

**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>
Dungeons & Dragons	4/25	13+ yrs.				4	4
Storytime: Eric Carle	4/26	0-6 yrs.	2			3	5
Storytime: Star Wars	5/3	0-6 yrs.	5			3	8
Storytime: Daffodils	5/10	0-6 yrs.	6			4	10
Storytime: Hats	5/17	0-6 yrs	4			2	6
Star Wars Open Lego Build & Craft	5/4	0-6 yrs.	1	8	3	3	15
Dungeons & Dragons	5/9	13+ yrs.				Cancelled	
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Teen Advisory Board (TAB)	5/24	0-12 yrs.			3		3
In-house Scavenger Hunt: Birds	4/16-5/2	0-10 yrs.					14
In-house Scavenger Hunt: Star Wars	5/3-5/16	0-10 yrs.					20
In-house Scavenger Hunt: Butterflies	5/16-5/28	0-10 yrs.					21

- I attended the Youth Services Section (YSS) of New York State Library Association (NYLA) Spring Conference on April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Keynote speeches from authors Alex Gino and Chris Grabenstein were inspiring and motivating. I attended programs on preparations for the upcoming Solar Eclipses from the Space Science Institute’s S.E.A.L team, upcoming children’s book publications, sensory storytime tips and tricks, and awarding winning teen programming.
- Storytime is on hiatus for the summer and will resume in the fall. This summer, we will have a few read aloud programs called “Let’s read all together now” to go along with our summer reading theme.
- Our first Dungeons & Dragons’ program ended this month. Patrons enjoyed the program but illness made it hard to gauge future success. There is interest in continuing the program so considerations on how to hold it regularly will be explored this summer and decisions made in the fall.
- We got the Lego bricks and books on making Star Wars builds out on May 4<sup>th</sup> for some free build time in the library. Three of the creations were on display on the fireplace mantel for the month. This program was well attended so similar events will be held this summer.
- The library has been a very popular place for our teen patrons after school lately. It is awesome they feel comfortable to hang out in the space and reiterates the need for a dedicated teen space so that they feel welcome, but at the same time are not disturbing other patrons using the facilities.
- The Teen Advisory Board met this month to help plan our summer programs. They narrowed down our list of interactive movie choices, practiced one of our crafts to help determine skill level and materials

needed, and chose the teen activities. Members of TAB are encouraged to sign up to volunteer at some of our bigger summer programs, like the Zoo Mobile.

## OUTREACH

- A Google form was sent to the PCS D teachers and to the Gilead School of Discipleship through their 'Contact Us' form on their website. Using the responses, I have 7 classroom visits and 5 classroom field trips to the library scheduled for the month of June.
- Perry Central Schools will host another Resource Night on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Sarah Wilkie and I have been planning a shared table to talk about summer reading and how to borrow digital books.

## FACILITIES/ COLLECTION

- The downstairs bathroom remains closed.
- We started putting 'NEW' stickers on our books at the beginning of 2023 with the intention of removing them after 6 months. These has been a helpful visual indicator for patrons and staff. This month we will start the first round of cycling out the old 'new' books and work out the kinks in our process.
- Our weeded books are being sorted into donations and beginning reader book bag collections with the goal of clearing out all of the discards before the end of June.
- The stuffed animal bin has been rotated out of the Children's Room and has been replaced with a bin of puppets, which have been very popular.

## FUTURE PLANS

- Julia Stewart-Bittle will be our July Taste of Art visiting artist. On July 11th she will guide the patrons in creating a mandala on black paper using a white pencil, using a tracing of their hand for inspiration. This class is for patrons ages 10 to 18 years old and will conclude our Taste of Art grant cycle of programs. The loanable correlating kits will be rolled out in August.
- Plans are underway for the Taste of Art Exhibition. It will be held in the 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 are 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.
- Summer reading plans are nearly complete. Our theme this year is All Together Now and our focus is on everyone reading and coming together at the library. Registration starts June 20<sup>th</sup> and tracking starts June 26<sup>th</sup> and runs until July 21<sup>st</sup>. Tracking and prize raffles are open to patrons of all ages. To track reading this year, patrons simply mark off on their tracking slip (obtained at registration) and then drop it off at the library to be entered into our end of summer reading prize drawings. We will also have scavenger hunts and trivia in the library for patrons to earn extra chances at the raffles. Lunches will be served July 10 to August 10 on Mondays through Thursdays from 12:15 to 1:30.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT,

- STEM programming in public libraries presented by StarNet (S.E.A.L), April 27<sup>th</sup> (3 hrs.)
- A Teen-Led Approach to Programming, YSS Conference, April 28<sup>th</sup> (1 hr.)
- Building Your Own Imagination Stations, YSS Conference, April 28<sup>th</sup> (1 hr.)
- Reach Out and Include Someone: Programs for individuals with disabilities, YSS Conference, April 28<sup>th</sup> (1 hr.)
- The Gift of a Story, OWWL, May 19<sup>th</sup> (4 hrs.)
- OWWL Holdings Maintenance 101, OWWL, May 25<sup>th</sup> (2 hrs.)