

**October RECAP**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Audience</u>	<u>0-5 yrs.</u>	<u>6-12 yrs.</u>	<u>13-17 yrs.</u>	<u>18+ yrs.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Storytime	10/12	0-5 yrs.					0
Storytime	10/19	0-5 yrs.					0
Storytime	10/26	0-5 yrs.					0
Storytime	10/31	0-5 yrs.	4	1		2	7
Taste of Art	10/17	10+ yrs.		9			9
Teen Advisory Group (TAB)	10/24	13+ yrs.			3		3
Pop-In Potions Apothecary	10/29	Family	1.5	2	1	4	8.5
Make-and-Take: Frida Kahlo	10/13	3-10 yrs.					10
Make-and-Take: Puerto Rico	10/20	3-10 yrs.					15
Make-and-Take: Fall Leaves	10/27	3-10 yrs.					15
Make-and-Take: Haunted House	10/31	3-10 yrs.					2
Scavenger Hunt: Fall	10/3-10/29	0-10 yrs.					30
Scavenger Hunt: Halloween	10/31	0-10 yrs.					10
Perry Elementary Open House	10/20	Family					125
Trick-or-Treaters	10/31	Family					150

- Scavenger hunts for young patrons have been a big success. These are self-guided and aimed at patrons under 8 but are very popular with all patrons 13 and under. Our tween patrons love to help with set up. We will continue to offer one or two a month.
- October's artist for the Taste of Art series was Joan Meyers from Nature's Gifts by Joan. The alcohol ink class was a huge success with the event reaching full capacity.
- Storytime resumed on October 12th with a new regular date and time; Wednesdays at 11:15am.
- At the October TAB meeting, we discussed what needed to be done for the November service project: Stuffy Sleepover. Afterwards the teens enjoyed participating in an interactive movie night featuring *Hocus Pocus*.
- A special storytime was held on Halloween morning. Patrons came in costume and we read stories, fractured Nursery Rhymes, and sang songs. There were also several self-guided (or take home) activities, including roll-a-Halloween story, word searches, and DIY haunted houses. We had a great turn out!

- An all ages pop up Potions Apothecary was held on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Patrons decouped and distressed recycled bottles before filling them with potions. This event had a good turn out and received positive feedback and requests for a similar program next year.

### **FACILITIES/ COLLECTION**

- The YA nonfiction, YA graphic novels, and juvenile fiction were weeded to make room for new additions.
- We have seen an increase in circulation in the YA section since dedicating the bookcase at the bottom to new YA additions. We have also had a positive response to the new nonfiction, fiction, and graphic novels.
- The mold discovered behind the toilet in the downstairs bathroom has increased in size.

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- OWWL System Meeting: October 21st
- *Clean Your Collection* with Angel Newman: October 21<sup>st</sup>

### **FUTURE PLANS**

- November is DINOvember with dinosaur themed stories, activities, and make-and-take crafts.
- Our first smARTy pARTy will be held on November 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. Patrons ages 6 to 12 years old are invited to come to the library and paint a wooden dinosaur magnet.
- November's art medium is pottery for the Taste of Art series. On November 21<sup>st</sup>, Coppa Co from Houghton, NY will facilitate a virtual field trip to their pottery studio and the creation of pinch pots. Registration is still open for budding artists over 10 years of age.
- Patrons ages under 12 are invited to drop off a stuffed friend to sleep at the library on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The stuffed friends will be read stories by our TAB members, have a snack, watch a movie, and have a slumber party. The nightlight and surveillance cameras will be on to ensure their safety and capture any shenanigans.
- A special storytime will be held on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:15am to pick up stuffed friends from their sleepover at the library. Patrons are invited to wear their pajamas.
- Our next TAB meeting will be on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 -8:30 where teens will help with the Stuffy Sleepover as their service project.
- I have found a Dungeon Master and am working towards starting a regular D&D club in early 2023.

### **OUTREACH**

- I attended Open House on October 20th with a table full of October and November programming calendars, pencils, bookmarks, and activity exemplars. I also collected about 25 new addresses to add to our mailing list and reconnected with several teachers for upcoming classroom visits.
- The newsletter continues to grow in popularity. We had over 100 views in the first 24 hours after it was emailed out and posted onto Facebook. I started attaching 2 printable pdfs to the end of it; one monthly program calendar and one graphic overview of the month's youth programming.
- I started talking with Ms. Maura Gilsinan, PSCD principal, about collaborating on one of Dolly Parton's reading initiatives.
- A lot of Halloween candy was handed out to trick-or-treaters. Thanks Sarah and Jessica D.!