

**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: Groundhogs	2/1	0-5 yrs.	1			1	2
Storytime: Love	2/8	0-5 yrs.					0
Storytime: Snow	2/15	0-5 yrs.	2			1	3
Storytime: Yetis	2/22	0-12 yrs.	1			2	3
Wednesday's Window Shrinky Dinks	2/22	10-18 yrs.			1		1
Taste of Art: Glass Fusion	2/27	10-18 yrs		2	2		4
Teen Advisory Group (TAB)	2/22	13+ yrs.			4		4
Dungeons & Dragons	2/28	13+			1	3	4
Make-and-Take: Groundhogs	2/1-2/7	3-10 yrs.		13			13
Make-and-Take: Mystery Grab Bag	2/1-2/17	3-10 yrs.		20			20
In-house Scavenger Hunt: Ice Cream	2/1-2/16	0-10 yrs.	25				23
In-house Scavenger Hunt: Arctic Animals	2/16-2/28	0-10 yrs.	9				9

- Storytime resumed in-person on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:15 a.m. Our themes this month were Groundhogs, Love, Snow, and Yetis. It was too beautiful outside on 2/15 so rather than reading about snow, storytime attendees helped to plant an amaryllis bulb that is growing on our fireplace mantel. We also planted flower seeds to be grown at home in a sunny window. On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, we read 2 stories about Yetis and made puffy paint with shaving cream and glue to paint our paper Yetis.
- Take Your Child to the Library Day was February 4<sup>th</sup>. We served ice cream from 10 to 11 a.m., had 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. It was a little cold for ice cream that day, but we had a few brave families come out for Candy Shoppe ice cream sundaes.
- We made *Wednesday* (Addams) inspired earrings on February 22<sup>nd</sup> using *Shrinky Dinks* and our new little toaster oven. Afterwards the Teen Advisory Board met to discuss what they want for summer reading activities and prizes. They would like to have a 'bare necessities' drive, collecting socks and undergarments to donate to an organization, to correlate with our Summer Reading Theme of All Together Now.
- Jill Rossborough from *ArtSmart Studios* was our March Taste of Art visiting artist. On February 27<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 6 p.m. she taught about fusing glass and patrons created glass fusion stars to hang in the window. These will be available to view at our spring art exhibit.

- The Dungeons & Dragons program began on February 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 heard an overview of the game, learned how the program will run, met the Dungeon Master (DM), and got their character creation sheet. Our DM for this 6-session campaign is PPL Board member Stacey Muolo's husband Ricky. The program is scheduled to continue to meet from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on alternating Tuesday evenings until May 23, 2023. The game will kick off on 3/14, and continue on 3/28, 4/11, 4/25, 5/9, and 5/23. Register by calling the library or at <https://forms.gle/oPghSVwNde2oPoQW7>.
- The 2023 Annual Report was a very tedious endeavor, but I created a way to track the specific data that NYSED requires to reduce the amount of time spent on compiling this report moving forward.
- Our newsletter is up to 215 recipients and our Facebook page has less than 700 followers. Please help us reach more people in the community by liking and sharing our posts and inviting others to follow us.

### **OUTREACH**

- A Groundhog Day storytime-in-a-bag (3 books and 13 make and take kits) was created for a special education classroom at the Perry Elementary School.
- I participated in a virtual meet up of Teen Services people from across OWWL to discuss how to better serve and reach our teens this summer. There was a suggestion of combining a few Teen Advisory Boards to increase attendance and help our teens meet others in the area with similar interests.
- I created a one-page flyer of the Spring Break activities and emailed it to the administration and a few teachers at Perry Elementary and High Schools requesting it be shared with caregivers and colleagues.

### **FACILITIES/ COLLECTION**

- We cannot keep our new Early Reader non-fiction books, the *Who Would Win* series, on the shelves as they are so popular. I placed a large order of new and award-winning graphic novels and Young Adult books so new titles are being added daily to the collection. The top of every book shelf in the library is covered with great new books.
- Some plants and new decorations have been added to the fireplace mantel.
- The downstairs bathroom remains closed.

### **FUTURE PLANS**

- Jo Konvinse will be our April Taste of Art visiting artist on April 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Patrons will take inspiration from the paintings in the gallery and create a felt landscape. For patrons ages 10 to 18 years old and registration is required. To register, call the library or go to <https://forms.gle/YTwjMKZ4xompcjCfA>.
- We will once again participate in One Book, OWWL Kids, a community read program sponsored by OWWL. The goal is to create a shared reading experience among children and caregivers. This year's title is Free to Be Elephant Me by Giles Andrea. Patrons are invited to the library on March 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7 p.m. for a read aloud and craft. No registration is required and attending families will receive their own copy of the book.

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Getting it Done: 5 Essential Tools for Pumping Up Your Projects, February 7<sup>th</sup>
- Youth Services Teen Advisory Meeting, February 10<sup>th</sup>