

## 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	4/1/25	0-6 yrs.	5			4	9
Storytime	4/8/25	0-6 yrs.	2			1	3
Storytime	4/15/25	0-6 yrs.	7	2		6	15
Storytime	4/22/25	0-6 yrs.	4			3	7
Storytime	4/29/25	0-6 yrs.	3			2	5
Drop-in Craft	4/12/25	2-11 yrs.	4	3		5	12
Perry Playdate	4/15/25	2+ yrs.	4	2		4	10
Banking Basics with M&T Bank	4/17/25	13+					0
Mural Painting 101	4/24/25	13+			1		1
Hooked on Covers Book Discussion	4/1/25	15+					2
Hooked on Covers G.S. bag w/ yarn	4/1-4/22	15+					10
PCSD Inclusion Festival	4/26/25	2-11 yrs.					415
Scavenger Hunt: Birds	3/30-4/7	0-10 yr					36
Scavenger Hunt: Libraries	4/8-4/22	0-10 yr					38
Scavenger Hunt: Signs of Spring	4/22-4/30	0-10 yr					52

- On April 15, we hosted a special One Book, OWWL Kids Storytime featuring Going Places by Peter and Paul Reynolds. Families enjoyed an engaging read-aloud session, followed by a creative craft where children designed their own movable paper vehicles. Each attending family received a copy of the book to continue the adventure at home.
- On the first of April, the *Hooked On Covers* Book Club met to talk about the three books read so far this year. While only two members came to discuss the books, our kits continue to be picked up every month, and several patrons have commented on enjoying the book selections and crocheting the squares. I am in the process of selecting titles to create multiple-copy book kits for future sessions. These kits will eventually be donated to OWWL HQ for broader circulation. This program is

made possible through funding from the Statewide Community Re-grants Program, administered by the Arts Council for Wyoming County.

## **OUTREACH**

- I attended the Perry Central School's Inclusion Festival on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Our booth featured our AAC Board, themed books, and a ball toss game. I talked to many families and passed out approximately 80 fidget bracelets. The AAC board spurred a lot of inquiry, and our books were very popular to browse through. 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 this year's turnout was large, with nearly 415 participants. It's a great opportunity to connect with families in our community, and I am very appreciative to be included each year.

## **FACILITIES / COLLECTION**

- Artist Kristin Brandt returned on April 24<sup>th</sup> to teach teens proper mural painting techniques. We got a lot painted, and our next painting sessions will be held after school on May 8, May 22, and June 5. 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.



- Our VOX books continue to be popular with our early chapter book patrons. We have ordered a few more to expand the collection with picture books. They will be ready to borrow in May.
- April displays included Passover, Easter, and Earth Day.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

- Storytime will be on hiatus for June as we prepare and promote our upcoming Summer Reading Program. It will resume in July on Tuesdays at 11:30 AM.
- I will read to students at our local Head Start program on May 2, 2025.
- To help prepare families for summer, we are offering two training classes for tweens and teens. A Babysitter's training course will be held in May, and a Home Alone Safety training for ages 8 – 12 will be held in June. We are very thankful for Perry Rotary for sponsoring both trainings.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- IDEA Book Club, *OWWLHQ*, 2 hrs.