

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	10/2/24	0-6	4			3	7
Storytime	10/9/24	0-6	4	1		3	8
Storytime	10/16/24	0-6	2			1	3
Storytime	10/23/24	0-6	5	1		3	9
Home Alone Safety	10/11/24	10+					12
Babysitting Course	10/11/24	12+					15
Drop-in Craft: Fall Tree Painting	10/12/24	0-12 yrs	6			4	10
Perry Playdate	10/15/24	2+	8	2		6	16
TAB meeting	10/17/24	13+			1		1
In-house Scavenger Hunt: Fall	9/27-10/5	0-10 yrs.					34
In-house Scavenger Hunt: Branches of Gov.'t	10/7-10/19	0-10 yrs.					43
In-house Scavenger Hunt: Halloween	10/21-10/31	0-10 yrs.					

- Storytime resumed the first week in October. We added a Fall Freeze Dance with fall-colored scarves to our storytime routine this month and the kids love it!
- We had another Perry Playdate on Tuesday, October 15th from 5 to 6:30 pm. This time we got out our pretend kitchen and food. This theme was a big hit with the children and will be kept in our rotation for sure. Our next Playdate will be in December 2024 and the theme will be trains.
- Our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) met this month to talk about the upcoming Stuffy Sleepover and our Noon Year's Eve party. We will need a lot of hands for both events, so we are looking for more teen volunteers.
- On October 11th we offered 2 training courses for our tween and teen patrons: Home Alone and Babysitting. These courses were taught by Epic Trainings and while worth the price, they are pretty costly to offer. Through generous funding from our Friends of Perry Public Library group and a kind donation from James and Mary Liberti, we were able to provide these courses free of charge to patrons. We are so grateful to our donors for helping us meet the community's needs! Both courses were so well received that we are hoping to hold these workshops again in the spring. Those interested in helping to make this possible with a financial donation, should contact the library at perrylibrarydirector@owwl.org.

- Water pipe maintenance interfered with our October Crafternoon plans, but since all the supplies were ready to roll, we will hold onto them and offer the project next year in late August. This will allow participants to display their hand-made pumpkins all fall long.

OUTREACH

- We received large donations of diapers and diapering supplies to donate back to the community through our participation in the Great Give Back. Thank you to all that donated!
- The 1st graders from PCSD will come on their 3rd annual field trip to the Perry Public Library to coincide with a unit of study the last week of October. Each class will rotate through 3 stations to introduce them to the public library. The Kindergarteners will come in early November for a field trip.
- We have been invited to participate in PCSD's Sensory Santa in December and Inclusion Fest in April.
- We will pass out candy on Halloween at the downtown event.
- I have taken on the lead in planning OWWL's 2025 Mock Caldecott awards program.

FACILITIES/ COLLECTION

- The VOX books will be temporarily shelved on the colorful puzzle bookcase in the Children's Library so they are highly visible. They are in the final stages of processing and will be available to borrow before the year is over. I hope to roll them out at the Stuffy Sleepover.
- We have run out of room on the shelves in the YA room. Inventory and a severe weed are being planned for the beginning of 2025.
- The last of the donated books are being added to the collection to replace our worn-out copies.

FUTURE PLANS

- On November 12th Pam Hill will teach a Colored Pencils on Metal Jewelry class to teens. This class is a part of our Adventures in Art series made possible from the Statewide Regrant through the Arts Council of Wyoming County. This program is open to patrons ages 13 - 19 years old and registration is required.
- A Crafternoon is planned for November 21st; this time we are making gnomes from wooden spoons.
- Bri will make colorful autumn corn by painting with *Lego*® building bricks on November 9th.
- Stuffy Sleepover drop off will be on November 26th and pick up will be on to November 27th during storyhour. Local stuffies and stuffies from out-of-town visiting family for Thanksgiving are welcome.
- Plans are underway for our 'Noon Year's Eve' party on December 31st. This is going to be a registration only event for our patrons ages 2 to 11 years old to ring in the new year. Plans so far include a disco ball dance party, game stations, crafts, and a special count down surprise! Tompkins Bank has graciously offered to monetarily sponsor the event and we are hoping for more local support as well.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- AI and Workforce Development in Libraries: Overcoming Barriers and Embracing Lifelong Learning, hosted by LILRC, *October 22nd*, (1 hr.)
- OWWLUG Meeting, *October 25th*, (1.5 hr.)