

**RECAP**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Audience</u>	<u>0-5 yr</u>	<u>6-12 yr</u>	<u>13-17 yr</u>	<u>18+ yr</u>	<u>Total</u>
Storytime	3/4/25	0-6 yrs.	5			3	8
Storytime	3/11/25	0-6 yrs.	5			4	9
Storytime	3/18/25	0-6 yrs.	5			3	9
Storytime	3/25/25	0-6 yrs.	4			2	6
Drop-in Craft: Rainbow Shamrock	3/15/25	2-11 yrs.	5	4		6	15
Perry Playdate	3/18/25	2+ yrs.	5	2	1	4	12
Scavenger Hunt: New Books part 2	3/1-3/14	0-10 yr					47
Scavenger Hunt: Arctic Animals	3/15-4/1	0-10 yr					37
Hooked on Covers G.S. bag w/ yarn	3/3-3/22	15+					12

- Storytime moved to Tuesdays, and we have seen an increase in the number of families attending. Many mentioned that the new day better suits their schedule, so Storytime will remain on Tuesdays at 11:30 AM.

- March’s Hooked on Covers book selection was a participant’s recommendation: The Personal Librarian co-written by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. The yarn colors were burgundy and cream. Fifteen kits were prepared, and 12 were picked up. We will meet to discuss the three books read so far this year on April 1st. We’re excited to announce that we were awarded approximately \$3,400 from the Arts Council of Wyoming County to help fund this program.

- Briana’s evening Playdates continue to be very popular with both children and parents. We will continue to offer them monthly and plan to introduce new themes this summer, including a Play-Doh Night and “Be the Teacher/School” in August.

**OUTREACH**

- I read to students at our local Head Start program. They were a fantastic bunch! I’m scheduled to read to them again in May and hope to make this a monthly visit.

- Our newsletter is now three years old! It is published monthly and shared via email, on our website, and on social media. Our first newsletter received 111 views. To date, our most-viewed issue—October 2024—was viewed 514 times. The March 2025 edition had 447 views, and as of April 7th, the April 2025 edition has 403 views. Our mailing list has grown to 458 subscribers.
- Perry Central School is hosting an Inclusion Festival on April 27th, which I will attend and where I'll host a game table. I also borrowed a StoryWalk from Warsaw Public Library to display during the festival. I've participated in this event for the past three years, and it's a great opportunity to connect with families in our community.

### **FACILITIES / COLLECTION**

- Artist Kristin Brandt visited to sketch the mural in the Teen Room. We transferred books from that wall to two book carts, allowing full access to the collection while painting takes place. Kristin will return on April 24th to instruct teens on proper mural painting techniques. Regular painting sessions will be held after school on May 8, May 22, and June 5. Interested teens must attend the April 24th session to participate. Registration is required. This program is funded through a partnership with Arts for Learning and the Conable Family Foundation Fund at the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo.
- March displays included Women's History, St. Patrick's Day, Ramadan, Eid al-Fitr, and Spring.

### **FUTURE PLANS**

- We will host a One Book, OWWL Kids Storytime on April 15th. This is a community read program sponsored by OWWL Library System Coordinated Outreach Services. The goal is to create a shared reading experience for children and caregivers across Ontario, Wayne, Wyoming, and Livingston Counties. Families who attend will receive a copy of *Going Places* by Paul A. Reynolds and Peter H. Reynolds.
- Summer Reading plans are coming along nicely. Old Souls Bakery will donate prizes for weekly participation raffles, and we're hoping other local businesses will also contribute rewards. Thanks to Friends of Perry Public Library, we have been able to book one show and one artist to come dazzle our patrons. Details are top secret and will be revealed soon!