

# CAPITOL NEIGHBORHOODS, INC.

## DOWNTOWN DIALOGUE

### Making the Downtown Welcoming to All

By Davy Mayer, President, CNI

There has been an ongoing “takeover” of upper State Street for the last several months. This cherished area, the very heart (of the heart) of downtown, has become a congregating spot for all manner of drug dealing, drug and alcohol abuse, fighting and other illegal activity.

Not only does this affect downtown residents, business owners, property owners and workers, it also disrupts visitors and tourists. For example, the Historical Museum has advised school groups to avoid walking through that area on the way to the museum.

The problem is not simply “the homeless.”

The label of “homeless” is applied to people from an exceedingly wide variety of backgrounds. Being homeless is typically a symptom of something else. There are those who’ve been cast a bad lot in life, victims of circumstance, runaways from abusive households and domestic violence. There are those who suffer from mental illness and have been unable to find the help they need, though they desperately wish to escape their situation.

And then there are those who want to live within and reap the benefits of our society but not take on any of the responsibility that comes along with it. They tie-up police resources, litter and make a mess of public spaces

to the exclusion of others.

Many of those causing problems downtown are not, in fact, homeless at all. They live elsewhere in Madison but are attracted to fellowship with other like-minded troublemakers and in turn often prey on the homeless. Truly, what we need to take a stand against is not a class of people, but a class of behaviors that are unacceptable to the people of this city.



I have spoken with many members of Capitol Neighborhoods about these issues and to be sure, they care deeply for the plight of those homeless folks who need and want help, who want to get back on their feet, kick their addiction, or otherwise make the changes they need to make. As a society we not only have a duty to help these people who cannot help themselves, but we also see a benefit when people are returned to being productive and contributing members of our community.

Members of CNI have been working with the city, county, area businesses, Downtown Madison, Inc. and other stakeholders in the area to improve upper State Street and to set down a standard of behavior that applies to everyone. I welcome your thoughts on the matter. There is no simple solution, but working together we can make a difference. All of us have the right to feel safe, secure and welcome in our downtown.

# The Capital Budget

By Mayor Paul Soglin

I hope by now you have had a chance to learn more about the 2014 Executive Capital Budget. This document reflects a continuing need to replace aging infrastructure along with making investments to foster economic growth, provide services to the City's diverse population, and support efficient, effective and sustainable use of our limited energy and financial resources.

The most significant commitments proposed in the 2014 document include renovation of city office space in the landmark 86-year old Municipal Building as part of the Judge Doyle Square public-private redevelopment project, a public-private cooperative effort to replace the aging Fire Administration facility as part of a multi-story residential and retail development, investments in new neighborhood centers and partnership funding for a single-room occupancy facility to help Madison's homeless population.



Photo Credit: Michael Sunitz

The Judge Doyle Square project includes an underground parking ramp, a hotel for the Monona Terrace Convention Center, offices, retail and housing. It also will include renovating the nearby Madison Municipal Building. Next year, the budget includes providing \$2.2 million to plan for the Municipal Building renovation and \$7 million for planning for the parking component of Judge Doyle Square.

It is a very complicated project that is important for the future of the city. It has a tremendous economic impact and it is going to require some tough decisions, in particular as to the use of the Municipal Building. This could be the largest public project we ever do as a city. I am looking forward to continued planning meetings on this very important project and it will be great to see it unfold.

At the same time, there are projects delayed because of fiscal constraints, including the biodigester to dispose of

food waste, planning for a new Pinney Branch Library and construction of a Madison Public Market.

As this goes to print, work continues on the Operating Budget. We are facing some incredible challenges but together I think we can accomplish some really significant things.

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# A Partnership to Strengthen Your Dane County Parks

By Dane County Executive Joe Parisi

Imagine walking the trail at one of your favorite Dane County parks on a Fall day – golden leaves blazing against a clear blue sky, tall grass or trees on either side of you, a crispness in the air.

Now imagine that same walk with a county parks naturalist by your side, pointing out decades of history from the area, or plants and animals the untrained eye might otherwise miss.



A new public/private partnership between the Madison Community Foundation and Dane County Parks can make it happen.

Together we've created a private endowment that will enable anyone with a passion for the parks to make

a tax deductible donation of any asset, including cash, stocks, and real estate.

“The Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment” will be used to create even more opportunities for families to enjoy our natural resources.

Our county parks and most of their amenities – from trails to green gathering space – are absolutely free. This endowment will help us do even more – campfire talks; educational displays at park historical sites; day camps and other programming to connect school groups or underserved populations with the parks, and much more.

The Madison Community Foundation is offering a 2 to 1 matching grant of \$50,000 through December of 2014, and the Phil and Elizabeth “Libby” Lewis family, longtime conservation leaders

and supporters of our county parks, are giving a generous donation of \$10,000 to ensure a strong start for our new fund.

At more than two million visitors annually, our county parks are an important part of what makes Dane County a great place to live, work, and raise a family. This exciting new partnership ensures our parks remain that way forever.

Individuals interested in making a gift to The Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment are encouraged to contact Darren Marsh, Dane County Parks Director, at 608.224.3766, or Harmony Kronick, Operations Director at the Madison Community Foundation, at 608.232.1763.



