

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY  
EDUCATION AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Education and Recreation Committee** was held on April 1, 2026 in Room 200 of the Northern Building, 305 East Walnut Street, Green Bay, WI

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**Present:** Chair Ron Antonneau, Supervisor Dan Theno, Supervisor Dixon Wolfe, Supervisor Tom De Wane  
**Excused:** Supervisor Kathy Lefebvre  
**Also Present:** Golf Course Superintendent Scott Anthes, Parks Director Matt Kriese, NEW Zoo Director Carmen Murach, Library Director Sarah Sugden, Director of Administration Chad Weininger, Supervisor Van Lanen, Corporation Counsel David Hemery, other interested parties

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**I. Call Meeting to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ron Antonneau at 5:00 pm.

**II. Approve/Modify Agenda.**

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Wolfe to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**III. Approve/Modify Minutes of March 11, 2026.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Theno, seconded by Supervisor De Wane to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Consent Agenda**

- 1. Review Minutes of Library Board of February 19, 2026.**
- 2. Museum – Budget Performance Report for February 2026 – Unaudited.**

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Wolfe to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 & 2. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Communications** – None.

**Comments from the Public** – None.

**Library**

**3. Library Director’s Report.**

Library Director Sarah Sugden provided several handouts, copies attached. She gave an oral director’s report updating the Committee on a number of projects and activities going on throughout the library system.

*No action necessary.*

**Museum**

**4. Interim Museum Director’s Report.**

*No report; no action necessary.*

**Golf Course**

**5. Golf Course Superintendent’s Report.**

Golf Course Superintendent Scott Anthes updated the Committee on golf course operations.

*No action necessary.*

## NEW Zoo

### 6. NEW Zoo Director's Report.

NEW Zoo Director Carmen Murach provided an oral director's report regarding Zoo operations.

NEW Zoological Society President Gary Ehrbar also briefly talked to the Committee about a capital campaign which will be happening soon.

*No action necessary.*

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Theno to suspend the rules and take Items 8 & 10 at this time. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Although shown in the proper format here, Items 8 & 10 were taken at this time.*

## Parks

### 7. Parks Director's Report.

Parks Director Matt Kriese provided drawings of ongoing projects at Bay Shore Park and the Fairgrounds, copies attached. He highlighted programming, projects and staffing in his director's report.

*No action necessary.*

## Action Items, Including Proposed Resolutions, Ordinances and Budget Adjustments

### 8. NEW Zoo – Discussion and possible action re: Resolution Regarding Table of Organization Change for the NEW Zoo – Organizational Changes (26-049R).

Murach briefly explained this change will combine two positions to make one more efficient position.

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Wolfe to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 9. Parks – Review and Possible Approval of low bid for Project 2796 – Brown County Fairgrounds Phase 2 Trail and Campground Development.

Kriese provided the attached bid tabulation and recommended approval of the bid of Vinton Construction.

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Wolfe to approve Vinton Construction bid in the amount of \$907,007.64. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 10. NEW Zoo – Budget Adjustment Request (26-015) – Any increase in expenses with an offsetting increase in revenue.

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Theno to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## Other

### 11. Such other matters as authorized by law.

### 12. Adjourn.

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Wolfe to adjourn at 5:45 pm. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Giannunzio  
Legislative Specialist

# Public Libraries Support Thriving Communities

*"Promote, then, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge."*

— George Washington, Farewell Address, 1796

*"I have often thought that nothing would do more extensive good at small expense than the establishment of a small circulating library in every county."*

— Thomas Jefferson, 1809



East Branch Library



Historic Kellogg/Carnegie Library building

## BORN OF CARNEGIE, BUILT FOR BROWN COUNTY

Green Bay's **Kellogg Public Library** — forerunner of today's Brown County Library — was founded in **1889**. In 1902, a Carnegie-funded building opened at 125 S. Jefferson St.: **the first Carnegie grant in Wisconsin**. Research published in the *Review of Economics and Statistics* found Carnegie library communities saw patenting activity **10–12% higher** over the following two decades. Free knowledge drives innovation.

Communities with Carnegie libraries saw patenting

**10–12% HIGHER**

Berkes & Nencka, *Review of Economics and Statistics*

*"I choose free libraries as the best agencies for improving the masses of the people, because they give nothing for nothing. They only help those who help themselves."*

— Andrew Carnegie

# BCL – Opportunity for All

In 1958, the nation launched its first **National Library Week** with the rallying cry “Wake Up and Read!” — reaching an estimated 170 million households. This year, as America turns 250, we celebrate the **68th National Library Week** and BCL’s **137th year** of public library service to Brown County.

