

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>
Drop-in Craft: Snowman	1/20/24	3-12 yrs.	1			1	2
In-house Scavenger Hunt: Worker Gnomes	12/28/23 – 1/8/2024	0-10 yrs.					34
In-house Scavenger Hunt: Types of Eclipses	1/9-22/24	0-10 yrs.					25
In-house Scavenger Hunt: Phases of the Moon	1/23/24 – 2/1/2024	0-10 yrs.					46

- A lot of planning for the upcoming solar eclipse and our Summer Reading Program was accomplished this month. For Summer Reading, we have our registration gift selected, our summer lunch dates figured out, a few performers booked, and some craft projects in the works. We will hold several events in preparation for the eclipse during February and March, most scheduled around the school recesses.
- The scavenger hunts remain the most popular thing we are doing for patrons under 10 years old. We also have several pre-teens and teens stop after school to get a cup of hot cocoa, go on the scavenger hunt, and visit with us. As the weather gets better, we hope to see more of this! Come spring, we will need to refill our prize bucket as it is nearly empty.
- Briana is having drop-in crafts once a month on Saturdays until May, at which time we will evaluate attendance and interest. We had a few participants in December but only one in January. She has a space shuttle craft planned for February 17th from 10 am to 12 pm.
- Storytime was on a hiatus in January, and resumes Wednesday, February 7th at 11:30 am.

OUTREACH

- I participated in OWWL’s mock literary medal program for the 3rd year. This year, I took on a larger role in planning and facilitating the Mock Caldecott Awards.

FACILITIES/ COLLECTION

- We already had in our collection many of the books that were awarded literary medals for 2023 and have ordered the ones we did not already own.
- We have a new virtual calendar, LibCal, and our programs now will be advertised on OWWL’s calendar, as well as our webpage. It also has a registration feature that will allow us to set limits on how many people can register for a program and create a waiting list when the class is full. We will continue to use the Google calendar for 2 months, but then it will phase out and we will just use LibCal.
- The teen collection is slowly being updated and the catalog cleaned up. The books that had been marked missing were searched for and either located or deleted from the catalog this month.

FUTURE PLANS

- Take Your Child to the Library Day is Saturday, February 3rd. Patrons that bring a buddy to the library that day will receive a free pair of solar viewing glasses. There will be a new scavenger hunt, our new space books available to borrow for the first time, and special stickers. This is an all-ages event.
- I am planning an informational session with a local eclipse expert and NASA HUNCH mentor at the library in March. Details should be finalized and available to share by the end of February.
- Programs with free solar eclipse glasses giveaways in February:
 - Feb. 3th Take Your Child to the Library Day
 - Feb. 17th Drop-in and Create a Space Shuttle
 - Feb. 20th Red Tie Variety: Solar Eclipse Science Show sponsored by Arts for Learning and held at the Perry Village Hall.
 - Feb. 21st @ 11:30 am Solar Eclipse Storytime
 - Feb. 22nd @ 1:00 pm Cosmic Claw STEM Challenge for Teens
 - Feb. 23rd All Day Phases of the Eclipse Scavenger Hunt in the library

ECLIPSE Update

- OWWL Solar Eclipse Information Share:
 - It is being suggested everyone that lives in the path of totality stay off the roads that day as they are calling April 8th “the single biggest mass transit event in the USA.” There are no extra funds or emergency workers for that day, so be smart and plan ahead.
 - We have eclipse related programs with solar glasses give aways every day over February break and are planning on doing the same for April break. Many of the programs are for all ages as we want to really reach everyone in the community.
 - All the programs we plan will be advertised on multiple eclipse focused websites, like the Wyoming County Tourism page.
 - We have 500 glasses now that we will pass out for free at the library and are expecting to get up to 500 more from the Wyoming County Tourism.
 - I will be adding an ‘Eclipse’ tab to our webpage in February to share information, library programs, and resources.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/ SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- Eclipse Meeting OWWL, January 5th, (1 hr.)
- YSAC Officers Meeting, January 9th, (1 hr.)
- YSAC Meeting, January 16th, (1 hr.)
- Mock Literary Medal Workshop, January 19th, (6 hr.)
- Wyco Solar Eclipse Monthly Meeting, January 30th, (1 hr.)
- CLSRP Summer Reading Webinar, (2 hours)