



☀️ Take It Outside! Creative Library Programming in Outdoor Spaces ☀️

⛄️ Friday, January 23rd at 1:00 pm CT⛄️

Our Presenters



Ashlee Kunkel



Renee Reckner



L.E. Phillips Memorial
Public Library | SO
MUCH
MORE...

Bethany Bulgrin, Stephanie Schulz
and Jan Thompson



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GARDENS
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STORYWALK® REMIX



ART WALK



FUNDRAISER FOR THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT/MAINTAINCE OF STORY GARDENS
HAVE RAISED \$23,000 IN TWO YEARS

ART IN THE GARDENS



CONNIE BIER



JOHN DORN



HEATHER
HANSEN



LOCAL STUDENTS



LITTLE FREE ART GALLERY



INTERACTIVE



CHESS TABLES



MUSICAL
INSTRUMENTS



TIC-TAC-TOE



TEXT THE BIRDS!

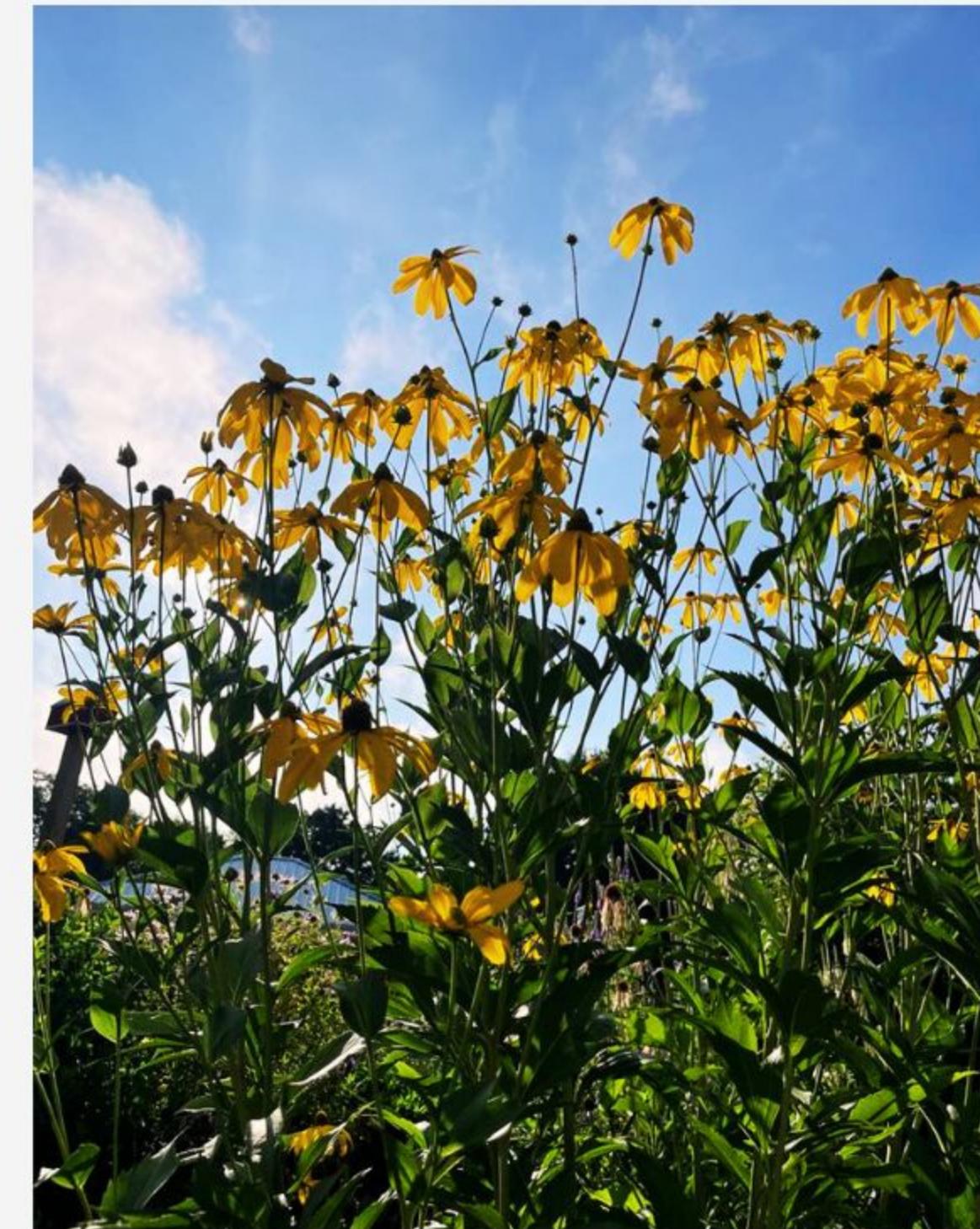
FLOWERS, OF COURSE



POLLINATOR GARDEN



SHADE GARDEN



RAISED GARDEN BEDS



COMMUNITY



100 MONARCHS



RAISED \$37,100 FOR THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPACE.



TIMELINE (APPROX.)

2017	DISCUSSIONS BEGIN	DEC. 2020	SOUTH RAMP INSTALLED	AUG. 2022	CHESS TABLES INSTALLED	MAY 2023	WALKWAY INSTALLED	GARDEN SPACE REALLY BEING USED!		AUG. 2024	FIRST ART WALK
