Past Exhibit

East Asia Exhibit (Virtual & Dispersed)

- Our library was awarded a $1000 grant through the University of Wisconsin to enhance our East Asia collections and provide programming relating to East Asia.
- The Adult’s Department provided Asian Cooking Kits for curbside/in person distribution; I created marketing materials for the kits.
- We installed a ‘dispersed’ exhibit throughout the library featuring items from our sister city, Mitoyo, Japan, (on loan from Mayor Smith and the City of Waupaca) as well an exhibit from the Chippewa Valley Museum, *Hmong in America*, and East Asian art and sculptural pieces. These installations were ‘dispersed’ so that we were not encouraging patrons to linger for too long in the library.
- A virtual exhibit was featured online for patrons to explore the various countries and cultures in East Asia: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vRvnSR54LXA6U1xTsENCdyp_xfhBq3VnkJoqQqt_fBB31EtHy_kFzICYFtD1ZxY9XxhmW4d6D1LSsoD/pub?start=true&loop=false&delayms=60000&slide=id.p
- The Children’s Department coordinated a Kite Field Day on May 22 from 10am-3pm at the Waupaca Municipal Airport. The Wisconsin Kiters and local EAA Chapter were great partners for this event with over 500 people in attendance. The Exhibit Room donated over 200 kite kits to those in attendance.
- 10 people attended our monthly book club and read *Pachinko*; I hosted this joint discussion with the Scandinavia Public Library virtually, on May 22 at 10am. A graduate student from the University of Wisconsin Center for East Asian Studies participated in the discussion.
- Please see the attached summary letter for the University of Wisconsin Center for East Asian Studies for additional details. All documentation was submitted to the UW for reimbursement.
- This exhibit was a great collaboration across library departments and the community. It meets our strategic goals to provide inclusive services and educate our patrons and create awareness of cultures in our area.

Current Exhibit

Summer Learning Program

- The Children’s department is currently using the Exhibit Room to create online content for the Summer Learning Program. Furniture is being moved back into the main areas of the library in preparation for our exhibit this fall.

Upcoming Exhibits

Beyond Borders: Indigenous Art of Latin America covering Guatemala, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia (Fall 2021)

- This fall we will feature Ruth Wydeven, an artist from Colorado. Ruth has ties to the Waupaca area, and is excited to bring her nationally awarded artwork to the Exhibit Room. https://www.ruthwydevenart.com/
- I am working with Ruth to figure out shipping logistics and informational graphics to enhance her artwork.
- Ruth will be in Waupaca to help install the exhibit and stay for the exhibit opening. She will host a number of gallery walks/discussions while she is here.

Additional Exhibit Room Items

- The Exhibit Room Committee met virtually on Zoom for our April and May meetings. Our committee traditionally takes off June and July and since all committee members are comfortable meeting in person, we will meet at the library for our August meeting.
- I continue to attend weekly Rotary meetings, monthly marketing meetings, adult programming meetings, and WAACN meetings to coordinate programming and maintain our strong community relationships and collaborations.
- Peg asked if I would be part of the committee to hire a new Adult Programming Librarian. I was honored to help with the selection of Joni Radley and look forward to working with her on upcoming programs and events.
• Our May Day basket kit was available April 19th-April 30th and was a great success. All 50 kits were distributed within the first week. The kits were available curbside or in person and included all materials to make a May Day basket as well as paper flowers. Patrons received two packets of seeds, one for the basket and one to keep, so that they can watch their flowers grow along with a friend or neighbor. These kits help us meet the goal in our Strategic Plan to provide engagement of all community members and increase social connectedness.
• Our final kit for the spring was Yard Sign Kits, supported by a $200 donation from Community First Credit Union.
• When patrons request kits, we are able to gather information for programming and marketing at the library. The May Day Kit was the perfect opportunity to ask for feedback on future exhibits. Some of the responses we received included a cooking exhibit, airplanes, how things work, June Dairy Month, sports, butterflies/bees, and Earth Day/Arbor Day. We will use these ideas for planning our exhibit line up.
• We are working to finalize our exhibit schedule for 2021/2022. Winchester Academy plans to reschedule their Roots of Jazz for Spring 2022 and asked if we would still be willing to collaborate on an exhibit. We are tentatively planning this for April/May 2022.

Monthly Attendance Reports
• The attendance charts for April, May and June and included with this report.

2021 Schedule
• Cooking Themed Exhibit: POSTPONED
• Youth Art Month: March VIRTUAL
• East Asia: April/May VIRTUAL
• Summer Reading Program: June/July
• Ruth Wydeven: September/October/November
• TBD: November/December

2022 Schedule
• TBD: January
• Youth Art Month: February/March
• Roots of Jazz: April/May

East Asia Exhibit
Our East Asia Exhibit was ‘dispersed throughout both levels of the library. It was wonderful to see patrons interact with the exhibit; we plan to feature a few items from future exhibits upstairs to draw patrons down to the Exhibit Room.
Kite Field Day at the Waupaca Municipal Airport was a huge success!
Kits
Students from the Chain Exploration Center (CEC) assembled the May Day Kits. We appreciate this great partnership with the school district and the opportunity it gives the students to fulfill their community service portion of their curriculum.