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# Downtown Partners

By Mary M. Kolar, District 1, Dane County Supervisor

On a beautiful September morning, my husband Scott and I were able to walk from our condo to one of the many choices downtown residents have to eat breakfast. We had our “usual” Sunday morning treats and still had plenty of time to make it to First United Methodist Church (FUMC) where Alder Scott Resnick and Mayor Paul Soglin would be speaking. When we arrived, we were pleased to see many neighbors as well.



Many, who like us, have the luxury of choices in so many aspects of our lives. But, what are we doing to help those who don't?

FUMC, including Reverend Carly Kuntz, hosted Alder Resnick and Mayor Soglin at one service, and County Executive Joe Parisi at the next,

to talk about being “Partners in Ministry”. CNI members are downtown partners in helping those with few choices.

Alder Resnick provided the statistics of Madison homelessness. Did you know that last year, 2012, 3,382 individuals spent at least one night in a shelter? During a survey this summer, 156 people were found downtown unsheltered. The number of homeless people, sheltered or unsheltered, rose to 831 in 2013 from 736 last year. How many of our neighbors are one paycheck away from being homeless?

Mayor Soglin, in his remarks, provided some of the reasons homelessness has continued to grow. Both federal and state funding to provide services, including mental health, has been reduced. Of the funding still available, Madison does not receive a proportional share compared to other municipalities such as Milwaukee. Also, Dane County and Madison are known for the quality and availability of services we provide. Other municipal governments and the state Department of Corrections, are sending those in need to Madison. As Mayor Soglin implored, “At least let us know they're coming.” That way we can plan accordingly and alert shelters or

other facilities to have the necessary assistance available.

What can we do? Mayor Soglin listed five areas of need and each must be addressed: Housing, Transportation, Health Care ( including food ), Childcare, and Education (including job training). County and city 2014 budgets are being worked on now. Both will include services that address the 5 needs Mayor Soglin listed. Yet, with all the diligence of county and city staffs, as well as elected officials, more will need to be done.

Many CNI members volunteer with religious and secular organizations that are helping those in need. We are, as Reverend Kuntz said, “Working to get people from dependence to inter-dependence”. By our ability to depend on one another, we are working toward addressing all five needs Mayor Soglin listed. We have, can and will make a difference. And, as always, all donations to organizations providing services will be appreciated.







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# Hancock Center Celebrates 30 years

By Laura Rogers

Over the past thirty years we at the Hancock Center for Dance/Movement Therapy have seen many changes occur in our downtown neighborhoods. From our vintage perch at 16 North Hancock Street, we have witnessed both the razing and building of residential and commercial structures, the revolving door of small upstarts in varied businesses, and the seasonal passage of students, renters and the homeless. Our presence here may be an obvious one to some of you, or more a mystery to others, or it may be completely unobserved. Regular passersby might notice the newly painted exterior of our century-old house, or the lively new business sign we have posted in our front yard. But it may be a little known fact that the Hancock Center is a unique non-profit organization that has been providing therapeutic and educational services in the area, and that the Center is known in the national and international dance/movement therapy communities as a model organization.

This fall the Hancock Center is celebrating its 30th Anniversary with an open house party that includes refreshments, brief presentations and introductions, and music. We are inviting our neighbors, friends and colleagues to join us to celebrate. The event is Thursday, October 3, 4-6 PM at our center, 16 N. Hancock St., three blocks east of the capitol just off of E. Washington Ave. This is a great opportunity for our neighbors to come meet us, see our house, and introduce themselves! (RSVP appreciated.)

## About the Center

Hancock Center (HC) was created in 1983 by dance therapist Deborah Thomas to “promote the informed and effective use of dance/movement therapy”. Now, thirty years later, HC is a Madison fixture, and has grown to include ten long-time staff members, many volunteers, and an internship position. Its experienced therapy staff has worked extensively with children, teens, seniors and other adults. HC’s programs occur at the Center or off-site at other agencies, schools, com-

munity centers or group homes in Madison. In 2012, we served 2,872 people in our therapy, education and outreach programs. Hancock Center has always provided low-income clients with on-going psychotherapy and support and receives local support through grants and donations.

## About the House

The wood frame Queen Anne style house at 16 N. Hancock St. was built circa 1884 by Mr. William A. Oppel, a grocer and immigrant from Germany. (His grocery store was located at 116 E. Mifflin St.) The house was sold after Mr. Oppel’s death in 1914 as a commercial building. At the time Ms. Thomas purchased the building in 1981, St. John’s church next door had owned it and was renting to the Battered Women’s Shelter. Ms. Thomas bought the house and continued the charitable lease until the shelter moved into a larger space. At this point, she remodeled the building to house her vision and soon opened the Hancock Center for Movement Arts & Therapies, Inc.

Today the building serves as a very homelike facility for the Center’s offices and programs. The house is still in good shape and many original features of the house remain intact, keeping its warmth and attractiveness. The foundation that was a hole and pile of stones stands solid. Therapists work with clients mainly in two spacious movement studios in the remodeled house. In



The Hancock House from the 1880's. The exposed decorative framing at the main gable end is a nice embellishment. Note what appears to be a small widow's walk at the top of the hipped roof and decorative wrought iron.



Hancock Center today.

the largest studio, on the first floor, the old dark wood fireplace from the former dining room mantel has been preserved, as well as a simply designed stained glass window above the bay window from the former parlor. The large window bay in the front of the house is the main Queen Anne feature. The upstairs studio is smaller, more plain, and full of light. The wood floors in both were formed from the original flooring.

