

## RECAP

<u>Program</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Audience</u>	<u>Total</u>
Storytime: Grit by S.E. Abramson	1/4	0-8 yrs.	6
Storytime: Ben the Rich Boy	1/11	0-8 yrs.	4
Storytime: Favorite Poems for Bedtime	1/18	0-8 yrs.	2
Storytime: Atom by David Miles	1/25	0-8 yrs.	0
In-house Scavenger Hunt: Rubber Duckies	All month	0-10 yrs.	35
Taste of Art: Acrylic Paint	1/30	10-18 yrs.	10

- Every Wednesday morning in January, a new *Snoozer Virtual Storytime Adventure* video was released on our *YouTube* channel. Each Snoozer Storytime has an (approximately) 10 minute long read aloud and a correlating craft tutorial. Materials for the crafts could be downloaded from our website or picked up each week from the library. There were four storytimes in total.
- Our Taste of Art series resumed on January 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6 pm with acrylic painting. Aspiring artists used sponges, brushes, and acrylic paint to create *Stranger Things* inspired paintings. Some added a giant Mind Flayer while others painted Hawkins inspired foreboding landscapes. We had a full class of 10 artists.
- This month, our youngest patrons were challenged to find 20 rubber ducks hidden around the library. We averaged 1.3 patrons participating a day. A big thanks to Sarah for managing the scavenger hunt!
- I used 6 days PTO.



## OUTREACH

- Connected WXXI with the PCSD Outreach team to participate in their Resource Fair.
- Gave Sara Wilkie, PCSD elementary school librarian, supplies donated through our Great Give Back Campaign.

## FACILITIES/ COLLECTION

- We added several titles that were on multiple 'the best of 2022' lists to all sections of the library. The literary awards (Newbery, Caldecott, etc.) were announced this month and the titles not already in our collection will be purchased in the spring. We also added beginner biographies and the easy reader, nonfiction series *Who Would Win?* to the collection.
- Since starting a year ago, I have slowly rearranged some collections and sections of the library to increase ease of access to materials. These changes have been positively received and are complete until new shelving can be purchased. See attached map.

- The downstairs bathroom is still closed, but the repairs have started and it is expected to be ready for use in mid-February.
- We have added two Dungeons & Dragons books to our reference section for patrons to use at the library to prepare for our upcoming campaign.

## FUTURE PLANS

- Storytime will resume in-person on Wednesday, February 1st at 11:15 am. Our themes this month are Groundhogs, Love, Snow, and Yetis.
- Take Your Child to the Library Day is February 4th. We will serve ice cream from 10 to 11 am, have a self-guided ice cream scavenger hunt on the main floor, Mystery Make-and-Take grab bag craft kits, free library card replacement, and limited edition OWWL library tattoos and stickers.
- Jill Rossborough from *ArtSmart Studios* will be our March Taste of Art visiting artist. On February 27<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 6 pm she will teach about fusing glass and patrons will create glass fusion window charms. Classes are for patrons ages 10 to 18 years old and registration is required. To register, call the library or go to <https://forms.gle/bv2SgtfTRayJ1kG28>. Fiber arts will be the next focus.
- The Dungeons & Dragons program is scheduled to begin on February 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 pm and will meet alternating Tuesday evenings until May 23, 2023. Patrons that register AND attend BOTH Session Zero and Session One will receive their own set of game dice to keep. At Session Zero on 2/28/23, interested patrons will get an overview of the game, learn how the program will run, meet the Dungeon Master (DM), and get their character creation sheet. The game will kick off on 3/14, and continue on 3/28, 4/11, 4/25, 5/9, and 5/23. Our DM for this 6-session campaign will be PPL Board member Stacey Muolo's husband Ricky. Register by calling the library or at <https://forms.gle/oPghSVwNde2oPoQW7>.
- Storyhour on February 22<sup>nd</sup> will be expanded to include children up to age 10 years old as many area schools are on Spring Break. We will read a few stories about Yetis and use shaving cream and glue to make homemade puffy paint to add a 3D dimension to our paper Yetis. Patrons over 10 years old are invited to make *Wednesday* (Adams) inspired Shrinky Dinks at 1:30 and at 2:30 our Teen Advisory Board will meet to plan out the year's activities and community service projects.
- Gather 2023 statistical data for Annual report.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Zimbra Hacks, January 10<sup>th</sup>
- Youth Services Advisory Counsel, January 10<sup>th</sup>
- Diversify Your Collection, January 10<sup>th</sup>
- OWWL Mock Newbery & Caldecott Awards, January 20<sup>th</sup>
- How to train your community on Libby, January 31<sup>st</sup>
- OWWLUG, January 27<sup>th</sup>