


## September RECAP

<u>Virtual Storytime</u>	<u>Release Dates</u>	<u>YouTube Views</u>
Deep Sea Readers: Ships	8/29/2022	13
Deep Sea Readers: Out to Sea	9/5/2022	4
Deep Sea Readers: Look at That	9/12/2022	3
Deep Sea Readers: Our Earth Home	9/19/2022	1
Deep Sea Readers: Which Way to Read	9/26/2022	3

- September was Library Card signup month and new limited-edition cards with OWWL's newest mascot, Booklet, were available for patron under 18. They were also invited to decorate an envelope to keep their new card in with a Booklet sticker and other creative means.
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- We held our first Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 2022. Two teens came and we had an Oreo taste test, talked about goals for the club, and generated a list of activities ideas for the year.
  - There is a lot of interest in starting a Dungeons and Dragons club for patrons over 13, but I am having a hard time finding a Dungeon Master to commit to DMing. A regular D&D club was scheduled to start in October but may be on hold until Spring 2023. If you are a DM or know of one willing to commit to a library program 2 times a month until December, please contact Miss Jes at [jpurvis@pls-net.org](mailto:jpurvis@pls-net.org).
  - Saturday crafts and Building Brick Club are still on pause as we reconsider as to how to proceed. Ideas under review are: STEAM cart Saturday, Dramatic Playdates, and bi-weekly take home craft kits.
  - Snoozer's Deep Sea Adventures, virtual storytime streaming on our YouTube channel, hosted four new episodes month. Views are down so the last few episodes will air this winter when patrons are inside more and weather may factor into trips to the library.

## FACILITIES/ COLLECTION

- We have a beautiful new artistic display on the stage showcasing notable Hispanic people to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month. Briana created more stunning paintings and gathered a wide selection of correlating books in English and Spanish for patrons to borrow.
- The Easy Reader Section is being weeded due to problems for staff trying to reshelve and patrons trying to access the books. Some of the classic sets in the collection are under consideration to be turned into book bundles that allow the beginning readers (or teachers) to check out the whole series. For example, ten Frog and Toad books would be bundled together and checked out all at once.

- We have outgrown our current shelving and need to install bookcases along the wall nearest the Emergency Exit, as well as weed our Fiction collection.
- New mold was discovered behind the toilet in the downstairs bathroom.
- The program supply room is cleaned and organized.

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Youth Services Advisory Council Officers' (YSAC) meeting: Sep 7, 2022 10:00 – 11:30 AM
- Engaging Teens with Connected Learning: Sep 20, 2022 10:00 – 11:30 AM
- YSAC meeting: Sep 20, 2022 1:00 – 2:00 PM
- Starting D&D In Your Library Webinar: September 23, 2022 1:00 – 2:30 PM

### **FUTURE PLANS**

- Request: I am hoping to have story time patrons make bird feeders in early November and am in need of bird seed. If you have a surplus, please consider donating some.
- October's artist for the Taste of Art series is Joan Meyers from Nature's Gifts by Joan. On October 17th, she will teach patrons 10+ about alcohol inks and help them create stickers and a framed print. Artists will take their stickers home that night but will leave their framed art here to be displayed at the final exhibition.
- Storytime resumes on October 12th with a new regular date and time; Wednesdays at 11:15am. We will try this day and time for the rest of 2022 to see if attendance increases. (FYI: Drastically lower storytime attendance was a topic of discussion at September's YSAC meeting as it is affecting many of the OWWL libraries, particularly in areas with new full day Pre-K programs.)
- Our next TAB meeting will be a *Hocus Pocus 1* interactive movie night for patrons 13+ on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 -7:45pm. Prior to the movie we will further discuss November's Stuffy Sleepover details, December's meeting, and our 2023 service project.
- A special Monday morning storytime will be held on October 31st to celebrate Halloween at 11:15am. Patrons are invited to wear non-scary costumes.
- Participation in Halloween community events are being considered as business and groups will start to publicize their activities in early October.

### **OUTREACH**

- I spoke with the elementary school principal regarding Open House on October 20th and have secured a table for us at the event. I will attend at to hand out program calendars, pencils, bookmarks, and collect addresses to add to our mailing list.
- The OWWL Youth Services Advisory Committee (YSAC) resumed meeting. I will continue to serve as the one of the officers for the 2022-2023 meeting cycle.