

What Cottage Grove Residents Like About Dane County Library

- Self checkout kiosks
- Bathrooms in the children's section
- Gender neutral / single stall bathrooms
- Outdoor space accessible from the children's section (Pinney's is fenced in, but I would personally prefer a more natural border)
- Additional outdoor/open space for all ages (Waunakee)
- Aquariums and plants
- Large windows (and a lot of them)
- Large room for events & library programs
- Small spaces for 2-4 to gather
- Medium sized room (up to 20 people - think Scouts, Optimist Club, etc)
- Local history section & pictures
- Quiet/cozy reading nook like at Pinney
- 24/7 drive thru book drop
- A floor plan that feels inviting and not cramped (I'm guessing some communities outgrew their library and had to add materials to stay within Dane County Guidelines, but the isles are really narrow and it certainly feels more like a book warehouse because of the lack of visibility around the room and inability to gather, even with 2 kids.)
- We're in Columbia County but.....the Columbus library is an absolutely essential part of our town. They hold clubs for preteens and teens that are always a hit! They actually reorganized their layout to give those kids their own space within the adult section of the library. The children's section is all downstairs and is well loved- They have toys that rotate regularly, themed games, etc. I don't know what we would do without our library
- The kids area has a small toilet in the bathroom, so potty training is stress free 🙏
- A private room you can nurse/ pump
- Outside play area/ stuff to climb on
- Bilingual story time/ music, arts and crafts weekly
- Reading nooks
- Toys for all ages
- Of course we get 30 books a week, but it's such a mental break for a stay at home mom to let my kids play and do classes/ socialize weekly at the library
- My kids love the reading nooks in Pinney's children's section. They like picking out books and looking at them to narrow down their choices. They also love the outdoor patio and like to climb on the outside pieces.
- An area for toddlers to play and explore! We love the Sun Prairie Library
- A quiet reading room with a fireplace, like Sun Prairie Library
- Free activities for my children
- There's a library we visit in northern WI that has "take and make crafts" for toddlers and kids. Little filled paper bag pre-cut/portioned crafts- such a fun idea! For example, we picked up a paper bag that had twigs, mini pine ones, and pre cut leaves- the kids glue it together to make their very own tree!