William Oppel's granddaughter, Catherine Oppel Crocker, had lived at 16 N. Hancock St. in her childhood from 1904-1914 and in 1983, as an old woman, returned to her home to attend HC's first open house. At that time, she donated two photos of the house from the late 1800's with a letter wishing the HC success in its project. Those items hang framed in the HC's reception room.

### DMT Services

At the heart of Hancock Center's identity is its service modality, Dance/Movement Therapy (DMT). DMT is an innovative form of psychotherapy which works with the whole person. For over 50 years, dance/movement therapists have pioneered the understanding of how body and mind interact in health and in illness. The overall goal of dance/movement therapy is to integrate physical, cognitive, and emotional expression for a healthy relationship between body, mind, and spirit, and for treatment of physical, neurological, and social issues.

### Hancock Center Today

Nine years ago, Debby Thomas retired from her directorship position, though remains on staff, and still leads Hancock Center as vice president of its Board of Directors. HC Director Rena Kornblum and staff have been working closely with the Board to update HC's image, expand program offerings, establish "friends" and donors for the center, and to strategize HC's future.

To find out more or to RSVP your attendance to the anniversary event please contact us or visit our website: info@hancockcenter.net; (608) 251-0908; www.hancockcenter.net.

## Capital Area Planning Conference

Wednesday, October 30, 8am-5pm at Monona Terrace

This year's Capital Area Planning Conference, "From Vision to Prosperity" seeks to build that all-important bridge between planning and doing. The gap between planning and doing is not the only bridging that the conference program hopes to achieve. Some of the day's offerings are directed at bridging disciplines on the design-fund-build continuum. Breakout sessions include: "Pro-Forma 101 for Planners" and "Development Models for Infill and Redevelopment." Both these sessions would pair nicely with the keynote address "The Rise of Walkable Development" and our afternoon panel discussion between a planner, developer, banker, and realtor. For more information go to [http://www.capitalregionscrpg.org/2013\\_Conference.html](http://www.capitalregionscrpg.org/2013_Conference.html)

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## Downtown Business District

By Mary Carbine, Madison's Central Business Improvement District (BID)

### Celebrate Autumn Holidays Downtown

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Plan a post-Thanksgiving outing with family and friends at the **Downtown Holiday Open House, Friday-Saturday, November 29-30**, from 10am to 4pm, on State Street and the Capitol Square. Enjoy free holiday trolley rides and gift bags, family-friendly performances at Overture Center for the Arts, an ice sculpting exhibition, and special offers and complimentary refreshments at downtown shops and restaurants. Stroll

from shop to gallery to museum, and start on your holiday shopping list while supporting locally-owned businesses. Information is at [visitdowntownmadison.com/HolidayOpenHouse](http://visitdowntownmadison.com/HolidayOpenHouse) or 608-512-1342.

In business news, the long-anticipated **Heritage Tavern** is now open 131 E. Mifflin St., where "Wisconsin's finest ingredients meet global inspiration, culinary excellence and expertly crafted cocktails." Most recently at the Madison Club,

Dan Fox was named Chef of the Year by Madison Magazine in September. Dedicated to locally-sourced "farm to table" foods, Fox also runs separate catering and meat-sale businesses from heritage hogs he raises himself.

A new Korean restaurant, **Sol's on the Square**, is coming to 117 E. Mifflin St., with a late September opening planned. The family-run restaurant will feature familiar Korean dishes including bulgogi, bibimbap and noodle bowls.

**Ancora Coffee & Tea** at 112 King St. has expanded its hours and is now until 9pm or 10pm most nights. New owners Tori and Mark Mitchell have broadened the food menu to include eight different gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches, beer and wine, and coffee liqueur drinks, and inaugurated the Ancora LIVE free music series featuring local artists.

After more than 50 years of baking bread and making pasta seven days a week, Gino Gargano is retiring, and the iconic **Gino's Restaurant** on State Street will close at the end of October.

To keep up with downtown events and new businesses, stop by the Downtown Visitor Center at 452 State St., the Downtown Info Booth where State St. meets the Capitol Square, or see [www.visitdowntownmadison.com](http://www.visitdowntownmadison.com). Staffed by BID Information Ambassadors, the Visitor Center and Info Booth are open summer hours through Oct 12: Mon–Tues 11am-2pm; Wed–Thurs 11am-5pm; Fri 11am-6pm; Sat 9am-6pm, and Sun noon-4pm. The Visitor Center will be open fall hours Oct 13 – Dec 31: Mon–Tues 11am-2pm; Wed–Sat 11am-5pm; Sun noon-4pm.



Webster the Bear from Capitol Kids at the Downtown Holiday Open House.  
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Downtown Madison Family Halloween  
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# A Season's End

By Joe Bonardi

As the temperature's begin to cool, another year of gardening and maintaining Period Garden Park, 110 East Gorham St. is coming to an end. The last of the late summer perennial blossoms, Rose of Sharon, Russian Sage and fall blooming Anemone are having their time, and the annual flowers such as Four O'clocks, Impatiens, and Cleome are furiously trying to make seeds for next year's blooms. Our local bees have been

showing up in great numbers I'm happy to report, and our no chemical spray policy at the park helps insure that even in the most urban locations, nature can thrive along a busy street. I see some new visitors now that Fall leases have been signed, and I continue to delight in seeing long standing neighbors stopping by for a chat.

Although most of this year went very well, we did have one unhappy incident mid summer where lightening struck our stand of Hawthorn trees and destroyed 3 out of 5. It was a terrible mess, and the Park's Department did an excellent job of quickly cleaning up the debris.

