

## 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>
Outreach: PCSD PreK	10/29	0-5 yrs.	13			2	15
Outreach: WyCo HeadStart	10/31	0-5 yrs.	6			3	9
Storytime with Potato the Rescue Rabbit	11/4	0-5 yrs.	3			2	5
Drop-in Craft: Owls	11/15	2-12 yrs	5	3		5	13
Playdate: Puppets	11/19	0-8 yrs.	5	1		4	10
Raising Healthy Kids in a Digital World	11/25	2-6 & 18+ yrs					0
In-house Scavenger Hunt: Places to Live	11/1-11/15	0-10 yrs.					38
In-house Scavenge Hunt: Kitchen items	11/17-11/22	0-10 yrs.					24
In-house Scavenge Hunt: Fall Counting	11/24-11/29	0-10 yrs.					19
Hooked on Covers: The Department of Rare Books and Special Collections	11/1-11/24	15+ yrs.					9

- Our second to last *Hooked on Covers* title and coordinating yarn went out. This program has been requested to run again next year. I am exploring ways to run a similar program in 2026 and looking for funding to help offset the cost.
- Our first stand-alone storytime was on November 4th and 3 children attended. They loved the craft and petting our special guest, Potato the Rescue Rabbit. Moving forward, storytime will now be offered as a stand-alone program, rather than a regularly scheduled one. The next one will be on December 31st at 11:30 am to ring in the Noon-Year. This decision was made after a lack of attendance this year and three years of very low attendance, despite trying different dates and times. Our *Perry Playdates*, target the same age group and have been well-attended for the last 18 months. We are going to use some of the data and feedback from the *Perry Playdates* to help plan storytime programs in the future.
- Scavenger Hunts are hanging on strong, still our most popular regular program.
- Our monthly newsletter has reached 525 subscribers this month.
- The *Perry Playdates* puppet theme was popular the first time around, so we brought it back again and had an even bigger turn out this time. The *Playdates* remain popular so we will keep them in our program rotation for 2026.
- I held a workshop for caregivers and young children to learn about screen-time balance and emotional well-being using *Sesame Street's Raising Kids in a Digital World!* materials. The information and materials from Sesame Street were great but unfortunately no one attended the program.

## OUTREACH

- During the last week of October, I visited a Head Start and a PCSD PreK classroom. I read them a Halloween story and we played a game where they tried to get plastic frogs to jump into a cauldron; the central theme of the book we read.
- We have been invited to participate again in PCSD's Sensory Santa in December 2025. This year's craft will involve using Bingo daubers, always a big hit.
- A Headstart classroom will come to the library on a field trip in December 2025 for a read aloud and library tour.

## FACILITIES/ COLLECTION

- A large number of new books are on the shelves for patrons to borrow. New board books and more VOX books will be ordered next.
- Our graphic novel collection has grown to nearly two full books shelves. (And that is with a huge volume of our graphic novels checked out.) This is the area of the library that most of our patrons, ages 7 to 13, head to first.

## FUTURE PLANS

- December Perry Playdate will be on December 9<sup>th</sup> and a Polar Express theme. Stations include the train set, a toy making station, a North Pole letter writing station, and a mailroom station to name a few. (Wait until you see what Bri has created!) Look for new materials and themes added in 2026.
- Our drop-in craft this month will be held on December 20<sup>th</sup> and is a colorful snowflake made from a coffee filter. This program is successful due to Briana's creativity and will continue to be offered monthly in 2026.
- We are having our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Stuffy Sleepover the last week in December. Drop off will be on December 30<sup>th</sup> and pick up is on December 31<sup>st</sup> during storytime. Local stuffies and stuffies from out-of-town visiting family for the New Year are welcome. We also need TAB volunteers to come help with stuffy intake, wrangling the stuffies into their sleeping bags, and stuffy pick up during storytime the next day. Teens interested in volunteering should contact Miss Jes at [jpurvis@owwl.org](mailto:jpurvis@owwl.org). (Our experienced Stuffy Sleepover TAB members home from college for winter break are encouraged to come.)
- Summer Reading is going to be DINO-mite this year and plans for T-riffic programs are underway.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (October & November 2025)

- Supporting Higher Ed Students with Gale OneFile Periodical Resources from NOVELny, GALE, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, (1 hr.)
- Cybersecurity for Library Staff, OWWL, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, (1.5 hr.)
- YSAC, OWWL, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, (1 hr.)
- Nourishing Minds: A Free Toolkit for Teen Mental Health Programming in Libraries, ALA, November 19<sup>th</sup>, (1 hr.)
- Holding Staff Session: Evergreen upgrade, OWWL, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, (1.5 hr.)
- The Librarians Screening & Panel Discussion, Avon Free Library, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, (3 hr.)