## National Library Week 2026

April 19–25 • [browncountylibrary.org](http://browncountylibrary.org)

Celebrate at a Brown County Library near you.



## BROWN COUNTY LIBRARY TODAY

From one Carnegie building to **nine branches and a Bookmobile**, BCL now reaches community members of all ages throughout Brown County and has been named *Wisconsin Library of the Year* three times and *National Library of the Year*.

### Your BCL Card Gets You

- Books, eBooks & audiobooks
- Movies, music & magazines
- Digital newspapers & magazines
- Databases and even more databases
- Online courses & language learning
- WiFi, computers & Chromebooks
- Mobile hotspots to borrow
- Legal forms & financial resources
- Local history and genealogy resources
- Study and meeting rooms
- Programs for all ages — free

### Nine Branches + Bookmobile

- Central Library — Downtown Green Bay
- Ashwaubenon Branch
- Denmark Branch (opening Fall 2026)
- East Branch — Green Bay
- Kress Family Branch — De Pere
- Pulaski Branch
- Southwest Branch — Green Bay
- Weyers-Hilliard Branch — Howard
- Wrightstown Branch
- Bookmobile

As America marks 250 years, visit any library branch or the Bookmobile! Explore BCL’s digital library 24/7 at [browncountylibrary.org](http://browncountylibrary.org)! Get a free card! Use it — the way Washington hoped, the way Jefferson imagined, the way Carnegie invested.



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# Brown County Library

April 2026 Programs & Events

Brown County Library invites the community to a full month of free programming this April. From storytimes and STEM activities for children to career resources, health information, and creative workshops for adults, there is something for every age and interest across our branches and Bookmobile. The events below represent a selection of April highlights; the complete calendar is available at [browncountylibrary.org](http://browncountylibrary.org). National Library Week is celebrated April 19–25, 2026.

## APRIL HIGHLIGHTS — ALL MONTH LONG

► **Hello, Haiku!** Celebrating National Poetry Month, BCL has installed original haiku poetry on the windows of all nine branch libraries. Nine poets contributed original works — including a commissioned piece from Green Bay’s first Poet Laureate, Miriam Brabham — with themes of reading, libraries, and the season. Created in collaboration with the City of Green Bay and the Oneida Community Library.

★ Brown County Library is Wisconsin’s first **Family Place Library™** — a nationally recognized designation for libraries committed to early childhood, family support, and community partnerships. Learn more at [familyplacelibraries.org](http://familyplacelibraries.org).

### Wednesday, April 1

- 1:00pm–2:30pm**  
*Pulaski Branch*  
Tweens & Teens  
**Cork Board String Art**  
Create an eye-catching design using pins and string. Choose from several designs; all supplies provided. Grades 6–12.
- 1:00pm–2:00pm**  
*Central Library*  
Children  
**Drop In: Sticker Palooza**  
Explore sticker stations, create a sticker scene, make a card, and more. Drop in anytime; for all ages.
- 1:30pm–3:00pm**  
*East Branch — Green Bay*  
Tweens & Teens  
**Poet-Trees: A Creative Event for Teens**  
Experiment with blackout poetry, random word generators, and more, then decorate the library’s indoor trees with your finished works. *Poetry contributions welcome all month.*
- 5:30pm–6:30pm**  
*Southwest Branch — Green Bay*  
Adults  
**E-Bike Essentials: Electrify Your Ride**  
YouTube creator Myles Eberlein of Ebike Escape covers everything from choosing your first e-bike to understanding advanced features.

### Friday, April 3

- 1:00pm–2:00pm**  
*Kress Family Branch — De Pere*  
Tweens & Teens  
**Collages and Origami**  
Create paper-based forms of self-expression. Ages 11–18.
- 3:45pm–4:45pm**  
*Central Library*  
Children • Tweens & Teens  
**Hack the Bots: LEGO® Robotics Jam**  
Learn to build, program, and bring LEGO® robots to life. Presented by STEM Inclusive Initiatives. Grades 4–12.

### Monday, April 6

2:30pm–6:30pm  
Wrightstown Branch  
Tweens & Teens

**Paint a Pot and Plant a Plant**  
A hands-on creative experience combining art and gardening.

## Tuesday, April 7

10:00am–10:30am  
Weyers-Hilliard Branch —  
Howard  
Children

**Your Amazing Eyes Storytime**  
Learn about the sense of sight, wearing glasses, and eye safety through books and activities. Ages 3–5.

