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September 2024 Youth Services Report

Program

Perry Playdate: Games

Drop-in Craft: Leaf crown

Scavenger Hunt: Back to School

Scavenger Hunt: Butterflies

Date      Audience      0-5 yrs.      6-12y      13-17y      18+      Total							
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•	We added a reoccurring program aimed at our youngest patrons called Perry Playdate. Playdates will be
	held in the evenings so caregivers that work during the day are able to attend. Our first Perry Playdate
	was on Thursday, September 19 <sup>th</sup> from 5 to 6:30 pm and was well attended. We got out the games
	Zingo and Scatterpillar Scramble, and had the Magnatiles out. Parents remarked the idea and time
	worked well for them and they are excited for next month's <i>Playdate</i> . Moving forward, <i>Playdates</i> will
	vary in regards to the nights they are held, but the time will remain the same.

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• Drop-in crafts with Miss Briana resumed on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Patrons 2 to 14 years old were invited in to make colorful leaf crowns. Miss Bri is going to offer drop-in crafts one Saturday a month.

#### OUTREACH

- We are participating in the Great Give Back by collecting diaper and diapering supplies to donate back to the community.
- I have been planning grade level field trips to the library with PCSD teachers. First grade will come in late October and Kindergarten in early November.

#### FACILITIES/ COLLECTION

- Eighteen VOX books have been ordered, an increase thanks to a grant from OWWL Library System for Inclusive Collection. We are still on track to have them circulating before the year ends.
- The supply room is all organized and cleaned; a post SRP necessity.

#### FUTURE PLANS

- Storytime resumes the first week in October.
- We are having another *Perry Playdate* on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 6:30 pm. This time we are getting out our pretend kitchen and food.
- Our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) will meet this month to talk about the upcoming Stuffy Sleepover, other community service opportunities, and teen programming ideas for the spring and summer.

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- Thanks to Friends of Perry Public Library, we will be offering a babysitting training and a staying home alone safely course on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The courses will be taught by Epic Trainings and hosted at the Perry Public Library. Patrons must register for each workshop and both courses are at full capacity. We are considering holding these workshops again in the very near future based on the number of people on the waiting list and are exploring funding partnerships, as they are quite expensive to offer.
- Teens should mark their calendars for Colored Pencil Copper Jewelry with Pam Hill on November 12th
  @ 6:30 pm. This class is a part of our Adventures in Art series made possible from the Statewide Regrant through the Arts Council of Wyoming County. Registration is required as seating and materials are limited. This program is open to patrons ages 13 19 years old.
- Plans are being made to have a 'Noon Year's Eve' party for our patrons 2 to 11 years old on December 31<sup>st</sup>. This is going to be a big, exciting event to ring in the new year.

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Youth Services Advisory Council (YSAC) Officer's Meeting, September 10th, (1 hr.)
- <u>YSAC Meeting</u>, *September 17th*, (1 hr.)

#### Summer Reading Program 2024 Recap and Highlights

Every summer we see increased community participation; this tells us we must be doing something right! This summer we:

- Increased the number of the ever-popular scavenger hunts, offering a new hunt every week throughout July and August.
- Brought in more outside performers with the financial help of the Statewide Regrant through the Arts Council for Wyoming County and Friends of Perry Public Library, in addition to borrowing materials from GoArt! All of these programs were at maximum capacity and enjoyed by all that attended. We brought in a magician, a digital artist, and a drummer.
- Changed the timing of our art projects to after lunch. We also went with quality over quantity, offering more in-depth projects, but a decrease number of them. This yielded higher attendance with a more diverse crowd; both age wise and by bringing in patrons that normally do not attend programs.
- Added a game to the end of storytime to encourage relationships and invited the kids to stay and play with the game after storytime. This went over very well and was the seed for our newest program, *Perry Playdate*.
- Did not change anything in regards to how patrons track reading or our registration package or process. Patrons and staff are happy with the process, we saw increased participation, and everything went very smoothly throughout the summer.
- See the next few pages for statistics and comparisons to previous years.

## Summer Reading Program 2024



Total Registration	173	
Patron Participation	250	
Average Program Attendance	26	
Average Daily Lunches	34	

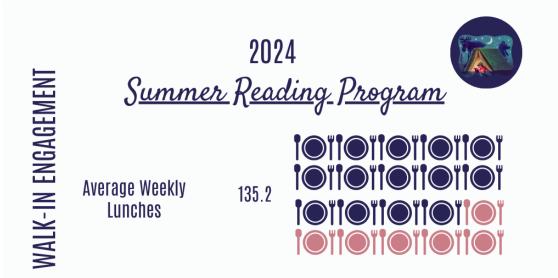


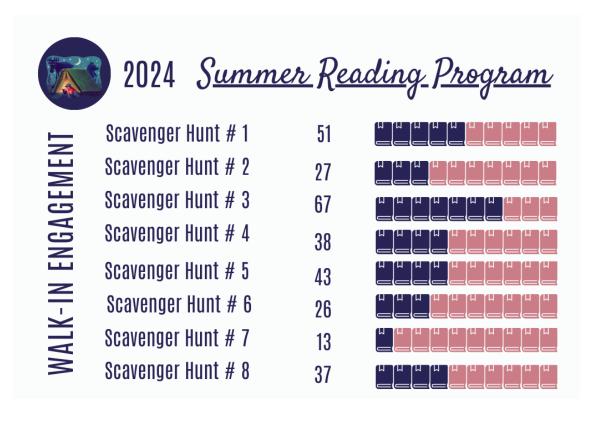
## <u>Summer Reading Program</u> 2024 **REGISTRATION**

Total Registration	173
0-5 Years	28
6-12 Years	64
13-17 Years	16
18+ Years	65

### 2024 <u>Summer Reading Tracking</u>

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Final Drop Off	19	<u>****</u> *	<b>***</b> *
Participation	251	****** ******* ******	**** **** ****





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