2019	DISCUSSIONS RESTART	2021	<u>A LOT</u> OF FUNDRAISING & GRANT WRITING	OCT. 2022	WORK ON THE GAZEBO BEGINS	JUNE 2023	STORYWALK STATIONS INSTALLED	NOV. 2023	ICE AGE TRAIL REROUTE	AUG. 2025	PET CELEBRATION BRIDGE INSTALLED

COMING SOON



PET CELEBRATION
GARDEN



SCAVENGER
HUNT



GARDEN
KALEIDOSCOPE



INTERPRETIVE
SIGNS







THANK
YOU
VERY
MUCH!

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DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS AT
ALL TIMES

AS PER ORDINANCE #7-1-5
THE DOG MUST BE LEASHED, AND
THE LEASH MAY NOT BE LONGER
THAN 10FT IN LENGTH

AS PER ORDINANCE #11-1-1
DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON PARKS WITHOUT
OBTAINING A PERMIT

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SELF-GUIDED
AUDIO TOUR
OF SOMERSET

SCAN TO LISTEN

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A graphic for a self-guided audio tour. It features a teal background with a black sound wave at the top and bottom. In the center, there is a white smartphone displaying a QR code. To the left of the phone is a large, dark headphones icon with the word "STOP" in the center. Below the headphones is the text "BROUGHT TO YOU BY". To the right of the headphones are the logos for "SOMERSET PUBLIC LIBRARY" (an apple icon) and "WILS ideas to action" (a stylized "WILS" logo).

