

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: Dr. Suess	3/1	0-6 yrs.	2			1	3
Storytime: Free to be Me!	3/8	0-6 yrs.	1			2	3
Storytime: Green	3/15	0-6 yrs.	3			2	5
Storytime: Red	3/22	0-6 yrs.	4			3	7
Storytime: Baby Chicks	3/29	0-6 yrs.	2			2	4
2 Off Site Read aloud: 1 Kinder/ preK classes	3/3	6-12 yrs.	10	25	0	7	42
One Book, OWWL Kids	3/7	Family	2	3	2	4	11
2 Dungeons & Dragons (1 cancelled)	3/28	13+ yrs.			2	1	3
Make and Take: Yeti		0-12 yrs.					10
Make and Take: baby chick magnets		0-12 yrs.					2
In-house Scavenger Hunt: Families Reading	3/1-2/16	0-10 yrs.	23				23
In-house Scavenger Hunt: Animal Footprints	3/16-2/28	0-10 yrs.	27				27

- I was awarded a Spring Conference Scholarships from the Youth Services Section (YSS) of the New York Library Association (NYLA). This scholarship is given to just two librarians and is to encourage continuing education in the field of library youth services. The application process requires an essay and two professional recommendations. The scholarship covers the \$140 registration fee to attend the YSS 2023 Conference in Lake George, NY and up to \$250 towards lodging, travel, and meals.
- Storytime attendance is picking up! We are having a great time reading stories and trying new things.
- We once again participated 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 were invited to the library on March 7th from 6 to 7 pm for a read aloud and fingerprint craft. Attending families received their own copy of the book.
- The in-house scavenger hunts are continuing to be a success with our young patrons. This month's hunt had a challenge component for our patrons 8-14 years old, as they seem to enjoy them just as much.
- I contributed to writing a grant to fund adult art programming at the library in the fall of 2023 and secured three potential artists to serve as the instructors.
- Illness plagued our Dungeons & Dragons official kick off, but the first session went well thanks to our substitute DM, Noah Korn. (Thanks Noah; great job!) We will continue to meet from 5:30 to 7:30 pm on alternating Tuesday evenings until May 23, 2023. Patrons over 13 can still register by calling the library or at <https://forms.gle/oPghSVwNde2oPoQW7>.

- The Make and Take kits are not as popular as they were during Covid practices, so we are going to discontinue them on a weekly basis, but may revisit the idea when our regular programs are on hiatus.

OUTREACH

- I read I Cannot Draw a Horse by Charise Mericle Harper to 2 Kindergarten classes on Friday, May 3rd as a Rotary Reader to celebrate Read Across America week.
- There are eight visits scheduled for the month of April with 10 Perry Central School classrooms and I am starting to schedule spring field trips to the library. A Google form will be sent to the PCSD teachers and to the Gilead School of Discipleship through their 'Contact Us' form on their website.
- Poor weather conditions thwarted plans to have a table at the Perry Central Schools Resource Night on March 14th. Another one is planned for the end of the school year in which I hope to participate.
- We had an unscheduled 2nd grade Gilead School of Discipleship classroom field trip to the library where the students completed the scavenger hunt and the take-home craft.

FACILITIES/ COLLECTION

- The downstairs bathroom remains closed.
- Winter is packed away and we are decorating for spring.
- Our graphic novel and YA collections are exploding with great new fiction and nonfiction selections.

FUTURE PLANS

- Jo Konvinse will be our April Taste of Art visiting artist. On April 17th from 4:30 to 6 pm she will guide patrons on creating a felt landscape. Jo's own creations are on display at downtown at the Wyoming County Arts Council. 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/YTwiMKZ4xompcjCfA>.
- To kick off the month of April, we are having another Stuffed Animal Sleepover, this time for two nights. Between 6 and 7 pm on April 3rd, stuffies can be dropped off at the library. On April 5th when the stuffies are picked up, we will have a birthday party during Storytime.
- Plans are underway for the Taste of Art Exhibition. It will be held in the Stowell-Wiles Art Gallery, opening on June 22nd with a closing reception on June 29, 2023 at 6 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The instructing artists, as well as the featured artists will be invited to attend. At the end of the reception, the artists will be free to take their masterpieces home. Masterpieces that remain past the end of the evening will be housed on the wooden shelves near the fireplace until they are taken home.
- We are getting the Lego bricks out on May 4th for some free build time in the library. Bins of Lego and books to make Star Wars builds will be on hand, but this is an open event to come and create anything.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Teen Cross-System Summer Reading Workshop, March 2nd
- OWWL Library System Summer Reading Workshop., March 21st (Attended AM, **Presented** PM)
- Fostering LGBTQ+ Inclusive Libraries workshop, March 17th
- OWWLUG, March 24th