

Jessica Purvis, Youth Services Librarian

February Report

March 7, 2022



February RECAP

Take Your Child to the Library Day

Attendance: 4 people

- Read: Jessica by Kevin Henkes and L. McKerrihan, Secret Librarian by J. Weinstein
- Activities: Eric Carle scavenger Hunt, Lego mini challenges, Make-n-Take craft kits
- The goody bags were decorated with hearts for 'I Love the Library' month and filled with an Eric Carle Puzzle (matches scavenger hunt), "I Love the Library" sticker, monkey emoji bookmark, PPL magnet, PPL coloring sheet, Project Read February calendar, mini reminder of Thursday's storytime

Programs (dates and attendance)

- Thursday Storytime
 - 2/3/2022 Canceled; early closure
 - 2/10/2022 0
 - 2/17/2022 5
 - 2/24/2022 4
- Saturdays in February
 - 2/5/2022 4
 - 2/12/2022 4
 - 2/19/2022 Canceled; PPL closed
 - 2/26/2022 7
- The take home craft kits are increasing in popularity so we are working towards having them available weekly in the Children's Library.
 - Paint a Polar Bear 3 kits
 - Make a Lovebug 5 kits
 - Cocoa mug 5 kits
 - Garret Morgan's invention 5 kits



● Crafts and Cocoa:

NEW: Tuesday afternoons I put out hot cocoa for the tween/teen patrons to drink while we make impromptu crafts for them to keep or to use in future programs.

- 2/15/2022 1
- 2/22/2022 0
- 2/28/2022 2

(They came a day early since they missed the previous week due to school break)

● 25th Great Backyard Bird Count! webinar

- We tried something new in the Gallery on Wed., Feb 16, 2022. We live streamed Cornell's Lab of Ornithology webinar about bird ID, bird song, and the 25th Great Backyard Bird Count. This program was for all ages but sadly, no one attended. We will continue to try to offer more live learning events.



FACILITIES/ COLLECTION

- New non-fiction books have been ordered.
- I brought in a rocking chair to 'cozy' up the story area. While I intended it to be used during storytime, the children have enjoyed sitting on it.
- The details of how-to spine label the fiction collection are underway. This is a tedious project that will take a long time, but in the end the collection will be 1. more accessible to our patrons and 2. mirror how the school and other public libraries organize their fiction books.
- Collection display: Coretta Scott King Award winning books

OUTREACH

Newsletter

- I created and sent out a library newsletter advertising our programs and highlighting some collections. Based on the analytics, it was well received. I am working towards sending one out monthly.
- The mailing list is composed of the families that I have met so far in 2022 and board members, and I posted it to Facebook. *Please let me know if you would like your name removed from the list or if you did not receive a newsletter.*

Facebook

- Our Facebook page is seeing more traffic and engagement with daily posts about programs, collections, and community engagement.
- The Canva account has dramatically increased the ease in creating content and the visual appeal of our posts.
- *If you have Facebook, please consider checking our page frequently, 'liking' and 'sharing' our content, and sometimes adding to the 'comments' section. This really helps spread the word.*



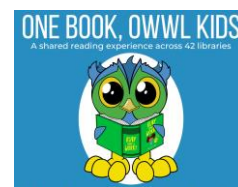
@PerryNYLibrary

FUTURE PLANS

- March 2: Virtual meeting with Snoozers TV (virtual storytime) regarding hosting and sharing the 10 episodes purchased

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Read Across America Classroom visit at Perry Elementary School
- One Book, OWWL Kids in March



Overview: A new community read program sponsored by the Pioneer Library Program. The goal is to create a shared reading experience among children and caregivers.

- **Worry Free Wednesday 3/30/2022**
Patrons in grades 3 through 12 are invited to come to the library to talk a little about coping with the stress that school in the springtime brings and make a Guatemalan Worry doll to take home, tell their worries to, and place under their pillow. This date was selected as it coincides with NYS testing and the beginning of spring sports.
- I hope to share Ruby Finds a Worry by Percival with a few elementary classrooms during the month of March. I emailed the Perry Elementary School principal and Mr. Perry at the Gilead School to introduce myself, explain One Book, OWWL Kids, and request my information be passed along to teachers.

WORKSHOPS/ TRAININGS/ SERVICE to the PROFESSION

- Checkers Library TV: Winter Update
- Social Network Security for Kids & Tweens by Epic Trainings / Informational meeting offered by PLS
- LILRC Barrier Busting: Designing Truly Accessible Services for Youth Thursday
- RRLC New and Upcoming Kids Books
- READsquared Training Session
- Sharing and Saving Your Files with the Cloud
- Think Outside the Book: Revitalizing Your Teen Summer Reading Program
- OWWLUG Meeting