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BOOKWORM GARDENS FUNDRAISING FOR NEW FAMILY RESTROOM BUILDING

Bookworm Gardens is excited to announce plans for the creation of a new Family Restroom Building! The restrooms will be located on Bookworm's Core Site and will TRIPLE overall bathroom capacity. Cate Tinker, Director of Education + Community Programming, explains that, "the success of Bookworm, since opening in 2010, has been amazing! But we've all stood in those long lines waiting for the bathroom and know that capacity is limited. We are very excited to meet this need of families and visitors."

The new **Family Restroom Building**, inspired by the book series *An Egg is Quiet* by Dianna Aston, will be located on Bookworm's Core Site, near the *A Playhouse for Monster* garden. The building will include multiple family friendly, ADA accessible restrooms, child and adult changing stations, and a care room for nursing mothers. The larger construction project also includes a new **Exploration Garden** inspired by the book *Swirl by Swirl* (Joyce Sidman) and a **Classroom Yurt** that will serve as a homebase for educational programs, including early childhood, summer camp, and preschool programs. As growth continues on their Core Site, Bookworm is also working to develop an expanded River Site along the Sheboygan River. The botanic garden recently announced the extension of their lease with the County of Sheboygan, to include 23.5 additional acres. The River Site will eventually be home to additional cultivated garden spaces, hiking trails, and a new education building.

Bookworm needs the public's support to reach their \$1,000,000 goal and start construction. Elizabeth Wieland, Executive Director, states "this project is something that visitors have been asking for and is going to improve the experience for every person who joins us at the Gardens. I'd love for the community to consider a gift that will help us finish the Family Restrooms project!" The Gardens will also be participating in #GivingTuesday, a national day of giving on Tuesday November 30. Funds raised on that day will also support the Family Restroom Building. You may give by visiting bookwormgardens.org

Bookworm Gardens would like to thank the current list of corporations and foundations for their support in contributing to the Family Restroom, Classroom Yurt, and Exploration Garden project: Cellcom Green Gift Program, First Congregational Church's Service Board Grant, Garton Family Foundation, Kohler Company, Kohler Foundation Inc, Melitta S. and Joan M. Pick Charitable Trust, Packers Foundation, Ruth St. John and John Dunham West Foundation, Rhyan Charitable Trust, Terry M Kohler Family Foundation, and Zieve Family Foundation.

Bookworm Gardens (Sheboygan, WI) is a non-profit botanic garden whose mission is to inspire the love of books and nature in the young and young at heart. Open to the general public May 1 - October 31, Bookworm saw approximately 50,000 general visitors in 2021, with thousands more coming for field trips and special event experiences. The organization is located at 1415 Campus Drive in Sheboygan, adjacent to UW Green Bay Sheboygan Campus. Questions regarding the Family Restrooms project can be directed to info@bookwormgardens.org