

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>
Read Aloud	8/1/23	0-18	4			3	7
Z*O*M*B*I*E*S INTERACTIVE MOVIE	8/2/23	8-18		2	5	1	8
Read Aloud with Julie from M&T	8/8/23	0-18	3			3	6
Zoo Mobile	8/9/23	0-18					80
Make New Friends Evening Storytime	8/22/23	0-5		1		1	2
Teen Beach Movie	8/24/23	13-18			3		3
Z*O*M*B*I*E*S MOVIE Take Home kit	8/2-8/11	8+					9
Free Lunch	8/1-8/10	0-18					245
In-house Scavenger Hunt: All Together Now	7/31-8/11	0-10 yrs.					50
In-house Scavenger Hunt: Barbie	8/12-8/25	0-10 yrs.					35

- On Aug 2nd patrons watched Disney’s Z*O*M*B*I*E*S in the Gallery. They had an interactive script to follow which prompted them to do silly things along with the movie, like shake their pompoms or eat watermelon sour patch candies (to give the zombies a boost of power). All props and snacks were provided and members of our teen advisory group (TAB) came to help facilitate the movie and lead interactions. Everyone had a great time. Extra take-home movie kits were also made for families that could not attend but wanted to try an interactive movie experience.
- The Seneca Park Zoomobile came August 9th and was a HUGE success with an unprecedented number of attendees. We started outside on the lawn, but then had to quickly move to the Gallery when a rain storm came through. A BIG thank you to the Friends of Perry Public Library for sponsoring the program and a shout out to the members of TAB that came to help run the show.
- On August 22nd we held an evening storytime geared towards our youngest patrons and their families, followed by play stations to connect with friends. Stations included exploring a pop-up bus, reading Wheels on the Bus to a puppet of choice, building with blocks or bricks, and putting together large wooden puzzles. This event was intended for those entering preschool or kindergarten and their caregivers to come together before the beginning of school. Attendance was unusually low so no further evening storytimes will be planned for fall but the idea will be revisited this winter.
- August 24th at 5:30, the teens came to the library to watch Disney’s Teen Beach Movie and eat candy in the Gallery. After 15 minutes they deemed the movie “just too cringy” and selected *Big Hero 6* to watch instead. The teens have requested regular movie nights and mentioned that bean bag chairs

would be a great for watching movies on the floor in the gallery. They suggested we show How to Train Your Dragon next.

OUTREACH

- Our last lunch distribution was on August 10th. This summer we distributed approximately 35 free lunches daily to area youth. A BIG thank you to the Rotary volunteers that transported the lunches to and from Mt. Morris every day. This program is only made possible through their help.
- Julie from M&T bank joined us again as a guest storytime reader on August 8, 2023.
- We have had a large number of visiting patrons that are either summer residents, vacationing locally, or visiting family. It is great to see them come to the library to 'check it out' and then return to attend a scheduled program. We have seen some familiar faces were from last summer and others from our Stuffy Sleepovers. Many have expressed interest in more Stuffy Sleepovers around longer school breaks.
- We now have about 300 subscribers to our monthly newsletter.

FACILITIES/ COLLECTION

- The dehumidifier has been replaced and is working great.
- The nonfiction beginner chapter books all have spine labels for easy retrieval.
- Favorite First Chapter Books is a new circulating collection I am working on rolling out this September. There will be approximately 15 book bags, each containing 4 to 6 beginner chapter books in favorites series, such as Cam Jensen and Horrible Harry. These book bags are targeted for parents and teachers to easily pick up reading-level appropriate books when their children are not with them. After the books have been re-cataloged with OWWL, they will be advertised on Facebook, in our newsletter, and in an email to the local elementary schools.
- Back-to-school and Page Turners book displays are up in the Children's Room.

FUTURE PLANS

- Storytime returns September 13, 2023. It will be on Wednesday mornings from 11:30 to noon.
- Youth Services Advisory Council resumes and I will again serve as Secretary.
- Brand development involvement.
- An all-ages Taylor Swift party possibly In October.
- Participate in OWWL's Great Give Back Community Service project October 21 – November 4th.
- TAB meeting in October and Teen movie night in November.
- Stuffy Sleepover in November, possible theme is Dinosaurs and Donuts.
- Planning for April 2024 eclipse and space themed activities in March.