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That left a well tended undergrowth shade bed completely exposed to sun, and a rescue was done to move what could be saved to other parts of the park, and a search for replacement trees became a priority.

Our tight budget didn't allow for anything extravagant, but we did need larger size trees to fill the spot and not wait years for the area to fill in.

Our wonderful neighbor, Fred Mohs, already a great supporter of the park, made a generous donation and we were able to find two Eastern Redbuds of good size to replace the lost trees. Now we all can enjoy a beautiful spring show of blossoms each year, and the size and shape of the new trees should blend well with the existing Hawthorns.

A reminder to all that our little park is completely dependent on private donations, and only through gifts of support can we continue to do our work. Many thanks to those that have given, and to anyone wanting to help, please consider making a tax deductible donation. Chechs can be made to;

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If you have ever enjoyed the park, please consider a donation, as it is the only way we the volunteers can continue our work.

An example of the worth a donation can make, is that a recent article as far away as Dallas ,Texas, made mention of Period Park in a travel story about the highlights of visiting our wonderful town. The reporter was charmed by the park enough to make it a feature of her article.

A link to the story is on the home page of the park's web site at: [www.periodgardenpark.org](http://www.periodgardenpark.org)

Again, thank you if you have contributed. To those newly considering supporting the Period Garden Park, no city money is budgeted for this park, it is completely dependent on your generosity. Our volunteer commitment helps bring this asset to our city that impresses far and wide.



Lightning damaged hawthorn trees in the Period Garden Park

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RSVP offers personalized volunteer placement services for Dane County individuals aged 55+. Be it driving and escorting older adults to medical appointments, delivering meals to older adults, veterans supporting veterans, tutoring students, creating hand-made items for distribution to nonprofit and social services, there is a volunteer opportunity for you! Let RSVP staff help you "Grow through Volunteering"!



With the new school year, RSVP of Dane County is seeking caring older adults age 55 years or better interested in tutoring students in grades K-12 attending Madison Area Public Schools. Volunteers must possess the heart and desire to work with children and help them succeed!

Volunteers are matched 1:1 or work with small groups of children, with a focus on Literacy and Math. With your help, these students get the individualized attention they need to excel. Tutoring is a great way for you to share you time, stay active, and contribute to the community in a meaningful and impactful way - a great win-win!

RSVP is connected with the Madison School District and works closely with on-site School Volunteer Coordinators who support you along the way, providing you with training and classroom placement.

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# Affordable Care and the Health Insurance Marketplace in Dane County



**Big news.** Beginning October 1, individuals without health insurance will be able to purchase health insurance in

a new way. The Health Care Marketplace will offer a range of affordable plans to people not covered by an employer-sponsored plan or whose insurance coverage does not meet minimum cost and quality standards.

## Dane County health insurance facts

- Between 27,000 and 32,000 Dane County residents (12%) do not have health insurance. Roughly 7,000 additional adults will face changes in eligibility to Badgercare Plus.
- 2.4% of the uninsured are children.
- More than half of the uninsured have incomes at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level. Two thirds of them are employed.
- Most uninsured adults have a high school diploma but did not finish college.
- It is unclear how many Dane County residents are underinsured. A fair estimate is about 8%, or the number currently purchasing health insurance on the individual market.

(Sources: 2010 US Census; 2011 Small Area Health Insurance Estimates; 2012 Kids Count)

## Public Health Madison & Dane County's goal.

In partnership with Regional Enrollment Network, reduce by 70% the rate of uninsured Dane County residents, especially among high-risk groups. Over half of those eligible to purchase coverage through the Marketplace do not know they have this option. PHMDC strategic enrollment objectives include:

### Key dates

October 1 – December 15, 2013  
Open Enrollment starts for coverage to begin January 1, 2014

January 1, 2014 – March 31, 2014  
Open enrollment for coverage beginning in 2014

- **Objective 1:** Provide clear, accurate information to the media, community organizations, elected officials and local stakeholders about the Marketplace and about Badgercare changes
- **Objective 2:** Partner with community organizations to provide enrollment assistance to specific groups. Organizations include the City of Madison Libraries, the Dane County Library System, Centro Hispano, Kasjiab House, and others.
- **Objective 3:** Train 6-8 PHMDC staff to assist consumers as they choose among plans in the Marketplace.
- **Objective 4:** PHMDC staff refer clients (WIC, MCH, etc.) to appropriate resources for assistance with Badgercare and Marketplace enrollment.
- **Objective 5:** Target low-income 18-40 year olds with specific messaging to clarify their insurance options through the Marketplace. Use messages identified through market research to address the concerns held by 90% of the uninsured.

## Common Myths

(Source: Families USA 2013)

There are still many misconceptions about what ACA requires and what it doesn't, about what it will do and what it won't. Here are the most common myths.

**Myth 1:** Starting in 2014, everyone must either have health insurance or pay a penalty, with no exceptions. This is not true. Contrary to popular belief, the vast majority of Americans will not have to pay a fee. Numerous exemptions exist.

**Myth 2:** If you're insured through your employer, health reform won't help you. Again, not true. The health care law provides many new protections to those who have

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health insurance through their jobs, and it provides employers with incentives to offer better coverage.

**Myth 3:** The Affordable Care Act creates a new government-run insurance plan. False! The Affordable Care Act does not create a new government-run insurance plan. Instead, it builds on existing coverage options, and makes them more accessible and affordable. Beginning in 2014, it will provide tax credits so that people can buy health insurance from private companies through their state's exchange at more affordable rates.

