

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	10/4/23	0-6	1			1	2
Storytime	10/18/23	0-6	1			1	2
Storytime	10/25/23	0-6	2			2	4
Storytime	10/31/23	0-6	1			1	2
Teen craft: Rangoli	10/17/23	13+			4		4
TAB meeting	10/17/23	13+			4		4
PM Storytime: I See London, I See France	10/24/23	2+		1		1	2
In-house Scavenger Hunt: Fall	9/27-10/14	0-10 yrs.					22
In-house Scavenger Hunt: Halloween	10/16-10/31	0-10 yrs.					18

- We participated in OWWL’s Great Give Back Community Service project and collected 2 large boxes of personal care and winter weather items that will go to the Comfort Closet housed in the Perry Elementary School. Thank you to all who donated.
- On October 17th, we got out the colorful sand, glue, and paper for teens to make a Rangoli. With the left-over sand, they got a little crazy with free form glue designs and spider web creations. It is great to see them be creative at the library!
- Our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) resumed this month and the teens helped plan programs for the next several months. They decided on a movie night in November and after checking our movie license against their suggestions, the teens that attend on November 9th will vote on which movie to watch. They would also like a gnome craft in December and to sew fabric bookmarks over February break. We discussed the upcoming Stuffy Sleepover. They gave suggestions for changes that could be made to help make the event run more smoothly and add excitement.
- We had an all ages, afternoon “Super Silly Storytime” called *I see London, I see France*. We read stories about the history of underwear, the underwear dragon, and creepy underwear. We had an unseasonally beautiful day that afternoon, so attendance was rather low. We will try this time slot again in the future to see if it meets a community need.
- A special storytime was held on Halloween. We played Halloween bingo, decorated real mini pumpkins, and read several Halloween stories.
- We received a \$300 grant from OWWL in recognition of our service to teens and to help financially support more programs aimed at youth ages 13 to 21 years old.

OUTREACH

- I had a table set up in the school library at the PCSD open house on October 19th. I talked with students and caregivers about upcoming events and the ability to connect SORA with Libby to expand their children's access to ebooks and audiobooks. I also passed out 100 program calendars, 78 pencils, and added 8 new subscribers to our newsletter.
- Our newsletter has reached over 300 subscribers.
- The kindergarten teachers at PCSD contacted me about coming into their classrooms for a visit in December.
- A representative from WIC came to PPL and shared information with me on the benefits WIC provides to families and left 'goodie bags' for me to pass out during storyhour.

FACILITIES/ COLLECTION

- Our first Taste of Art kit debuted this month. Patrons can borrow a rock painting kit that comes with a book of ideas and instructions, 8 mini paint pots, and 2 brushes. All you need to provide is the rock! The kit can only be loaned out from Perry Public Library, but it can be returned to any OWWL library. Patrons will return the book only and can keep the leftover paint and brushes to paint more creations. The kit circulates for 3 weeks and went out the first day it was available. The next kit Taste of Art to be assembled and circulated is felting.
- Our sports and entertainment collection added some great new titles about the Buffalo Bills, skateboarding, motocross, and many more.
- Facebook library groups have been helpful with bean bag suggestions and resources. One librarian suggested inflatable furniture instead; keeping storage in mind, this may be a viable solution.

FUTURE PLANS

- The 1st graders from PCSD will take a field trip to the Perry Public Library on November 8th to coincide with a unit of study. Each class will rotate through 3 stations to introduce them to the public library.
- The book selection has been released for OWWL's mock medal program held in January.
- There will be a teen movie night on November 9th, the night before a day off from school.
- Stuffy Sleepover drop off will be on November 21st and pick up is on to November 22nd during storyhour. Local stuffies and stuffies from out-of-town visiting family for Thanksgiving are welcome.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 30 Favorite Storytime Books and How to Use Them, October 12th (1.5 hours)
- The What, Why, and How of Play-based Learning at the Strong Museum of Play, Oct. 20th (5 hrs.)
- OWWL Fall Support Staff Workshop, Oct. 26th (6 hours)
- OWWLUG meeting, Oct. 27th (2 hours)
- Overdrive Public Library Connect webinar (1 h.r.)
- Evergreen Upgrade webinar (2 hrs.)