

Environmental Education - <https://www.lussierheritagecenter.com/Educational-Programs>

Staff provided **77 hours** of outdoor and environmental education programming for underserved populations through two main programs: Get Outside and the YELE

Get Outside

- Partnership program with community centers to provide a connection to parks and natural areas in Dane County.
- Based at our Lussier Family Heritage Center Facility.
- This program focuses on youth ages 6-14 through long-term, ongoing engagement with outdoor and environmental education programming.
- Activities highlights included biking the LYRT to McFarland and the tower, finding cranes, catching (and releasing) frogs, learning to fish, learning to bike (3 students biked for the first time including an 11yr old), watching a red-tailed hawk catch lunch (while we were having lunch in the same spot under the oak).

Virtual YELE

- Worked with 15 high school students during a five-week virtual series that encouraged peer support and a minimum of 120 minutes per week spent outside.
- We also hosted two Boys and Girls Club department interns that served as leaders for the group. They were both interns with us last summer and returned to help us plan and run this virtual YELE. Also helped out with other tasks (such as repairing bikes for the Get Outside program)

Story Walk

- Along the trails at the Lussier Family Heritage Center
- Partnership with the Monona public library
- Places pages from a children's book along the trail.
- Each month the story will be changed. Books will match the seasons and each month there will be a book with either a nature theme or an equity lens.

For more info on Get Outside, the teen program, StoryWalk or other EE efforts, visit LFHC website.

Simpson Street Free Press - <https://lwr.d.countyofdane.com/Simpson-Street-Free-Press>

- 4th year partnering with SSFP
- 5 student writers – weekly virtual check in meetings
- So far they have written 11 articles highlighting parks or other LWRD topics/projects

Plant Dane Free Plants Program - <https://lwr.d.countyofdane.com/Native-Plants-for-Schools-and-Community-Projects>

Since 2016, **15,000 + plants** have been distributed to **86 different groups** including schools, neighborhood associations and community centers. Two cycles – spring plants donated through the plant dane sale and fall plants grown by volunteers. Almost 5,000 distributed this year between spring and fall cycle.

Conservation Corner - https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLh8oo2r5VTzAxfcEO5KF01H_cQgWDcl0k

17 videos highlighting wildlife, land management, volunteerism, lake management, history and more.