**Myth 4:** All businesses will be required to provide health insurance to their employees. Nope! The "shared responsibility" requirements in the Affordable Care Act apply to large employers—those with at least 50 full-time employees. These large employers may have to pay a penalty if they don't offer coverage to their full-time employees. Businesses with fewer than 50 employees will have a new option to purchase group coverage through the Marketplace.

**Myth 5:** Undocumented immigrants will receive federal aid to purchase health insurance. Nay. Undocumented immigrants are not eligible for either Medicaid or the new tax credits that will help pay for private insurance.

**Myth 6:** Health reform creates a panel to make decisions about end-of-life care for seniors. This is false. The health care law did not create any panel that will make end-of-life care decisions for anyone. This myth was invented by opponents of health reform, based on a provision that would have allowed Medicare to pay health care providers for the time they spend talking with Medicare beneficiaries about what kind of care those beneficiaries would prefer at the end of life. This kind of discussion is called advanced care planning, and it actually gives patients more control over their health care, not less.

**Myth 7:** Health reform will reduce Medicare benefits for all seniors. One more time: Not true. The health care law makes no reductions in the Medicare benefits that are guaranteed to all seniors, including hospital care, outpatient care, and lab services. In fact, the law improves benefits in at least two ways: 1) it improves prescription drug coverage for people with Medicare Part D by gradually closing the coverage gap or dough-

nut hole; and 2) as of January 2011, it eliminated cost-sharing for most preventive care.

## Key facts relevant for consumers

Most people eligible to purchase affordable coverage don't know it's an option for them. If they do know, they may assume cost will prohibit their enrollment. Research indicates that these four messages will address the concerns of 90% of the uninsured.

1. All insurance plans will have to cover doctor visits, hospitalizations, maternity care, emergency room care, and prescriptions.
2. You might be able to get financial help to pay for a health insurance plan.
3. If you have a pre-existing condition, insurance plans cannot deny you coverage.
4. All insurance plans will have to show the costs and what is covered in simple language with no fine print

Other important facts to know:

- Families who enroll in the Marketplace will realize an annual average tax credit of \$2,700. (Source: Kaiser Family Foundation, 8/13/2013)
- Insurance plans will be from private insurance companies.
- Insurance companies will have to follow rules and offer high quality plans.
- All of the information about these new options and plans will be available in English, Spanish, and other languages.
- You will be able to get help figuring out which plan is best for you.
- You will be able to compare plans all on one website.

(Source: Enrollamerica.org, [http://files.www.enrollamerica.org/best-practices-institute/public-education-resources/EA\\_Final\\_Report.pdf](http://files.www.enrollamerica.org/best-practices-institute/public-education-resources/EA_Final_Report.pdf))



# Wisconsin Academy launches fall Academy Evenings season with panel on investigative journalism

It's no secret that the media landscape is experiencing rapid changes, from declining daily newspapers and cuts in reporting staff to the continued explosive growth of digital media. And while journalism has long been considered an important "fourth estate," holding public officials accountable and providing much-needed context on issues, many news organizations are struggling to find the resources needed for sustained, in-depth journalism.

For the first event in their series of free Academy Evening talks, the nonprofit Wisconsin Academy examines the state of investigative journalism in Wisconsin through the work of the Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism (WCIJ), a nonprofit, nonpartisan entity based in Madison. Panelists from WCIJ will speak at this Academy Evening talk on Tuesday, September 10, from 7:00–8:30 pm in the lecture hall of the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, 227 State Street, Madison.

The discussion panel, titled Investigative Journalism in Turbulent Times, is free and open to the public. Interested attendees may register online through the Wisconsin Academy website at [www.wisconsinacademy.org](http://www.wisconsinacademy.org) to reserve a seat. While registration is not required for this free event, it is highly encouraged in order to guarantee a seat. The MMoCA lecture hall seats approximately 230.

Discussion panelists include Andy Hall, WCIJ executive director and a veteran reporter who spent 26 years at The Wisconsin State Journal and The Arizona Republic; Bill Lueders, WCIJ Money and Politics project director and former news editor of Isthmus, a weekly Madison newspaper; Kate Golden, reporter and WCIJ multimedia director; and a WCIJ intern.

Panelists will discuss their work at WCIJ, and explore the future of investigative journalism and how it helps serve the public's right to know in a vital democracy. They'll examine issues such as training new journalists in a time of shrinking traditional media, successful funding models, roles that interested citizens can play, how to maintain nonpartisanship in a polarized field, and the recent attempt by the Wisconsin Legislature to evict the WCIJ from its UW–Madison campus office.

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## Tobacco Free Columbia - Dane County Coalition Re- leases Healthy Living Poll

### Public Opinion Poll Gauges Support for Prevention, Access to Healthy Op- tions in Dane County

The Tobacco Free Columbia-Dane County Coalition (TFCDC) today released findings of a public opinion poll gauging attitudes toward healthy living and prevention in Dane County. The purpose of the poll is to evaluate public support for TFCDC efforts to promote tobacco prevention and control activities. The survey was conducted by Public Opinion Strategies.

“An extensive public opinion poll found that people in Dane overwhelmingly agree that tobacco use is a problem in our state,” said Ryan Sheahan, Coalition Coordinator. “This poll also found a lot of agreement on the actions Wisconsin should take to help improve health where we live, work and play.”

