

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>
Mural Painting	6/5/25	13+	3				3
Drop-in Craft	6/7/25	2+ yrs.	2	6		4	12
Perry Playdate: Sensory	6/10/25	2-11 yrs.	1			1	2
Home Alone Safety Training	6/21/25	8-12yrs.					16
Hooked on Covers G.S. bag w/ yarn	6/1-6/25	15+					11
Scavenger Hunt: Unicorns	6/1-6/14	0-10 yr					38
Scavenger Hunt: Paints Palette	6/16-6/28	0-10 yr					40

- Our playdates were a big hit this year, but now that the days are longer and sunnier attendance has dropped. We will take a break for the summer and resume once a month on Tuesday evenings, featuring familiar themes along with a few new activities. * There will be a special Saturday morning Playdate on August 30th with a back-to-school theme. We are hoping families with young ones starting school in September can use it as an opportunity to talk about school starting soon, and maybe (re)connect with some school friends before the first day.
- We offered a Home Alone Safety training for ages 8 – 12 on June 21. Many thanks to Perry Rotary for sponsoring the session!
- Storytime paused in June to allow time for Summer Reading Program preparations.

OUTREACH

- Our newsletter continues to be an effective way to reach patrons. We currently have 470 subscribers, and this month's newsletter had 500 views. Thank you to Friends of the Perry Public Library for funding another year of our newsletter platform!
- A classroom from PCSD visited the library for a field trip. They completed a "book of interest" scavenger hunt and learned how to use the card catalog (OPAC) to find books.

FUTURE PLANS

- It's all about Summer Reading! We have great programs planned for all ages this summer. I have listed the highlights below, but for more detailed information read our newsletters at <https://secure.smores.com/n/73zp4k-summer-2025-at-perry-public-library> or check out the Summer Reading tab on our website.

- Free lunches, for those 18 years or younger, will be served at the library every Monday through Thursday at noon from July 7th until August 7th. Thank you so much to the Mt. Morris School Cafeteria staff for coordinating the program and packing the lunches. Another big thank you to the volunteers from our local Rotary Club for picking them up in Mt. Morris and delivering them to us daily. We couldn't do it without you!

- Weekly in-house scavenger hunts will begin every Monday in July.
- Storytime will resume at 11:30 AM on July 1st and will continue weekly through August 5th.
- On Wednesday 7/9, patrons can make a key chain fidget with beads and on the 23rd, they can paint a colorful dandelion puff. Basic rainbow colors will be provided, and patrons can also select their own palette.
- On Wednesday 7/16, Dan Butler will be at the library drawing caricatures of patrons that they can then color (if they want) in the Gallery using colored pencils. Patrons can reserve their caricature sitting time on our calendar and we will have additional creative coloring activities in the Children's Room.
- On Thursdays, we will show movies in the Gallery paired with themed activities. For example, on 7/17, teens are invited to come watch and sing along with *Wicked* (2025) and make pink or green beaded keychains.
- Summer Reading's grand finale this year will be a live reptile show put on by Repco Wildlife Educators on Monday, July 28th at 1:30.
- Summer Reading Registration began on June 30th and will continue all summer. This year our registration prize is a multi-color pen, a highly coveted item from 1985 that still brings joy to kids and adults alike!
- We will again this summer reward weekly those that read and turned in their tracking slips, and those that come to the library for a program, by entering their name into a weekly drawing for either a cupcake or gelato from Old Souls. At the end of summer, all tracking and participation slips will be put into a grand prize drawing for gift certificates to local businesses or a Children's Night Out at the Charcoal Corral complete with drive-in and mini golf passes. Huge thanks to our generous community partners for helping us motivate readers this summer!

FACILITIES / COLLECTION

- Artist Kristin Brandt returned to complete the mural in our Young Adult room, and it is stunning! The colors are vibrant, and it spans the entire right side of the room. One teen faithfully came every week to paint, and a few others helped put on the finishing touches. If you look closely, you can find their initials hidden in the mural. While pictures don't quite capture its beauty, I've included photos below. This program was made possible through a partnership with Arts for Learning and the Conable Family Foundation Fund at the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo.

