

## May 2021 Adult Services Report

### **Adult Programs**

Our Adult Programming has been on pause during the transition to a new Adult Programming Librarian. Internal candidate Joni Radley has accepted the position and will begin on June 7.

On May 22 we held our monthly Book Discussion event led by Liz Kneer, Exhibit Room Coordinator. The group discussed *Pachinko*, by Min Jin Lee, a family saga about four generations of a Korean family that is set in Korea and Japan. This book was selected to coincide with our East Asia Exhibit, and was a joint program with Scandinavia Public Library who will also be hosting the East Asia Traveling Exhibit. This dispersed exhibit can be seen throughout the library on both levels and much of the display has been extended through June 12. 10 people attended the discussion and asked that the program be continued through the summer. The next discussion will be on June 26 talking about the book *Emily & Einstein* by Linda Francis Lee. Copies are available in the library.

On June 3, we held a virtual Life Class: Whole People, Part 4 led by Shawna Hansen, Michelle Gardner, Jane Doolan and Dustin Koury from Waupaca County Department of Health and Human Services. Attendees watched a video about how the effects of stress and trauma are carried in the body and engaged in a discussion afterwards. The group participated well, again sharing their personal experiences and talked about how we as a community can connect and help others that are suffering from trauma. 7 people were in attendance. A survey and helpful resources were shared with participants by email following the program.

### **Remaining Spring Schedule**

#### Virtual Book Discussion

- June 26 - *Emily & Einstein* by Linda Francis Lee led by Patsy Servey. Book selected to highlight our Summer Library Program theme of Tails & Tales.

### **Adult Circulation & Information Report**

In May, interviews were conducted for full time and part time positions. An internal candidate, Joni Radley, was selected as the new Adult Programming Librarian which allowed us to hire two part time individuals. Mary Burns and Trace Holt were hired to join our team part time. Training for these three staff members will begin the first week of June.

I want to highlight three of our staff members who have been champions at helping to cover for others who have been sick, on bereavement leave, or in quarantine. Linda Hagen, Alex

Deschler and Lilly Sommer have gone above and beyond in their team effort on behalf of others. Linda has been working for us since her retirement from the Wisconsin Veterans Home Library in 2014. Alex and Lilly are both college students who have been working for our library since they were in high school. They both started as Teen/Page employees and have been fully trained to work at the circulation desk as well. This summer Lilly is also working as our Teen Program Intern, with Alex helping in Teen Programming as well.

In May we invited our volunteers to return to work with us. Throughout the month we were able to reintroduce them and give them refresher training. Our various volunteers accumulated 20 hours of work in the month of May.

I have continued meeting monthly and working with the ThedaCare CHAT (Community Health Action Team) subcommittee on Social Connectedness as well as with the You Belong in Waupaca - Compassionate Community Initiative. These two groups share similar goals and are exploring the possibilities of working together. Shawna Hansen, from Waupaca County DHHS gave a You Belong presentation to the ThedaCare CHAT team about their purpose, how our groups can work together, and how ThedaCare and CHAT can support their community work. We are now planning a mini-plunge event to begin the community conversations on how to build a safe, vibrant, resilient and connected community.

Respectfully submitted by Patsy Servey