

## 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>
Drop-in Craft: Polar Bear	1/17/25	0-6 yrs.	3	2		6	11
Perry Playdate: Games	1/20/25	2-12 yrs					0
Storytime	1/28/25	0-10 yrs.					0
Scavenger Hunt: Count the Vehicles	12/31-1/10	0-10 yrs.					23
Scavenger Hunt: Book Snow People	1/12-1/24	0-10 yrs.					19
Scavenger Hunt: Animals Similar to Groundhogs	1/26-2/3	15+ yrs.					20

- This month's weather has not been in our favor. The bitter cold and snow kept many of our program participants at home. We hope that better weather and the spring break programs we have planned will bring them to the library next month. Our scavenger hunt participation and our newsletter readership remain strong.
- The polar bear painting drop-in craft this month was our best attended program. Next month, our drop-in craft is on Valentine's Day and participants will make a heart paper chain.
- A GO (Genesee & Orleans) Lead Poisoning Prevention Educator came on January 28<sup>th</sup> to hold an educational storytime for children. Unfortunately, no one attended but several board books were left for us to pass out to interested patrons. These will be great additions to our table at the PCSD Inclusion Fair held every spring.
- I submitted a grant request asking the Wyoming County Arts Council to fund a 'Summer Fun for Everyone' series of programs; one for each of our three main age groups: adults, teens, and young readers. For our adult patrons, I hope to run another crochet book club that is similar to Hooked on Covers, but on a smaller scale. For our teen patrons, I would like to bring in an artist to teach the mindful art of zentangles. Last, we are hoping to host a storyteller for our youngest patrons. We should know in the spring if our proposal was accepted.

## FACILITIES/ COLLECTION

- We added some great new nonfictions book series this month. Some topics include countries, continents, holidays, celebrity biographies, and mythical beasts. There is also a set on American symbols we added to prepare for America 250.
- This month's displays included winter stories; Martin Luther King, MLK Day, and the Civil Rights movement; New VOX and board books; Lunar New Year; and Groundhog Day.
- We will be adding 3 blocking boards to our collection to be used to block the Granny Squares and other small handmade fiber crafts.

## FUTURE PLANS

- On February 4<sup>th</sup>, the *Hooked on Covers Book Club* will meet to discuss that last 5 books in our series and to learn how to block their Granny Squares. I have some promising leads on presenters to teach us how to put the Granny Squares together into a blanket for March. The presentation is tentatively scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.
- Our next playdate will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup>, the Tuesday of February break.
- The Stuffy Sleepover will be held over February break. Patrons can drop off their stuffies on Thursday evening (February 19<sup>th</sup>) and pick them up on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and stay for storytime at 11:30 am. I will need some teen volunteers to help with stuffy drop off. This is a great way to earn community service hours. Prospective volunteers should contact Miss Jes at [jpurvis@owwl.org](mailto:jpurvis@owwl.org).
- We will once again participate in *One Book, OWWL Kids*, a shared literacy program for children and caregivers across Ontario, Wayne, Wyoming, and Livingston Counties. In the spring, we will hold an evening storytime with a thematic craft. Each family that attends will receive a free copy of the book we read to take home and add to their home library. Book title, craft, and date will be announced in March.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Social Media Update for 2026, LibraryWorks, Inc., Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, (1 hr.)
- OWWLUG, OWWL, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, (1.5 hr.)
- Youth Services Advisory Council, OWWL, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, (2 hr.)