The poll found that Dane County residents agree that youth tobacco use is a serious problem.

- 73 percent of respondents in Dane County said they are concerned about youth tobacco use in Wisconsin (31% said they are “very concerned”)
- 87 percent of respondents in Dane County said they support preserving funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs to prevent kids from smoking and to provide help for smokers who want to quit (55% strongly support)

There was significant agreement in Dane County about the need to protect kids by: investing in tobacco prevention, promoting tax parity that ensures flavored tobacco products are taxed at similar rates as cigarettes, and expanding smoke-free environments.

“We have worked really hard to protect kids from smoking through the smoke-free air law and cigarette taxes, but they are too-often faced with shiny new tobacco

products that are candy-flavored and cheap,” said Bev Jambois, Coalition Chair. “Here in Dane County we will continue to educate parents and the public about the new tobacco products that threaten our progress in protecting our kids from a lifelong addiction to tobacco.”

For more information on the Tobacco Free Columbia Dane County Coalition, call 608-242-6297 or go to [www.tfcdc.com](http://www.tfcdc.com)

Funded by the CDC’s Community Transformation Grant initiative, Transform Wisconsin is working to make healthy living easier and more affordable where people live, work, learn, and play. The long-term goal of Transform Wisconsin is to reduce chronic diseases in Wisconsin, which account for 75 cents of every dollar spent on health care. Twenty-five counties around the state were awarded 30 Transform Wisconsin grants. For more information, visit: [www.transformwi.com](http://www.transformwi.com).



## Smoke Alarm Program

The City of Madison Fire Department received a federal grant to install smoke alarms in 1,000 homes. If you qualify, they will provide the alarms and install them in the correct location in your home for free. To qualify: you must own your home, must be 65 years or older OR have children younger than age 6 in your home OR someone in the home must have a disability. For more information, contact Madison Fire Department at 608-266-4706 or <http://www.cityofmadison.com/fire/prevention/safety/smokeAlarms/>.



## UW's Go Big Read for 2013 is "A Tale for the Time Being"

Madison Public Library's perennially popular partnership with Go Big Read continues this year with "A Tale for the Time Being" by Ruth Ozeki. This is the first time a novel has been chosen for this campus and community read, and we've bought a large number of books to support book discussions, knowing this title will be hugely popular.

Central Library is also hosting a wide variety of events and hands-on activities that relate to this title. From kamikaze pilots to bookmaking to bullying to kanji writing, we know there are many elements to this novel that will make readers want to know more. Please note that some require registration and some are drop-in.

Mark your calendar: author Ruth Ozeki will speak in Madison on Monday October 28th at 7pm at Union South, in partnership with the Wisconsin Book Festival and Go Big Read. There are no tickets for this event, but it fills up quickly!

### Events at Central Library:

- **Book Discussion:** Wednesday, September 25, 7:00 pm
- **Bookmaking:** Wednesday, October 16, 6:00-8:00 pm - Handmade Bookmaking: Artist Julie VonDervellen will show you how to use recycled books to make journals similar to those used in A Tale for the Time Being. Go to <http://julievondervellen.com/> for the artist's web site
- **Film Screening - Bully:** Wednesday, October 23, 6:30 pm - This character-driven documentary follows five kids and families over the course of a school year. Offering insight into different facets of America's bullying crisis, the stories include two families who have lost children to suicide and a mother awaiting the fate of her 14-year-old daughter, who has been incarcerated after bringing a

gun on her school bus. Documentary provides an intimate and often shocking glimpse into homes, classrooms, cafeterias and principals' offices. Amy Bellmore, PhD., Associate Professor of Educational Psychology at UW-Madison and Mary Moskoff, Clinical Social Work Therapist will join us for a discussion following the film. (MPAA rating: PG-13; for intense thematic material, disturbing content, and some strong language--all involving kids.)

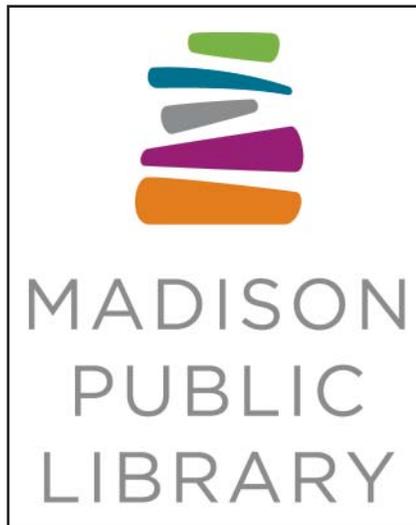
- **Kanji Writing:** Saturday, October 26, 9:00 am - Drop by The Bubbler room to learn about the art of

Kanji. There will be demonstrations and also opportunities to try your own hand at Kanji writing.

### Central Cinema premieres at Central Library

Join us Thursday nights for film series and discussions at the Central Library. Come to our new state-of-the-art Community Room on the 3rd floor for a variety of interesting films and stimulating conversation. We are offering three film series:

- **Classic and Contemporary Films for Cinephiles – 1st Thursday** Presented by Jason Fuhrman. Come and view noteworthy art films, neglected masterpieces, and obscure works by famous directors that you will probably not see on a big screen elsewhere in Madison." Moviegoers are invited to Dobrá Tea for a post-film discussion and will receive a 50% discount at when they present a copy of their program notes at the tearoom after the screening.
- **Community Cinema – 2nd Thursday** Presented by Library Staff. Community Cinema is a national civic engagement initiative featuring screenings of films from the Emmy Award-winning PBS series Independent Lens. Community Cinema brings communities together to learn, discuss and get involved in today's critical social issues.
- **Bad Cinema – 3rd Thursday** Presented by Michael Knutsen. When a movie's lack of budget, talent or experience becomes a benefit rather than a deficit. We'll explore the movies dismissed by others because of what they failed to do instead of what



they accidentally became. Usually through kicking, explosions and dubious special effects.

