC's semi-annual book sale.
10/18/2013	Rebecca V.	<u>Library 2.013 webinar</u> : "Connected Librarians Day": over 30 live presentations from librarians all over the world, with opportunities to volunteer, promote, and be on a Global Advisory Outreach panel. I attended "Library as Makerspace" by Kristin Fontichiaro and listened to parts of others that had databases or software I was not familiar with.
10/22/2013	Svetha	<u>WLA Pre-Conference</u> : Focus on early literacy with breakout sessions. I attended the breakout sessions for early literacy spaces and programming. Jim Gill, children's musician, was the guest.
10/23/2013	Rebecca V.	<u>WLA</u> : Attended Chip Kidd's presentation, Darwin 101: Evolving Reference, Jarrett Krosoczka luncheon, Let's Create with Makerspace, and Crafting with Adults.
10/23/2013	Sarah H., Jason, Jenny, Rebecca L.	<u>2013 Wisconsin Library Association Conference</u> : Events attended include: Chip Kidd keynote and conversation; Authority Control: What It Is and Why It's Important; If You Have a Garden and a Library, You Have Everything You Need; Avoiding BAH (Boring As Heck) Marketing; Notable Books Marathon; Verbal Judo: Redirecting Behavior with Words; Crafting With Adults: And Other Fun Activities To Do With Grownups; In Cuba It Is Always Wise to Have a Plan B; Deborah Blum luncheon; Serving Homeless Patrons; Branding Your Library; In Librarianship, Women Hold Up Half the Sky; Ten Things Your Patrons Can Do When the Library Is Closed: Free Online Resources for Family & Local History Researchers; Rebranding Madison Public Library; Working the Idea Store Way; MacGyver Librarians: Off the Grid!; At the Movies with Librarians II: Read Harder; Books and Brews; Solving the Lindbergh Kidnapping; Michael Perry luncheon; Bookin' It 5K Fun Run; exhibit hall; UW-Madison SLIS reunion; Librarians Rock WLA Foundation fundraiser.
10/25/2013	Svetha	<u>SABA Committee Meeting</u> : Fall meeting to discuss submissions received to date and next steps.

10/30/2013	Jenny Carr, Beth Price, and Katie Alexander	ILL meeting : Meeting to go over new OCLC Worldshare ILL borrowing platform. We shared things we have learned so far and Beth showed us how to make and edit custom holdings groups and paths.

6. LIBRARIANS' REPORTS

Patrick Williams, Head of Information Technology



The library's Staff Utility Page was given a re-work for use in tandem with the new public website. The site is a repository of photos, daybooks, staff schedules, directories, pertinent links, meeting and studyroom schedules, and tools for requesting vacation/sick leave, sending notes and filing various reports. It contains the documents for staff and public consumption, such as library policies, meeting minutes, position descriptions and more. It is also where staff maintains library program and event

information for the website. Several new features have been added, including slideshow tie-ins for programs and photo galleries, auto-login for outside utility sites, and a multi-search tool. The site will be available for staff, along with the new public site, when the server transition begins later in November.

Rebecca Van Dan, Head of Young Adult Services

This October was a program-packed month for teens. In addition to regular programming, we

partnered with Amanda and Svetha to offer a Harry Potter program for all ages and gave tours to a few high school English classes. Lunch Bunch at Kromrey continues to have great participants, and the Zombie Apocalypse was very successful.

I attended WLA this month and gathered some ideas on makerspaces, attended the City's workshop on conducting performance evaluations, and attended an online library conference called Library 2.013 that had quite a number of international speakers. I also started taking a Digital Literacy for Youth class with Svetha and Amanda that has looked at COPPA compliance and new ways to look at youth participation with digital media. We met with Erinn and Laura this month to discuss Makerspace ideas and with Shawn Brommer and Deb H. from South Central to discuss ideas on how to renovate the Archer Rooms.

We trained three new teen volunteers this month, worked on making Nov/Dec fliers and fliers to highlight our new Kindles for Books and Brownies. We updated the Teen website for fall programs, created individual program fliers, and sent out publicity articles. We created weeding reports for teen audiobooks, Cliff Notes, and teen hardcover fiction, and have started pulling some of the older teen NF downstairs and shifted the study guides to allow more room for the popular audiobooks. We also organized the Help Desk to allow more space for circulating items and are updating the opening/closing procedures to reflect actual practices.

Displays: Zombies, Creepy Crawlies, Banned Books

Sarah Hartman, Head of Technical Services



October was nice and steady, with lots of great new materials flowing through Technical Services and out into patrons' hands. We also cataloged and processed a large number of older hardcover

mysteries and thrillers, which we were lucky enough to get donated to us, and in pristine condition too! Many of these books are out of print in hardcover and by big name authors, so we were able to fill in gaps in popular series and replace old copies in poor condition. It was a lot of work but very worth it. Many thanks go to our wonderful TS volunteer Glenda, who put Mylar covers on all of the many dust jackets, and of course to the family that donated the books.

