



OBSERVATION DECK REPORT



SUMMER 2024

MEMORY CAFE AT BRIDGES LIBRARY SYSTEM

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Programs
Observed

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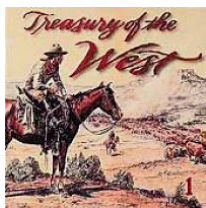
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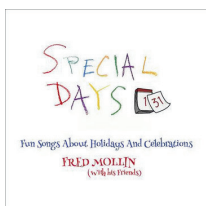
Attendees
June - August
2024

COLLECTION CONNECTION:

Music often connects our participants with happy memories, and plays a large role in the Memory Cafe experience. Take a look at these albums from Bridges's collection we were listening to this summer!



Treasury of the West, Volume 1.
"Happy Trails to You"



Special days: fun songs about holidays and celebrations.
"Happy Birthday"



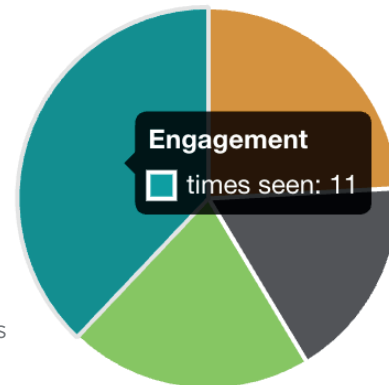
The essential Earth, Wind & Fire
"That's the way of the world"

WHAT WE NOTICED

Program is designed to be fun, where families living with memory loss can share experiences, and stay connected. Guest facilitators are encouraged to design multi-sensory, novel experiences for participants that will spark conversation. There is no mention of memory loss, just a focus on no stress fun and time together.

Dimensions Observed

- Pride and Joy
 - 5 Observations
- Engagement
 - 11 Observations
- Multiage Learning
 - 6 Observations
- Making Connections
 - 7 Observations



Multiage learning: Granddaughter of couple attending puts together an art mosaic alongside her grandmother, grandfather, and mother.



Making connections: Opening question for program is "What do you like about summer?" A participant and agency partner compare notes on how large their snake plant has grown since they were given a piece at a previous memory cafe.



Making connections: Daughter and father hold hands as they mentioned they were a bit cold. Moments earlier the father said to his daughter, "I love you," and she said to him, "I love you too dad"

STRAIGHT FROM THE SOURCE:

Expressing joy in relationships: Attendees were asked if anyone was celebrating an anniversary or birthday. Attendee Maria shared that she and her husband were celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary. Fellow attendees clapped in celebration.

Reflections from Observers

MENOMONEE FALLS

The alcohol ink coasters memory cafe was a success. Overall people enjoyed the project. Wish we had seen more people out for this cafe but there were some factors out of our control. People really enjoyed the project and seeing others' art work.

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Lovely conversation. One attendee brought up the last memory cafe and memories that were made there including showing a picture from the last cafe.



Spending time with activities: While K. worked on the puzzle, "I'm making a mess!"



Multiage learning: Mother and daughter work to perfect their alcohol ink coaster project.

DATA SNAPSHOT

PROGRAM OBSERVED

New Berlin Art Therapy with Music

Menomonee Falls Alcohol Ink Coasters

Muskego Soap Making

MOST NOTED OUTCOME

Pride & Joy - Expressing joy in success

Engagement - spending time with activities

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OBSERVATION DETAILS

Participants showcased their art and received applause.

Attendees enjoyed perfecting their skill as they applied ink to the coasters.

Participants engaged with a variety of sensory experiences around the soap making process



Pride and joy: holding up his finished mosaic project to share



Making connections: sharing unusual jobs from their past