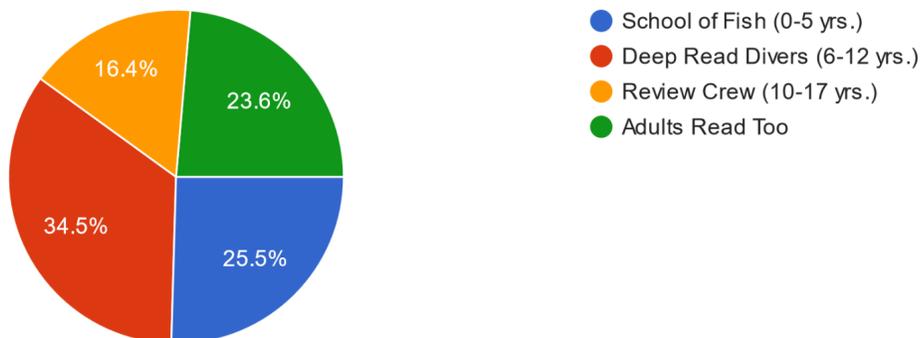


## RECAP

Summer Reading is in full swing!!

- We have seen an increase in program attendance and have had a few events reach maximum capacity for attendants. There has been a mix of regular patrons, new patrons, and patrons who learned about our summer program from June's school visits.
- The patrons are very much enjoying this summer's programs with food crafts and interactive movies being the biggest crowd pleasers.
- Our Dungeons and Dragons program was a big success drawing in a crowd large enough that we needed to split into two groups to play. Patrons ranged in ages from 13 to 50+ yrs. and all expressed an interest in continuing to meet on a regular basis. Using the information gathered from a short survey after the program, I hope to start a regular D&D game/club at the library. I want to thank Crystal and Seth for leading the program and sharing their DMing skills with us. If you have an interest in being a DM or would like to join the group, please email Jessica at [jpurvis@pls-net.org](mailto:jpurvis@pls-net.org).
- The in-library challenges have also been a hit. Patrons have shared ocean facts with the clerk at the circulation desk and created name tags with their 'pirate name'. Non-readers have weekly themed picture scavenger hunts all around the library to complete. (Our older elementary patrons have enjoyed completing these as well.)
- A complete Summer Reading Program recap will be in September's Board Report as the program will not be complete until after the August meeting.
- Summer Reading Registration Snapshot as of 7/25/2022: 55 Participants



- Summer lunches are being served to the community. After the congregate lunch waiver was revisited and renewed in July, we were able to allow lunches to be eaten at home and picked up by parents. We are thankful for this waiver extension as we have heard from the community that these measures are very helpful to them in providing for their families this summer.

- Miss Briana has been getting out the STEM cart for patrons on alternating Fridays. This hands-on, maker activity has proven popular and is under consideration for becoming a regular Saturday library program.

## **FACILITIES/ COLLECTION**

- The blocks are back out of storage and are available in the Children’s Library to use on site. These have been very popular and a good way for our lunchtime patrons who stay for programs to interact with each other in an authentic and cooperative way despite the varying degree in their grade levels.
- The metal bookcases are starting to show signs that they need to be repaired and some replaced. The children’s bookcases along the walls need to be stabilized and attached to the wall. They are currently sloping forward and causing books to fall off of the top frequently. The metal bookcases in the center of the library are deteriorating and falling apart. The top piece slopes and causes the back-to-back bookcases to pull away from each other becoming more unstable, in addition to the end caps not being able to fit on properly to the end. They will need to be replaced before becoming a safety issue.
- The repairs made to better waterproof the Children’s Library last year worked well and it continues to remain dry. Plans can now be discussed to repair the damage to the walls and possibly give the Children’s Library a fresh coat of paint so it is all one color scheme.

## **OUTREACH**

- I put together a few interactive take home movie kits to borrow this summer. The kits contain an ocean related movie and an in-movie activity. For example, *Sharknado!* came with 3 specialized BINGO cards to use while the movie is playing and small prizes for the winner. *Finding Nemo* came with a script and props to use while following along with the movie, such as a glow stick, bubbles, and goldfish crackers. These kits are available to all patrons and the movie is the only thing that needs to be returned.
- We received a special ‘Pop Up Story Walk’ of Todd Parr’s [The Family Book](#) from OWWL for a two week loan. It is located on the front lawn of the library.
- Snoozer, the main character from our virtual storytime program on our *YouTube* channel, had a sleepover at the Livonia Public Library with other patrons’ stuffed animals. His adventure was recorded and posted to *Facebook*. Snoozer will hold a stuffed animal sleepover later this fall and invite local patrons to bring their stuffed friends to attend.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

- Free Summer Lunch at the library on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
- Tallying up Summer Reading statistics
- Dungeons and Dragons club to become a regular library program
- Formation of a Teen Advisory Board
- Requested glasses for a Solar Eclipse program in October 2023
- Teen Book Fest in October

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Summer Reading End-of-Summer celebration
- Adult craft program: Sea Glass Shadow box
- Snoozer’s Storytime to resume on our YouTube channel