The deadline for voting for what should be included in next year's Koha development was the end of the month, so Brendan and I took a look at the (extremely long) list of possibilities and decided where to cast Middleton's 20 votes. Given that August's authority control update continues to need fixes, it is hard to be optimistic about future development, but Koha will be what we make of it. It is important to be involved in any decision processes SCLS makes available to us.

The professional development highlight of the month was the annual Wisconsin Library Association conference, held this year in Green Bay. I was able to attend all three days, and Jason was able to attend the first day. We both went to some very interesting sessions and learned many good things we can take back and apply to our work in the months to come.

Jason continues to do excellent work heading up our Social Media Committee. As I write this, we now have 771 likes on Facebook, and there are many great ideas in the works, especially for video content and photography. I'm looking forward to seeing what the Committee comes up with next!



Svetha Hetzler, Head of Children's Services

We continued our morning storytimes and kids book club for kindergarten-3rd grade. I also began offering a weekly evening Pajama Storytime. Amanda, Rebecca, and I collaborated on a Harry Potter

Event for all ages and the Youth Services desk greeted young trick-or-treaters as part of the City of Middleton's Downtown Trick-or-Treating event. The back to back offering of same age storytimes helped in balancing attendance levels.

I continued outreach efforts this month. I visited the 3K Early Education Special Needs morning and afternoon classroom this month. I also selected materials for their upcoming curriculum theme. I also pulled together resources for Jessica Block, Reading Specialist at Sunset Ridge. My emails to 4-K sites were well received and I have visits to several sites scheduled for November and December. The organizational library cards set up by Brendan and the circulation team are a great resource for MCPASD educators. I also made my quarterly visit to Meriter Hospital's Mother-Baby Hour.

I attended two workshops this month, *Growing Wisconsin Readers* and the *WLA Pre-Conference*. Both workshops focused on early literacy initiatives. I also began a six-week online course on Digital Literacy and am learning a lot about laws, regulations, and social media opportunities for youth.

I held a telephone meeting with the SABA committee. We are continuing to identify titles and review submissions that portray South Asia, South Asians, and South Asian culture. Our next telephone meeting will take place in January.

Sarah and Sally continue to provide fantastic support to the entire YS team with their displays, posters, program offerings, and customer service. This month, Sally hosted another Paws to Read event which she really enjoys. She also put together Monster-themed DIY activities. Sarah continues to create eye catching displays and posters for the department. This month, Sarah created a monster display to go with our DIY activities. Sarah also continues to make recommendations for the Parenting Collection. Both Sarah and Sally create artistic displays to draw attention to our library programs. Sarah also added some Facebook and Twitter posts to help promote our Harry Potter and Diwali Storytime events.

Lastly, I put together a table of duties and hours spent on specific activities as the first part of an exercise to help prioritize and focus the work of the department.

Amanda Struckmeyer, Head of Youth Services



Kid Kits

Our fall programming continued this month; a Star Wars Origami event and a Harry Potter Party drew in many patrons of all ages, and a Kid Kits workshop gave us the chance to share knowledge about

early literacy with caregivers of young children. ‘Tween Knitting Circle and Read It and Eat book club continued to be popular venues for young people to explore their interests. YMCA outreach visits continued this month, and we look forward to continuing to provide this valuable service throughout the school year.

I hosted a fifth grade class visit on a Sunday afternoon. This was a major program that involved creating multiple booklists, generating an hour of booktalks, and coordinating with the Circulation department for library card sign-up. The visit went really well, and I’m hoping to use the material for additional programs and school visits.

The Management Team discussed and approved the purchase of Rainbow Looms for circulation. The circulation of Rainbow Looms supports our Makerspace initiative. These very popular looms enable users to create intricate bracelets and other creations using colorful rubber bands.

The UW-Madison Continuing Education class, “Digital Literacy for Youth,” began. This is a six-week course, and I’ve already learned a lot about the ways in which young people today are using technology.

I wrote and submitted my biweekly newspaper column, *Booking It*, for the Middleton Times-Tribune, and continued to act as newspaper liaison. As a member of the Wisconsin Library Association Youth Services Section Board, I assisted with the planning of a preconference program, which took place on October 22. On the national level this month, I continued my work as a member of the ALSC Services to Special Populations and their Caregivers committee. In addition, I reviewed two books for *School Library Journal*.



Jim Ramsey, Head of Adult Services

October was the busiest month in recent memory in terms of adult programming. Not only did we hold our second annual Trivia Night to benefit the Beyond the Page campaign, we also hosted three informational programs, an author visit, a technology class, and a live theatrical performance. The latter, funded by a grant from the Beyond the Page endowment, was held on the main level of the library and was a huge success with over 120 people attending! November will be a little quieter, but

we still have several great programs and technology classes planned for that month. I also spent a lot of time this month planning and firming up programs for the first quarter-to-first-third of 2014.

