



Bookmobile & Junior

Summer was amazing – 617 Summer Reading registrants! While the weather didn't always cooperate for crafts, we still had an enthusiastic turn out. The Bookmobile Jr visits to Windsor, Don's Mobile Manor & Granite Ridge "playground" camp in Cottage Grove were wildly successful.

The Bookmobile will attend two county Montessori schools – Blooming Grove (Thursdays) and Goldenrod (Tuesdays).

Dream Bus

The Dream Bus was also bustling this summer. At this writing (8/19/25), we are in our last week of summer route and have had 2,848 visitors and issued 74 library cards. Crafts were a big hit with over 1,000 kids making treasures!

The Dream Bus is off the road from 8/23-9/5, returning to school-year routes on 9/8.

I have received estimates on replacing the awning and hope to have this scheduled in September.

Amy Winkelman, Dream Bus Librarian, has invested in audio-enabled books (VOX & Wonderbooks). Through this effort, she is hoping to engage more children in literacy through the combination of reading and listening to a story. We are hoping to incorporate some short story reading at our Dream Bus stops this fall.

Outreach & Programs

Bookmobile Jr will make monthly stops to Mary Lake Montessori beginning in September. Plans are developing to make monthly stops at other locations to extend library card registration and card cleanup.

John Nondorf, Programming Librarian, arranged for DLCS to host Unjust Deeds, the Dane County Historical Society exhibit at Shorewood Hills, Cottage Grove and Maple Bluff. The lecture by Rick Bernstein that accompanied the exhibit was well-received, informing residents of this surprising information around racial covenants.

Beyond the Page

Unjust Deeds, partially funded through Beyond the Page, has been making the rounds to Dane County libraries since February. It has been eye-opening to attendees.

September 2 marks the kickoff of a 6-week Spanish story time training series. Ricardo Marroquin, Library Assistant, and Araceli Esparza of Midwest Mujeres, will provide training in story times and entrepreneurial best practices. The hope is to create a cohort of Spanish story tellers who incorporate language and culture into educational story time experiences. Each member of the cohort will be available for hire at Dane County libraries for more Spanish story time events.