

## Madison Senior Center: Intergenerational Programs 2016

Program	Age Group	Number of Participants	Timeframe	Program Description
St. James Pre-school Crafts	3-5 year olds	Approx 19 children and equal number of Seniors	Meet for 1 ½ hrs once monthly Sept through May	Senior Volunteers work with preschool students to make a craft each visit. Stories are also read, sometimes a game is played. We try to keep the same student with the same Senior each visit to build relationships.
Computer Buddies	Grade School kids 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grades	20-25 students; equal number of Seniors	Spring semester correspondence	This is a correspondence program between a student and a "senior" via the computer. RSVP takes the lead on this program; we are a partner with them and provide some of the volunteers that are involved. Goals are to help students build self-esteem, writing & reading skills. Be a positive adult influence in their lives.
Sixth Grade Essay Contest	City-wide: 6 <sup>th</sup> grade students	Up to 700 6 <sup>th</sup> graders may participate (or more) Numerous adults are involved!	Work on program begins in Oct-ends in May with Ice Cream Social and Reception for essay winners	Contest involves all Madison School District 6 <sup>th</sup> grade students from schools that choose to participate. Students write about their favorite older American. Essays are judged by the schools, then Coalitions, and finally Madison Sr. Center judges for winning essays. Final event held in May-Older Americans Month, at the Madison Senior Center.
Dialogue Across the Ages	High School "Seniors"	15-17 students approx; equal number of Seniors	Meet for 2 hrs once monthly Oct through January	Students are from the "Work and Learn" program and they come together to share ideas with Seniors at our Center and learn from each other. They meet in large and small group forums, even 1:1 at times, and discuss relevant topics. Their last session is devoted to helping the students write their graduation speeches. The Seniors are invited to attend their graduation ceremony and often go.
Edgewood College Nursing Students	College Students	18-25 students; equal number of Seniors (MSC contribution)	Fall and Spring Semesters	This program focuses on building communication skills for nursing students. Edgewood Professors partner our volunteers with their students for a semester. Six 1:1 interviews occur in a public location between the nursing student and assigned "senior"
Meet the Author	Seniors	6-15 Seniors attend	Monthly	A local author comes in to speak about their book(s) with Q&A time to follow. A real treasure....
Dialogue Across the Ages	Seniors	Approx 6-7 Seniors attend	Monthly	International program-similar to an on-line Dear Abby with a wide range of issues in the letters. We pull 5 letters each month to answer as a group. Coordinator compiles feedback and writes response letter. <b>Discontinuation of this program has been recommended due to new guidelines that make it impractical to continue. The group endorses this decision.</b>