1:30pm–2:30pm  
East Branch — Green  
Bay  
Adults

**R.E.A.D. Book Club**  
Casual discussion of “Did Ye Hear Mammy Died?” by Seamus O’Reilly. Open to all.

6:00pm–7:00pm  
Kress Family Branch —  
De Pere  
Adults

**Community of Care: Foster Care 101**  
Learn about becoming a foster parent and connect with others in the Brown County foster care community.

## Thursday, April 9

9:30am–10:00am  
Central Library  
Children

**Silly Songs & Sounds with Mother Goose**  
Special guest Mother Goose leads classic nursery rhyme fun with sound effects and puppet friends. For ages 1–2; childcare groups welcome.

10:15am–10:45am  
Central Library  
Children

**Mixed-Up Rhyme Time with Ma Turkey**  
Mother Goose’s wacky sister-in-law, Ma Turkey, struts in as a special storytime guest.

10:15am–11:15am  
Ashwaubenon Branch  
Children

**Pint-Sized Picassos: Dragons and Fairies!**  
Children from birth to age four and caregivers create take-home art. All supplies provided; get as messy as you like.

1:00pm–3:00pm  
Kress Family Branch —  
De Pere  
Adults

**Career Connections: Brown County Job Fair**  
Connect with employers and current job opportunities. Bring your resume; Job Center experts will be on hand.

## Friday, April 10

10:00am–11:15am  
Central Library  
Children  
Registration required

**Family Place Workshop**  
Five-week play-based workshop for babies and toddlers ages 0–3 and their parents/caregivers, featuring toys, books, art activities, and weekly community resource guests.

## Saturday, April 11

1:00pm–2:00pm  
Weyers-Hilliard Branch —  
Howard  
All Ages  
Registration required

**Back to the Moon: NASA’s Artemis Mission**  
NASA Solar System Ambassador Amy Drew presents on the Artemis program and humanity’s return to the moon.

## Tuesday, April 14

11:30am–12:30pm  
**Library Lunch & Learn: How to Use AI**

*Weyers-Hilliard Branch — Howard*  
**Adults**  
A practical introduction to Artificial Intelligence — what it is, how it works, and where to start.

**3:00pm–6:00pm**  
*Central Library*  
**Tweens & Teens**  
**Build-A-Poem Stations**  
Drop into the Teen Zone to learn about different poem styles and create your own. No registration needed.

**4:00pm–5:30pm**  
*Southwest Branch — Green Bay*  
**Adults • Tweens & Teens**  
**Blackout Poetry**  
Celebrate National Poetry Month by creating your own blackout poetry — a low-pressure activity that often produces surprisingly meaningful results.

**6:00pm–6:30pm**  
*Weyers-Hilliard Branch — Howard*  
**All Ages**  
**Peeps Diorama Contest Awards Night**  
The votes are in. Join us to find out who won the judges' prizes and the People's Choice award in this springtime diorama competition.

### Wednesday, April 15

**10:00am–11:30am**  
*Central Library*  
**Children**  
**Rhyme Time Toy Box**  
Drop in to explore a rotating selection of rhyme-themed learning toys and activities.

**4:00pm–5:00pm**  
*Weyers-Hilliard Branch — Howard*  
**Children**  
**Learn Through Play STEM Day: Light**  
School-aged children and caregivers explore self-guided STEM activities including kaleidoscopes, UV bracelets, and suncatchers.

### Thursday, April 16

**2:00pm–3:30pm**  
*Weyers-Hilliard Branch — Howard*  
**Adults**  
**ABCs of Medicare**  
The ADRC of Brown County presents unbiased, up-to-date information on Medicare coverage, enrollment, and options.

**6:00pm–7:30pm**  
*Central Library*  
**Adults**  
**New Leaf Foods Bountiful Branches Mini-Class: Perennial Food Plants**  
Free training on growing food-bearing trees and shrubs — raspberries, elderberries, hazelnuts, currants, apples, and more — covering selection, spacing, pruning, and harvesting.

### Saturday, April 18

**1:00pm–2:15pm**  
*Central Library*  
**Adults**  
**Beneficial Backyard Bugs with Entomology Extension Specialist PJ Liesch**  
Live virtual Zoom presentation also viewable on the library's big screen. Explore the bugs that benefit your backyard and garden.

