

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	5/1	0-6 yrs.	6			5	11
Storytime	5/8	0-6 yrs.	6			5	11
Storytime	5/15	0-6 yrs.	7			7	14
Storytime	5/22	0-6 yrs.	5			4	9
Drop-in Craft: Handprint Lily	5/11	3-12 yrs.	3			3	6
PCSD Kindergarten Field trip to PPL	5/7	5 & 6 yrs	58			8	66
Scavenger Hunt: May the 4 th Be with You	4/29-5/14	0-10 yrs.					15
In-house Scavenger Hunt: Soldiers	5/14-5/29	0-10 yrs.					15

- Storytime was well attended in May. Our youngest readers painted campfires to be included in our Summer Reading Program (SRP) mural. They also decorated straw hats to wear to the PCSD Hat Parade this month. (See Pictures.) There will not be storytime in June so that I can go into the schools to promote summer reading and prepare for summer programming. Storytime will resume in the fall. Several of our storytime friends will be starting PreK in the fall and will be missed, but we are looking forward to their younger siblings coming and new additions.
- Nearly all of our summer reading plans are complete. The summer newsletter will go out on June 6th and cover the months of June, July, and August.



OUTREACH

- About 60 Kindergarteners from PCSD came to the library for a field trip on May 7th. Rotating through three stations; they colored a tent or a camper to be included in our SRP mural, listened to a read aloud of Bob Shea’s Who Wet My Pants?, and explored the Children’s Library. Each student was able to check out a book to share with (and remain in) their classroom for a few weeks. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed visiting the library. We plan on making this an annual event.
- I attended the Inclusion Fest that PCSD hosted on Saturday, May 4th. RAP kindly let me borrow their bean bag toss game and a generous donor provided the prizes, stuffed animal ‘reading buddies’. We

connected with so many families that I forgot to count how many! We also facilitated the storywalk that was at the event by borrowing one from Warsaw Library. The event was a great success and it was largely in part of all those that donated and loaned us materials. Thank you!

FACILITIES/ COLLECTION

- This summer's theme is 'Adventure Begins at Your Library' and will have a camping aesthetic. Briana is painting evergreen trees to be the backdrop of this summer's stairwell mural. Leading up to Summer Reading, PCSD students and others will have a chance to add to the mural. In the past, we have hung up patron decorated fish and mittens and they really like to find theirs to show their parents each time they come to the library. It is a great way to get them excited about coming to the library.
- The summer virtual author series focuses on children's authors this summer, and they have some great ones, like Kate DiCamillo! They also included a lot of great supplemental materials that I will link on our website.
- Several other OWWL libraries have added VOX books to their collections. VOX books have prerecorded audio loaded right into the book. They are similar to the old records or cassettes that had prerecorded stories on them and a chime to turn the page, but all in one book. We are considering adding these to the collection and have begun to think about the logistics of storing, loaning, charging, etc. of them. The plan is to have it all figured out and 5 circulating VOX books before the year's end.

FUTURE PLANS

- I have 18 classroom visits scheduled at the Perry Elementary School, as well as plans to talk to all the freshmen during their ELA classes in June.
- On Saturday, June 8th from 10 am to 12 pm, patrons can drop-in to make paper frogs that jump.
- SRP registration starts June 26th and tracking July 1st. The free gift this year is a choice of chalkboard art or nature scenes magnetic bookmarks. We had 90 registrants last year and are hoping for 100 this year. Summer reading is for readers of all ages, so please considering participating this summer!
- We are participants in the AAC Partnership Program and are expecting our AAC board anytime now. I have attended all of the trainings and am looking forward to using this accommodation in my daily library interactions to better communicate with some of our patrons.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Making Your Library ADA-Friendly Instead of ADA-Compliant, May 2nd, (1 hr.)

Implementing AAC Boards in Libraries Webinar, May 16th, (2 hr.)