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# In-Person Wellness Series "Live Well @ Your Library" Begins June 27 at Pinney Library

**MADISON, WI** -- Madison Public Library, <u>Be Well Madison</u> and <u>Wisconsin Mujer</u>, are hosting a series of events centered on health and wellness titled Live Well @ Your Library. Events will take place the 4th Sunday of each month in different Madison Public Library Neighborhoods from June-August, and will focus on themes of Reflection, Renewal, Restoration and Celebration. In September, a full-day culminating event will take place at Central Library to go along with the Celebration theme and end the series.

#### Live Well @ Your Library: Reflection

## Sunday, June 27, 1-3 p.m. | Pinney Library Patio

The first event will be a multicultural, multigenerational and multisensory experience outdoors on the outdoor patio at Pinney Library. There will be a mixture of passive and experiential events offered throughout the event, including:

- Welcome table with giveaways from Be Well Madison and Madison Public Library's We Read Program
- A self-guided station from new Pinney Artist-in-Residence Maria Amalia Wood with writing prompts in Spanish and English. The paper will then be torn apart and collected to be part of future paper pulping and transformation workshops at Pinney later in the summer.

- Warped Walk activity, created by Bubbler Artist-in-Residence Hellen Ascoli, which
  includes a zine with prompts for mindful movement activities and connection to Mayan
  weaving culture. Available in Spanish and English, and the artist will be in attendance.
- A self guided station with a writing activity to add to a collective Wish and Reflection
   Board
- A self-guided station for kids featuring the Bubbler's Mini Maker kits.

## Experiential Events Schedule:

- 1:15-1:30: Chair yoga by Iris Mickey
- 1:40-2:00: Community Conversations about wellness led by Araceli Esparza & Jamie Pekarek Krohn
- 2:15-2:30: Community dance led by Anne Asher
- 2:40-3:00: Community Conversations about wellness led by Araceli Esparza & Jamie Pekarek Krohn
- Participants can drop in between 1-3 p.m. or stay for the duration of the event.

#### **Future events:**

- Live Well @ Your Library: Renewal | Sunday, July 25, 1-3 p.m. | Location TBD
- Live Well @ Your Library: Restoration | Sunday, August 29, 1-3 p.m. | Location TBD
- Live Well @ Your Library: Celebration | September. Time TBD | Central Library

"Live Well @ Your Library" is inspired by the work of Venus Washington, Jasmine Timmons, Araceli Esparza and Nikki Cook and their "Nourish You" Library Takeover Project, and seeks to empower those who have not always felt included in traditional wellness spaces, particularly BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) communities.

Register and learn more at madpl.org/livewell.

## **About Madison Public Library**

The Madison Public Library's tradition of promoting education, literacy, and community involvement has enriched the City of Madison for more than 145 years. All 9 library locations are currently open for in-person browsing, pickup-up of holds, computer service and in-person

reference.