### Monday, April 20 ★ National Library Week begins April 19

**11:30am–12:30pm**  
*Kress Family Branch — De Pere*  
**Adults**  
**Library Lunch & Learn: History of Brown County Courthouses 1824–Present**  
BCL Adult Services Associate Dennis Jacobs traces the history of Brown County's five courthouses — from a log building to today's multi-story complex. Brown County is the oldest county in Wisconsin.

**6:00pm–7:00pm**  
*Wrightstown Branch*  
**Watershed Cleanup: Plum Creek**

Adults

Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance presents on streambank restoration efforts for the section of Plum Creek running through the Village of Wrightstown.

## Tuesday, April 21 ★ National Library Workers Day

**11:30am–12:30pm**

Southwest Branch —  
Green Bay

Adults

### Feet First: Reduce Your Falls Risk

Community health professionals partner to help older adults understand and reduce their risk of falls.

**2:00pm–3:30pm**

Central Library

Adults

Registration required

### Computer Basics

Hands-on introduction to using a computer with Windows 11, including mouse practice.

## Thursday, April 23

**10:30am–11:00am**

Off Site — Veterans  
Memorial Park, Denmark

Children

### Bunny Hop Storytime

Outdoor storytime at Veterans Memorial Park shelter, Wisconsin Ave., Denmark.

**6:00pm–7:45pm**

Central Library

All Ages

Registration required

### Trivia Night: Disney Animation

Teams of up to four compete answering questions about Disney animated films. All ages welcome.

## Friday, April 24

**10:00am–11:00am**

Central Library

Children

### Learn Through Play Literacy Day: Rain and Water

Hands-on early literacy activities including a sink-or-float station, a watercolor craft, and sensory play. Ages 3–5.

**10:00am–11:00am**

Kress Family Branch —  
De Pere

Children

### LEGO® Challenge: Disaster Island!

Build a LEGO® island, draw a challenge card, and add to your island to save it from disaster. Ages 5–10.

**10:30am–11:00am**

East Branch — Green  
Bay

Children

### Spanish/English Storytime with La Escuelita

Bilingual storytime in Spanish and English. Únete a la diversión y disfruta de la hora del cuento en español e inglés.

**1:00pm–2:30pm**

Ashwaubenon Branch

Adults

### Where Every Day is Arbor Day: The Trees and Forests of Wisconsin

A history of Wisconsin's forests, from European settlement to the present.

## Tuesday–Thursday, April 28–30

Central Library

All Ages

### Friends of the Library's BIG Book Sale

The Friends of the Brown County Library host their annual book sale in the Central Library auditorium. Come find your next great read at deeply discounted prices.