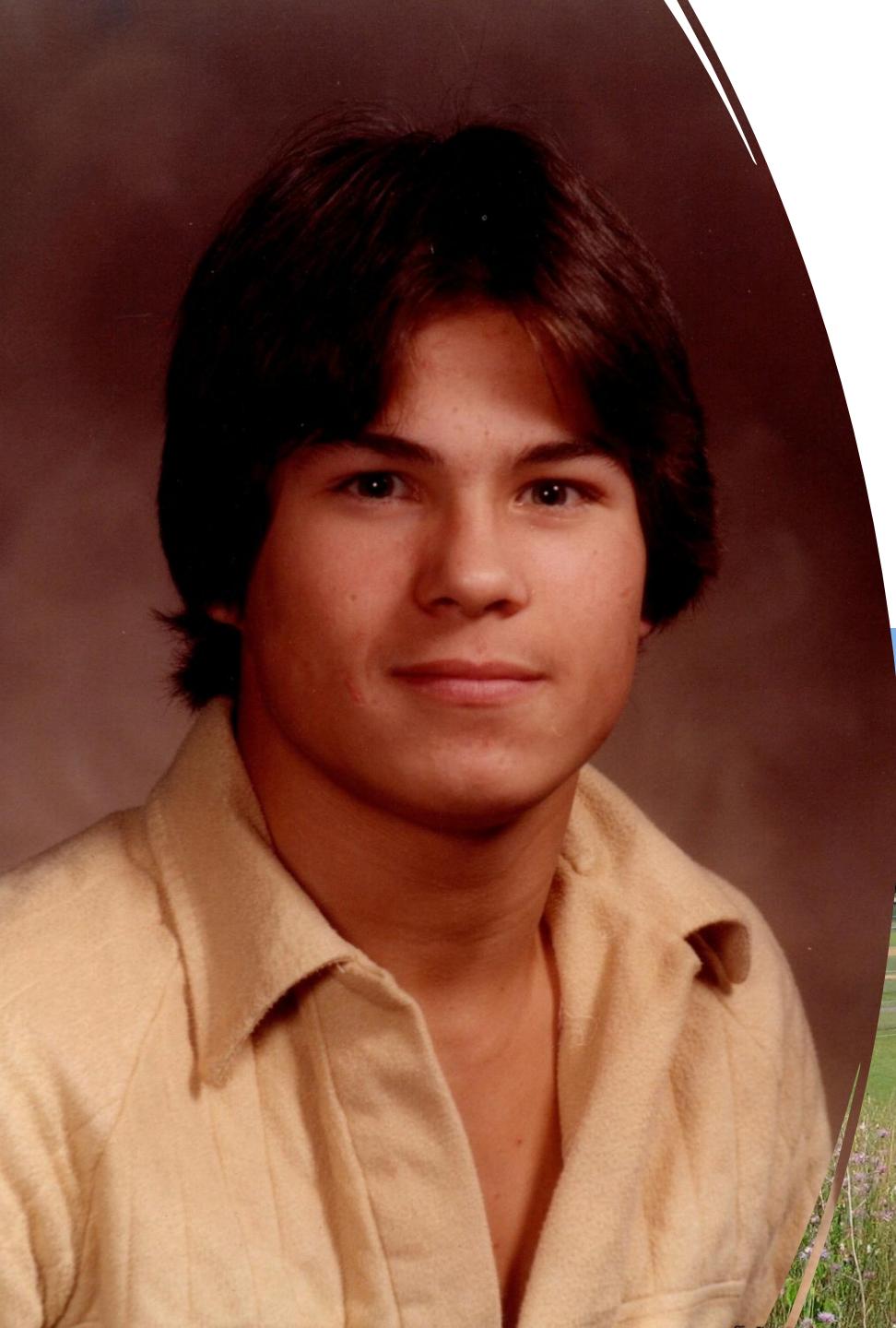
What Sparked the Idea

Made possible
by the



Project Development





Project Development

Larry Forrest



The Final Pieces



Marketing



What Surprised Us



In Closing

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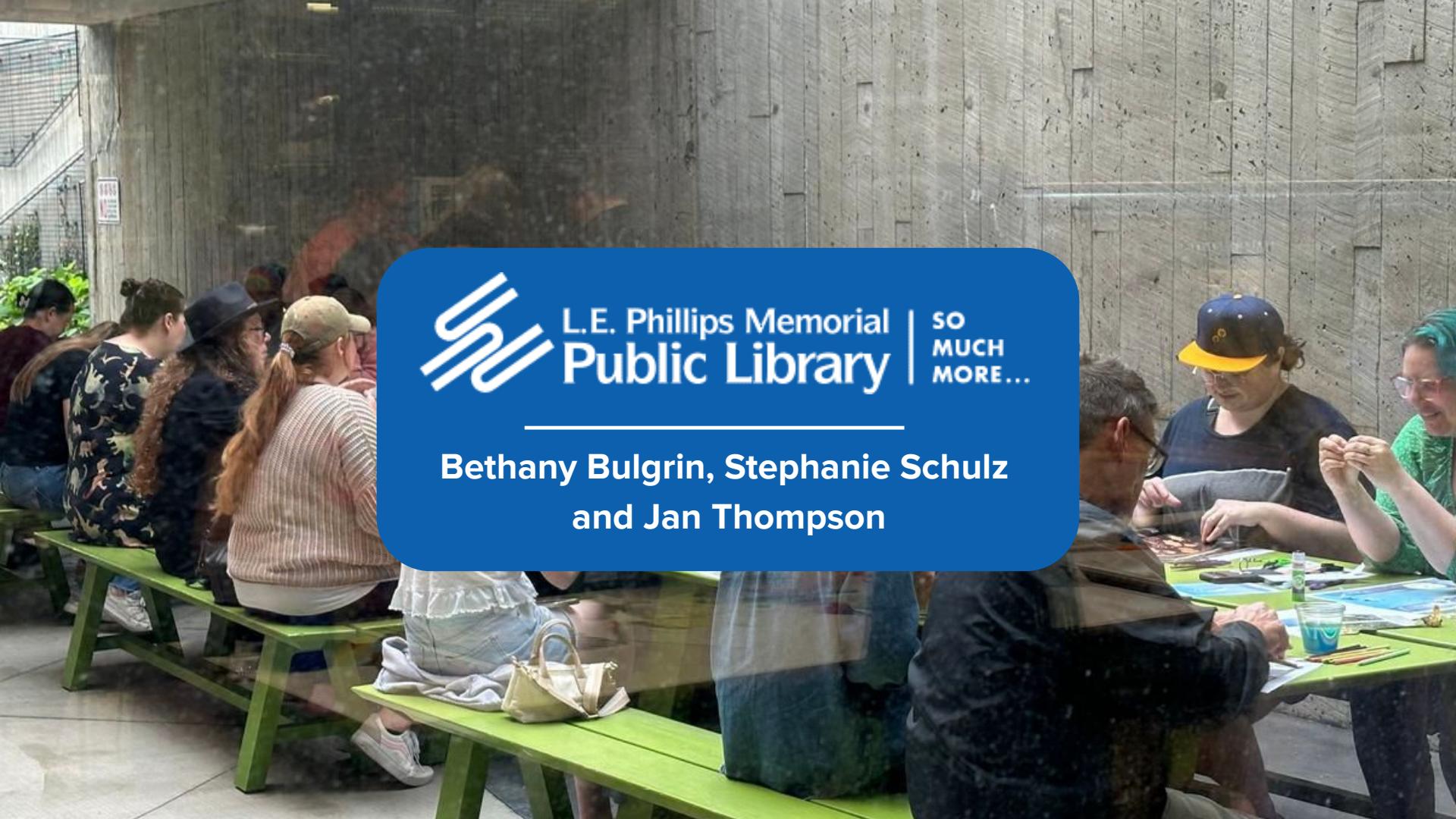




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Dabble on the Patio

AN OUTDOOR CRAFTING SERIES

at the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library



WHAT IS IT?

- a craft
- a mocktail
- adults





featured craft

- productive & structured
(but casual)
- guided
(not direct instruction)
- promotes makerspace



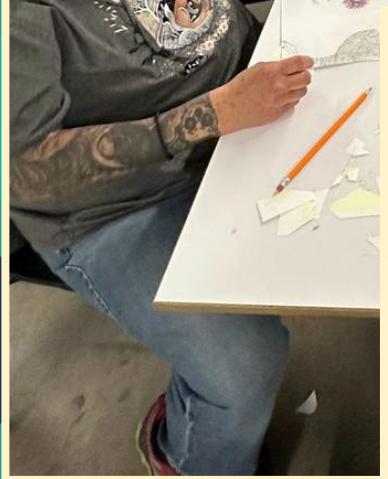
repeat attendance





mocktails & music

- crafting + socializing



format

- adults only
- evenings
- drop-in
(flexibility)



vibe

WHY OUTSIDE?

space

- underutilized areas
- larger attendance



flexibility

- messy is okay!
- varied setup options



vibe

seating options

fresh air

social

a chance to “get out”

audience

competes with other summer

events

(schedule accordingly!)

casual



WHAT WORKS?



marketing

- multiple appeal factors
- sober event
- giveaways

budgeting

- budget-friendly supplies & drinks



timing

- 2 hour event
- 20-45 min craft

setup

- supplies distribution
- ‘traffic flow’

staffing

- share prep, setup and event staffing



Thank you!





WEST BEND
LIBRARY

Steve Thiry





















Questions or Comments?

Thank you!

Please join us next month on Friday, February 27th at 10:00 am CT for the WiLS 2026 Member Meeting to hear how four libraries in Wisconsin are caring for their communities.

Register at <https://bit.ly/wils-mm-2026> or visit the WiLS website at <https://wils.org>.