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- **Classic and Contemporary Films – *Fahrenheit 451*** Directed by Francois Truffaut. Thursday, October 3 at 6:30 pm - Montag, a regimented fireman in charge of burning the forbidden volumes, meets a revolutionary school teacher who dares to read. Suddenly he finds himself a hunted fugitive, forced to choose not only between two women, but between personal safety and intellectual freedom. Starring Julie Christie, Oskar Werner, Cyril Cusack, Anton Diffring, Jeremy Spenser, and Alex Scott.
- **Community Cinema – *The Graduates/Los Graduados*** by Bernardo Ruiz. Thursday, October 10 at 6:30 pm - Pressing issues in education today are explored through the eyes of a diverse array of Latino and Latina adolescents from across the United States in this eye-opening documentary on the challenges facing students, their families, educators and community leaders. Join us for a discussion following the film facilitated by Gladis Benavides from Be Cross Cultural. Patricia Brooks, Precollege Program Specialist at the Education Outreach & Partnerships, UW- Madison School of Education and Lucia Nunez, City of Madison Department of Civil Rights and Mario Garcia Sierra, Community Member and Youth Advocate will join us for the discussion.
- **Bad Movies** – Starts in November

## NOVEMBER

- **Classic and Contemporary Films – *The Killing*** by Stanley Kubrick 11/7 6:30 pm
- **Community Cinema – *The State of Arizona*** by Carlos Sandoval and Catherine Tambini (Special Date, Wednesday, 11/13 6:30 pm)
- **Bad Movies – *Breakin' 2: Electric Boogaloo*** by Sam Firstenberg 11/21

## For Poetry Lovers

**Poetry Reading – Cathryn Cofeel and Moisés Villavicecio Barras read from their new books.** – Sunday, October 6, 1:30 pm - Cathryn Cofeel has published 6 chapbooks of poetry. Her work has appeared in New

York Quarterly and North American Review. She will read from *Sister Satellite*. Born in Mexico, Moisés Villavicecio Barras lives in Madison. He is a translator and fiction writer and co-founder of *Cantera Verde*, a literary publication from Mexico. He will read from *Luz de Todos Los Tiempos/Light of All Times*

**Echolocations: Poets Map Madison: An Anthology of Poetry.** – Saturday, November 23, 1:00 pm - Join us for poetry, food and conversation as contributors to *Echolocations* read their poetry. *Echolocations* is a literary block party filled with both echoes and locations, as more than 100 poets who have crossed paths with the city, past & present, share poems that refer to specific Madison places. Long-time residents live next door to writers who passed through for only a while. Local streets intersect with myth, history, personal narrative and ecology. More than geography, more than chronology, what emerges is something akin to the shifting psyche of a city.

## What Is The Bubbler?

We're excited to announce a new maker-focused programming model for all ages at Central Library: The Bubbler.

Whether learning the basics of animation, screen printing, music, clothing design, dance, or painting (to name a few), The Bubbler's hands-on pop-up workshops will introduce participants to a variety of local experts who will share their talents and physical resources. Our deep list of partners will keep the Bubbler experience current and dynamic, offering a wide range of lectures, demonstrations, and make-and-take workshops.

Subscribe to the monthly e-newsletter via the library's web site to get updates on innovative lectures, demonstrations, and make-and-take workshops offered by some of the most interesting makers in the area. And check [www.madisonbubbler.org](http://www.madisonbubbler.org) for more info and many more programs.

Starting in October, The Bubbler will be featuring **Night Light!** Night Light is our monthly after-hours series at Central Library that will rotate between music, theater,

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dance, storytelling, performance art, and other live happenings. Night Light will usually be on the first Friday of the month, but we will occasionally shift the night or throw in an extra event, so keep your eyes peeled.

- Fri., Oct. 4th, 5-8pm: Fall Gallery Night and maker activities in The Bubbler Room
- Fri., Nov. 8th, 8-11pm: Faythe Levine Sign Painters film screening & book signing

## Special Assistance available beginning in October

**One-on-One Computer Assistance** Saturdays, 9:00 – 11:00 am. Need computer assistance? Get help improving your computer skills, using Facebook or Craigslist or eBay. Explore all of your options at the Central Library by reserving a spot for an individual learning experience. Call 266-6350 to set up your one-on-one hour appointment. Drop-ins are also welcome

**Job Assistance** - Mondays, 1:00-4:00 pm. Free one-on-one coaching sessions for writing projects of any kind, including school assignments, resumes and cover letters, personal letters, applications, forms, newsletters, articles, memoirs, poems, and absolutely any other kinds of writing. Call the library at 266-6350 to set up your one-on-one hour appointment now. Drop-ins are also welcome. These appointments are provided by Madison Writing Assistance, a service funded by the Evjue Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Anonymous Fund.

**Affordable Care Act** - Starting October 1, 2013  
Call 266-6350 with your questions about signing up for Health Insurance.



