

## 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: Cattaraugus Wyoming Project Head Start Field Trip to the Library	12/2/25	0-5 yrs.	7			4	11
Playdate: Polar Express	12/9/25	0-6 yrs.	3			2	5
Outreach: Sensory Santa	12/12/25	All ages					20
Drop-in Craft: Colorful Snowflake	12/20/25	2-12 yrs	6			4	10
Stuffy Sleepover Drop Off	12/30/25	0-10 yrs.	Canceled due to weather				0
TAB Volunteers: Stuffy Sleepover	12/30/25	13-18 yrs.	Canceled due to weather				0
Storytime: Noon Year's Eve	12/31/25	0-10 yrs.	1			1	2
In-house Scavenge Hunt: Winter Clothes	12/5-15/25	0-10 yrs.					20
In-house Scavenge Hunt: Safety Signs	12/15-28/25	0-10 yrs.					19
Hooked on Covers: Slow Dance	12/2/25	15+ yrs.					8

- Our December Perry Playdate was a Polar Express theme this month. Stations included the train set, a toy making station, a North Pole letter writing station, pretend cookie decorating area and a mailroom few. The *Perry Playdates* Polar Express theme was popular and will remain in our winter rotation of *Playdate* themes. The dramatic play props that Briana made were amazing and will be repurposed for a few other *Playdate* themes. We are so fortunate to have such talent at the library.
- Our drop-in craft this month was on December 20<sup>th</sup> and participants created a colorful snowflake made from a coffee filter. This program remains successful due to Briana's creativity and will continue to be offered monthly in 2026.
- We had to cancel our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Stuffy Sleepover scheduled on December 30<sup>th</sup> due to the library closing early because of poor weather. We are looking at dates for a 2026 sleepover.
- Our last *Hooked on Covers* title, *Slow Dance* by Rainbow Rowell, and coordinating yarn went out. This program has been a bigger success than anticipated. Tentative dates for blocking and blanket assembly are February 4<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup> in the late afternoon or early evening. I hope to run a similar program this summer, but on a smaller scale. Details will be forthcoming.

- Our second stand-alone storytime was on December 31<sup>st</sup> and only 1 child attended. Poor weather and the cancelled stuffy storytime event played a big part in the low attendance. The next storytime will be held at 4pm on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

## OUTREACH

- A classroom from Cattaraugus Wyoming Project Head Start came to the library for a story and a tour.
- We participated in PCSD's Sensory Santa on December 12, 2025. This year's craft used Bingo daubers to create Christmas pictures and ornaments. We had approximately 20 families stop by the table to craft.

## FACILITIES/ COLLECTION

- A large number of new VOX picture books have arrived. They will be housed, for the time being, with the other Vox books. Our collection of Vox books has grown to include picture books, early chapter books, chapter books, and graphic novels.
- Our board books collection got a refresh as well with several new additions for our youngest patrons.
- The downstairs bathroom now has a mirror and paper towel dispenser; small but impactful additions.
- A shared excel file has been started to compile collection 'item bucket' lists and correlating *Evergreen* numbers to better identify books when putting together thematic displays, programs, or patrons' subject matter requests. These buckets also help us to flag new books that fit with reoccurring themes and displays so they always reflect the our most current collection.

## FUTURE PLANS

- January's plans include gathering data for the annual report and booking summer reading performers. Summer Reading is going to be DINO-mite this year!
- I will also be finishing up a draft for a 'Summer Fun for Everyone' grant request. I am asking the Wyoming County Arts Council to help offset the cost of materials to run a crochet program for adults this summer. I am also requesting funds to help cover the cost of bringing in a storyteller for our youngest patrons and a teaching artist for our teen patrons.
- A GO (Genesee & Orleans) Lead Poisoning Prevention Educator is coming to hold an educational storytime for children January 28<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. No registration is required.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Gather & Grow Conference, **Southern Tier Library System**, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, (6 hr.)
- Food as Storytelling: Michael W. Twitty and Raj Tawney, **LILRC**, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, (1 hr.)