Our adult non-fiction weeding project also kicked into high gear this month. In order to make the project more manageable and to involve as many staff members as possible, we divided the collection into 31 (roughly) equal sections. As of the end of October, we have completed 9 of those sections. Two of our substitute Page II reference staff members, Sarah Michaelis and Walker Evans, have experience in weeding and collection maintenance, so we have enlisted them to help with several sections. We plan to pick up the pace in the next two months with the ultimate goal of completing the project by the end of the year. Concurrent to the weeding project, Jenny is going through the entire adult non-fiction section and replacing the yellowing tape and spine labels on certain items. (Sarah H. and I believe that, roughly 10 years ago, all hardcover books were processed using an inferior tape that is starting to yellow, crack, and peel). Once completed, we hope that these projects—the weeding and the re-taping—will make the collection as a whole more attractive and individual books easier to find.

Attendance was up slightly at Let's Talk About Texts, our fledgling book group for 20 and 30-somethings. Many former attendees have cited scheduling conflicts in past months, so Rebecca and I have discussed holding the discussion every other month in 2014. Rebecca is also exploring additional programs aimed at this demographic in 2014. Among the possibilities we've discussed is a retro video game night and craft/maker programs. Jenny's adult book discussion was also well-attended this month, due in part to the book being this year's Go Big Read selection, Ruth Ozeki's *A Tale for the Time Being*. Both book groups will take December off and resume after the first of the year.

Finally, several members of the reference team—Sarah H., Jenny, Rebecca L, and Jason—attended this year's Wisconsin Library Association conference in Green Bay on October 23-25. Everyone came back with great ideas and ways to improve library services, including ideas for regularly-scheduled adult craft programs, new ways to market the library on social media, and even tips for dealing with disruptive patrons through "verbal judo!" Jason, who has done amazing things with the library's social media accounts in past few months, live-tweeted and shared photos throughout the conference.



Brendan Faherty, Head of Circulation Services

October was a busy month in Circulation. Our Self-Check usage is still hovering around 60%, which is

very solid. Near the end of the month, we received a software update from Bibliotheca, which should help improve our self-check service by eliminating a random screen freeze problem that has cropped up from time to time. The entire Circulation staff is still working hard to educate new and returning patrons on the most efficient use of the Self-Check machines, as we strive to increase that Self-Check percentage even more going forward.

We did some shelf-shifting this month in the new Adult materials area in an effort to consolidate some smaller collections and free up some space for the eventual move of the Juvenile AV materials over near the Adult AV shelves. Both patrons and staff have responded well to the new shelving configuration, and we have the desired extra space we hoped the move would generate.

I met with Pamela and Anna Biermeier (of the Friends Book Sale) to discuss some new ideas for the Book Sale room and how we can potentially expand the hours that room is open to the public. One of the ideas is the coffee shop model, along with some comfortable furniture. Another idea revolves around having the Book Sale room open for major programs in 2014, as an added option for patrons to come browse the materials available both before and after programs taking place in the Archer Rooms. As Anna is slowly stepping back from her role facilitating the FOL Book Sales, we are looking for new volunteers to help coordinate this venture.

On October 29, we hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner for the numerous volunteers who give generously of their time to further the mission of the Middleton Public Library. We had a wonderful Taco Bar dinner and roughly 30 volunteers were able to attend. It was a nice turnout and a wonderful way to celebrate all the hard work our volunteers do throughout the year. In recognition of those volunteers who attended, we created a commemorative bookplate to be placed in the book of the volunteer's choice.

The Middleton Public Library also hosted a system-wide ILS User Group on October 30. The topic was Self-Check/RFID, and we were a logical choice, given our complicated sorter, full RFID usage, and newer liber8 Self-Check software. I gave a brief tour of our Circulation area before the meeting and answered questions for staff from other libraries in attendance. After a morning of discussion about best practices, current issues, problems, etc., Bibliotheca joined us for lunch and a short afternoon

presentation about the current state of the company. To their credit, it was not their normal sales pitch. They instead focused on the recent and on-going communication and support issues that seem to be plaguing the company over the past year or so. Instead of providing excuses, they recognized that customers are not happy with the level of service right now and detailed their plans to improve their support structure going forward. All in all, the meeting was a great chance to discuss self-check and RFID issues with other libraries and be able to express some of our concerns directly to Bibliotheca staff.

7. OTHER LIBRARY NEWS



Middleton Public Library welcomes Wisconsin Library Association's new Executive Director Plumer Lovelace!

South Central Library System's All Directors meeting is scheduled for November 21st.

Topics for discussion: Madison's Bubbler – Makerspace, a Revisions to Cost Formula Matrix for technology vs. ILS for 2014, Overdrive Advantage, and the future of Koha.

Dane County Libraries: are moving forward with county-wide promotions and outreach initiatives

8. AGENDA ITEMS

Security cameras:

We'll review a proposal for security cameras to help monitor areas of the library outside of our sight range and help ensure a safe environment for everyone. Documents will be provided at the meeting.