The 2013 Wisconsin Book Festival will take place from Thursday, October 17 through Sunday, October 20,

2013. This year's festival will be made up of approximately 50 author events occurring in and around Madison Public Library's new Central Library.

After 11 successful years, Madison Public Library is taking over as organizer of the Wisconsin Book Festival from the Wisconsin Humanities Council. The 2013 festival will incorporate literature, spoken word, art, and performance. We will feature local literary talents alongside national voices to create a unique event full of free community programs in keeping with the library's vision of being a place to learn, share and create. Festival activities will be hosted at library facilities, particularly the new Central Library, and select other venues. With an anticipated audience of 10,000 people, the Library and Foundation, along with a growing list of collaborative partners, are poised for the next chapter.

## Upcoming Pre-Festival Events Include:

### **Congressman Luis Gutierrez: Still Dreaming Friday, October 4, 7 pm – Monona Terrace**

Beloved by the immigrants and working people whose rights he has championed, eleven-term Congressman Luis Gutierrez is, among Latinos and along with Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, the most recognized Hispanic public figure in America. Here Gutierrez recounts his life between two worlds: too Puerto Rican in America, where he was born and yet was told to "go back to where you came from"; too American in Puerto Rico, where he was ridiculed as a "gringo" who couldn't speak Spanish. Gutierrez is as endearing to the reader as he is sometimes maddening to his colleagues, inspiring us all to stand up for our rights and for those of others.

### **Kevin Henkes: The Year of Billy Miller Saturday, October 5, 2 pm – Madison Public Library, Children's Room**

When Billy Miller visits the statue of the Jolly Green Giant at the end of summer vacation, he has an unlucky fall and ends up with a small lump on his head. What a way to start second grade, with a lump on your head! As the year goes by, though, Billy figures out how to navigate elementary school, how to appreciate his little sister, and how to be a more grown up and responsible member of the family and a help to his high school teacher mom and work-at-home artist dad. Newbery

Honor author and Caldecott Medalist Kevin Henkes delivers a short, satisfying, laugh-out-loud-funny school and family story that features a diorama homework assignment, a school poetry slam, cancelled sleepovers, and epic sibling temper tantrums.

**Lorraine Abramson: My Race: A Jewish Girl Growing Up Under Apartheid in South Africa**  
**Tuesday, October 8, 4:30 pm – UW-Madison's Union South**

My Race is the memoir of a gifted Jewish athlete growing up under the apartheid system of South Africa. Lorraine Lotzof Abramson shares her unique vantage point on the apartheid experience. She provides a first-hand account of her growing unease with the system of social inequality that simultaneously excluded her and celebrated her. The Jews of South Africa were in a “unique situation.” They fled Eastern Europe to escape oppression and arrived in a country where “by virtue of their white skin...[they] found themselves on the same side as the oppressors.” Lorraine shares her ambitions, her achievements, her losses, and her family ties. Along the way, she learns that the real race — the marathon that is a long and eventful human life — is a journey towards compassion.

Visit the Festival online for a full schedule of events beginning Monday, September 23.

**Downtown Madison Family Halloween**

The Central Library is pleased to be a sponsor of Downtown Madison Family Halloween, organized by Madison's Central Business Improvement District.

Enjoy Halloween magic shows, musical performances, spooky stories and jokes, hayrides, craft projects, festive Halloween family portraits, trick or treating at participating downtown locations.

At the Central Library, families may drop in between 2-5 pm to make spooky crafts, read scary stories and more in the new library's Children's Room! Don't miss the 4:00 performance by MadCAP in front of a giant cardboard pyramid constructed by children. Trick or treat stations at children's room, ground and first floors from 2-5 pm.

**At the Madison Senior Center**

**A Photo Affair Opens October 5**

A Photo Affair exhibit will feature photos by Dane County photographers 55 + from October 1 – November 1, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm at the Madison Senior Center. Join us for a special viewing and reception from 5 - 8 pm on Friday, October 4 in conjunction with Modern Museum of Contemporary Art's Gallery Night. Professional judges award ribbons and cash prizes. The Senior Center has participated in this special evening for 15 years!

**Festival of Wreaths**

The Madison Senior Center's annual Festival of Wreaths begins Monday, November 11. Donated by Madison area businesses and individuals, the decorated wreaths celebrate the season and raise important dollars to support many Senior Center programs. The beautiful seasonal display ends on Friday, December 6, just in time to take your wreath home for the holidays. These wreaths celebrate the holiday season and raise financial support for Senior Center programs and activities. Call 266-6581 to place your order today.



**Music Benefit for Children's Library**

Yid Vicious Klezmer Ensemble, the Intemperance Collective and Madison-Rafah Sister Project will present an afternoon of folk music and dancing from 1 to 3:00 pm on Saturday, October 12 at the High Noon Saloon, 701 E. Washington Avenue, Madison. Proceeds will benefit a children's library at the Rachel Corrie Cultural Center for Children and Youth in Rafah, Palestine. Suggested donation of \$5 for admission; fair trade Palestinian crafts, food and olive oil products will be available for purchase. For more info visit [www.madisonrafah.org](http://www.madisonrafah.org) or e-mail [rafahsistercity@yahoo.com](mailto:rafahsistercity@yahoo.com)



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These projects are among those that will add a net increase of over 1000 bedrooms within CNI's boundaries within the next 18 months. These are market rate apartments that are being targeted at young professionals. They are being built, will they come? How will the influx of this demographic affect the city and CNI?

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