## Thursday, April 30

**3:45pm–4:45pm**

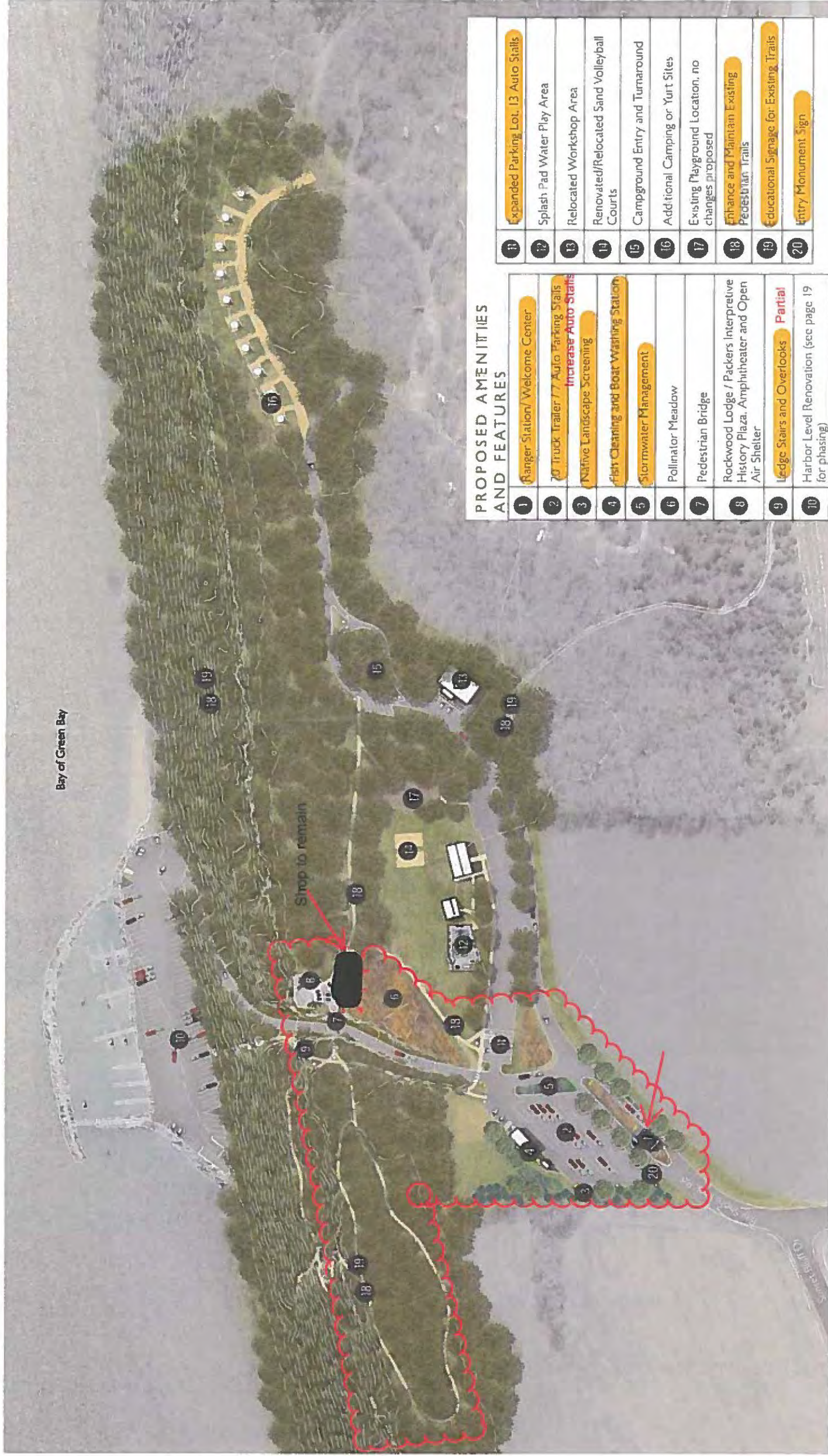
Ashwaubenon Branch

Children

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**PROPOSED AMENITIES AND FEATURES**

1	Ranger Station/ Welcome Center	11	Expanded Parking Lot, 13 Auto Stalls
2	70' Truck Trailer / 7' Auto Parking Stalls Increase Auto Stalls	12	Splash Pad Water Play Area
3	Native Landscape Screening	13	Relocated Workshop Area
4	Fish Cleaning and Boat Washing Station	14	Renovated/Relocated Sand Volleyball Courts
5	Stormwater Management	15	Campground Entry and Turnaround
6	Pollinator Meadow	16	Additional Camping or Yurt Sites
7	Pedestrian Bridge	17	Existing Playground Location, no changes proposed
8	Rockwood Lodge / Packers Interpretive History Plaza, Amphitheater and Open Air Shelter	18	Enhance and Maintain Existing Pedestrian Trails
9	Ledge Stairs and Overlooks <b>Partial</b>	19	Educational Signage for Existing Trails
10	Harbor Level Renovation (see page 19 for phasing)	20	Entry Monument Sign



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# Tabulation Record / Intent to Award Documentation

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**Project Number:** 2796  
**Project Name:** BC Fairgrounds Phase 2 Trail & Campground Development  
**Type of Project (RFB, RFP, RFQ):** RFB  
**Purchasing Representative:** Dale DeNamur  
**Due Date:** March 31, 2026  
**Opening Date:** March 31, 2026

Brown County Clerk's Office  
 Bid Opening via Microsoft Teams

CONTRACTOR	CITY, STATE	BASE BID	ALT BID 1	TOTAL BASE BID PLUS ALT BID 1	BIDDERS OF RESPONSIBILITY SUBMITTED BY 11:00AM ON MARCH 26, 2026	BIDDERS CERTIFICATE	BID BOND	Addenda Acknowledged?				Intent To Award	
								ADD 1 - Updates to Project	ADD 2 - Reschedule Site Visit	ADD 3 - Site Visit	ADD 4 - Added Project Info, Bid Opening Info		ADD 5 - Q&A
1 DeGroff Inc	Green Bay, WI	\$ 461,128.85	\$ 547,242.03	\$ 1,008,370.88	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
2 Vinton Construction	Two Rivers, WI	\$ 425,283.26	\$ 481,724.38	\$ 907,007.64	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Staff recommendation is to award Project 2796, Fairgrounds Phase 2 Trail & Campground Development to Vinton Construction from Two Rivers, WI in the total amount of \$907,007.64