

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	2/7	0-6 yrs.	5		1	3	9
Storytime	2/14	0-6 yrs.	6			6	12
Storytime	2/21	0-6 yrs.	7	4	1	7	19
Storytime	2/28	0-6 yrs.	3			2	5
Take Your Child to the Library Day	2/3	All ages					20
Drop-in Craft: Space Shuttle	2/17	3-12 yrs.	4	5		6	13
Red Tie Variety Solar Eclipse Science Show	2/20	5-18 yrs.					30
Cosmic Claw STEM Challenge	2/22	12+ yrs.			1	1	2
Solar Glasses Giveaway	2/23	All Ages					39
In-house Scavenger Hunt: New Books	2/1 – 2/8	0-10 yrs.					20
In-house Scavenger Hunt: Solar System	2/9-2/22	0-10 yrs.					30
In-house Scavenger Hunt: Phases of the Eclipse	2/23 – 3/1	0-10 yrs.					25

- Storytime has started for 2024 and attendance is up. We added a play opportunity to the end of storytime to help foster making friends and sharing. The pop-up rocket ship tent is currently a big hit and in April we will switch to a different play theme.
- Take Your Child to the Library Day was Saturday, February 3rd. Patrons that brought a buddy to the library that day received a free pair of solar viewing glasses. There was a new scavenger hunt, new space books available to borrow for the first time, and special stickers.
- We held several events in preparation for the eclipse around the February from school. Programs included a Saturday Drop-in and Create a Space Shuttle craft, a special guest performance held at the village hall, storytime, a STEM Challenge for Teens, and a new Phases of the Eclipse Scavenger Hunt in the library. Each participant at every program received a free pair of solar viewing glasses.
- We had a good turnout at the *Red Tie Variety: Solar Eclipse Science Show* sponsored by Arts for Learning and held at the Perry Village Hall on Feb. 20th. The show was very entertaining, as well as educational. Using the Village Hall for events where we need more space for the performance or



audience is a good choice, but we will need to request the venue 6 months prior to the date of use to allow adequate time for the approval procedure.

- We only had one teen come to our cosmic claw STEM Challenge, but his father stayed to help him build a robotic hand. They had a great time building together and trying to pick up as much candy and glow-in-the-dark rocks as possible.

OUTREACH

- I will be presenting at OWWL's Summer Reading Workshop with the other members of YSAC so we have been preparing.
- Activities and events around the eclipse have been shared with Eric Szucs from Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism and Jules Hoepting with Letchworth Gateway Villages.
- Perry Elementary is having a Literacy Week in March and I will go and read to some of the classrooms.

FACILITIES/ COLLECTION

- I created an 'Eclipse' tab on our webpage to share information, library programs, and resources.
- Briana has decorated the Children's Library with more of her beautiful paintings.
- We had a large Black History Month display up for February that was full of recently published fiction and nonfiction books focusing on characters, history makers, and change agents in the Black community.

FUTURE PLANS

- An informational session with a local eclipse expert and NASA HUNCH mentor Gene Gordon is planned for March 19th at the library. Participants will hear from Gordon on the Science behind the eclipse, safe viewing practices, how to prepare for this once-in-a-lifetime event for a memorable experience, and go home with a pair of solar viewing glasses. Gene presented to a packed house at Eli Fish Brewery in December 2023, so we are anticipating a full house as well. We have scheduled 2 shows, one at 2 pm and one at 5pm. Both shows will present the same material and registration is required as there is a limit of 25 seats per show. Friends of the Perry Public Library are sponsoring one of the shows and we are hoping for more community partnerships to help sponsor the 2nd show or Gene's travel expenses.
- Tuesdays in March will be Free Solar Eclipse Viewing Glasses days. Patrons that come to the library on Tuesdays will receive 2 pairs of free glasses, while supplies last.
- We have eclipse related programs with solar glasses give aways planned for every day over April break. Many of the programs are for all ages as we want to reach everyone in the community.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

WyCo Solar Eclipse Monthly Meeting, February 27th, (1 hr.)