

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	12/6/23	0-6 yrs.	2			2	4
Storytime	12/13/23	0-6 yrs.	3			2	5
Storytime	12/20/23	0-6 yrs.	3			2	5
Storytime	12/27/23	0-6 yrs.	6			5	11
Sensory Santa (Outreach)	12/13/23	3-12 yrs.		20		20	40
Read to kindergarten classes at PPL	12/20/23	All ages		55		5	60
Teen gnome craft	12/12/23	13-18 yrs.			2		2
Drop-in Craft	12/23/23	3-12 yrs.		4		2	6
Family movie & craft program	12/28/23	All ages		5	1	2	8
In-house Scavenger Hunt: Gnomes	12/1-/12/27	0-10 yrs.					56

- The teens came to create gnomes from recycled baby food jars and holiday socks on December 12<sup>th</sup>. They enjoyed making them and would like to do another program this summer.
- We hosted an afternoon family movie with a craft over the winter break. While the movie *The Kid Who Became King*, which has a solar eclipse in it, played on our big screen, families made eclipse inspired art. Using back paper and white chalk, they made renderings of what they will see during one phase of the eclipse. Attendees also received a pair of solar viewing glasses as well and assembled protective sleeves to keep them safe until April. There will be several more events where glasses will be passed out prior to April 8, 2024.
- We are trying Saturday crafts again, this time as a drop-in event rather than planned instruction. Our first program was Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10 am until noon. Patrons 3 to 10 years old were invited to 'drop in' and make an evergreen tree, Christmas tree, or snowflake from popsicle sticks, paint, and various crafting materials. A few patrons came and had a great time. (Check *Facebook* for pictures.) Briana will hold drop-in crafts once a month on Saturdays until this May, at which time we will evaluate attendance and interest.
- Storytime will take a hiatus in January, and resume in February on Wednesdays at 11:30 am.

## OUTREACH

- I hosted a painting table at the PCSD Special Education Department's Sensory Santa event on December 13<sup>th</sup>. It was a big success with about 20 participants. This is the second year participating in this event. Thank you, Vivian, for helping at the table!
- On December 20<sup>th</sup>, I was invited to come in and read to the 3 kindergarten classrooms at Perry Central School. We read the new book, Just One Flake by Travis Jonker, and drew fancy snowflakes.
- I have been following up on local leads in regards to community events being planned in preparation for April's eclipse.

## FACILITIES/ COLLECTION

- We purged and replaced many books in our solar system/space section of the library.
- Our next weeding project will be in the teen room.
- We will begin reviewing and weeding each holiday collection of books at the end of the display cycle to keep the collections fresh and relevant. New books for the collections will continue to be added throughout the year.

## FUTURE PLANS

- Dave the Great, a magician, is going to come and put on a reading promotion magic show July 17<sup>th</sup> as a part of our summer reading program. The show will be at 6pm in the Gallery so registration will be required due to limited space in the gallery.
- Our January drop-in craft will be cork snowmen and held on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to noon.
- Take Your Child to the Library is Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Patrons that bring a buddy to the library that day will receive a pair of solar viewing glasses.
- I am working on planning two informational sessions with a local eclipse expert and NASA HUNCH mentor Gene Gordon at the library in late March.

## ECLIPSE Update

- OWWL Solar Eclipse Information Share:
  - If we are passing out glasses, we are encouraged to register our library on the RMSC website. We should also have prepared scripts by the phone and anticipate increasing inquiries.
  - At least 4 OWWL libraries will be closed on the day of the eclipse and more are expected.
  - Sites that are planning on being open should be prepared for gridlock, especially thruway exit towns.
  - Sites holding events during the eclipse are encouraged have water reserves and rent porta potties.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/ SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- Eclipse Soundscapes Facilitator Training, December 5<sup>th</sup>, (1 hr.)
- OWWL Solar Eclipse Information Share Session, December 19<sup>th</sup>, (1 hr.)