

**RECAP**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Audience</u>	<u>0-5 yrs.</u>	<u>6-12y</u>	<u>13-17y</u>	<u>18+ yrs.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Storytime	3/6	0-6 yrs.	4			2	6
Storytime	3/13	0-6 yrs.	4			2	6
Storytime	3/20	0-6 yrs.	3			4	7
Storytime	3/27	0-6 yrs.	7			4	11
Solar Glasses Giveaway	3/5	All Ages					39
Solar Glasses Giveaway	3/12	All Ages					89
Solar Glasses Giveaway	3/19	All Ages					50
Solar Glasses Giveaway	3/26	All Ages					106
Drop-in Craft: Straw Rocketship	3/16	3-12 yrs.	5	1		5	11
Gene Gordon Solar Eclipse Science Shows (2)	3/19	All Ages					50
Read at PCSD (Literacy Week at PCSD)	3/6	8-10yrs.			3	2	5
Read at PCSD (Invited to classroom)	3/27	8-10yrs.			3	2	5
In-house Scavenger Hunt: Astronauts	3/5-3/18	0-10 yrs.					43
In-house Scavenger Hunt: Pictures of the Eclipse	3/18-4/3	0-10 yrs.					15

- Two informational sessions with local eclipse expert and NASA HUNCH mentor Gene Gordon, were held on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the library. Gordon presented to a packed house of 25 participants at both the 2pm and 5pm shows. Participants learned about the science behind the eclipse, safe viewing practices, and how to prepare for a memorable experience during this once-in-a-lifetime event. They also went home with 2 pairs of solar viewing glasses each. Friends of Perry Public Library sponsored one of the shows and Eric Szucs sponsored a meal between shows for Gene and his travel expenses. We are grateful for their help in bringing this educational and entertaining program to the library!
- Tuesdays in March were Free Solar Eclipse Viewing Glasses Giveaway days. Over 30 patrons came to the library each Tuesdays to pick up 2 pairs of free glasses. We have enough glasses to distribute at each of our remaining eclipse focused programs leading up to April 8<sup>th</sup>. Altogether, the Perry Public Library gave away 1,200 glasses to the community.
- We have eclipse related programs with solar glasses give aways planned for April break. Many of the programs are for 'All Ages' as we want to reach everyone in the community.
  - April 1<sup>st</sup>: Pick up a solar cooker s'more kit, one per family while supplies last
  - April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Paint the eclipse with acrylic on canvas and add a pocket to the back for mementos

- April 3<sup>rd</sup>: Storytime with space BINGO
- April 4<sup>th</sup>: New scavenger hunt; constellations
- April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Free solar viewing glasses giveaway, while supplies last
- I published a bonus newsletter this month focusing just on the Eclipse. It contained information about our upcoming programs, links to resources to learn more about the science behind the eclipse, and helpful hints for April 8<sup>th</sup>. It has been viewed 400 times, a new record for our newsletter.

## OUTREACH

- I presented at OWWL's Summer Reading Workshop on best practices for working with staff during summer reading programming and tips and tricks for new summer reading programmers.
- Activities and events around the eclipse have been shared with Eric Szucs from the Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism and Jules Hoepting with Letchworth Gateway Villages.
- I read to Ms. Giambrone's class during Perry Elementary School's Literacy Week.
- I am working on borrowing a story walk from Warsaw Library for PCSD's Inclusion Fest on May 4<sup>th</sup> and will reach out to a few other agencies about participating as well.
- I dropped off 140 pairs of glasses for Gilead School and about 50 glasses for PCSD's elementary and high school special education classrooms.
- Bookmarks highlighting April break programming were dropped off at PCSD and Gilead for distribution to each student.

## FACILITIES/ COLLECTION

- I created an 'Eclipse' tab 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 Women's History Month display up for March that was full of recently published nonfiction books focusing on female history makers and positive agents for change.

## FUTURE PLANS

- One Book Owwl Kids, a community reading event, is back this April and this year's theme is kindness. On April 25<sup>th</sup>, we will hold an evening storytime at 5 pm where families will hear stories centering on kindness and featuring Deborah Underhill's Finding Kindness. Each family that attends will go home with a copy of the book Finding Kindness and materials to paint a kindness rock.
- Briana's weekend crafts have brought in more patrons to the Children's Library on Saturdays. She will continue to offer them in April, May, and June.
- A teen craft night is being planned with Mary Hotchkiss. Teens will use a sewing machine to create fabric bookmarks.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

OWWL Summer Reading Workshop, March 15<sup>th</sup>, (6 hrs.)

WyCo Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Solar Eclipse Monthly Meeting, March 26<sup>th</sup>, (1 hr.)