

RECAP

<u>Program</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Audience</u>	<u>0-5 yrs.</u>	<u>6-12 yrs.</u>	<u>13-18 yrs.</u>	<u>18+ yrs.</u>	<u>Total</u>
OBOOK Storytime: PM	4/7/26	0-12 yrs	1	0	0	1	2
OBOOK Storytime: AM	4/8/26	0-12 yrs	2	1	0	2	5
Drop-in Craft: Love the Earth	4/11/26	0-12 yrs	1	1	0	1	3
Perry Playdate: Blocks	4/14/26	0-10 yrs.	7	1	2	6	16
Read at PCSD: 2 classrooms	4/26/26	PreK & 4 th	12	14	0	2	28
Scavenger Hunt: Author Kate Messner	3/28-4/11	0-12 yrs.					30
Scavenger Hunt: Habitats	4/13-4/25	0-12 yrs.					43
Scavenger Hunt: Animals in Habitats	4/27-5/2	0-12 yrs.					14

- We had two *One Book, OWWL Kids* family storytimes this month. We did not have a big turnout, but those that did come had a great time listening to our story and helping to create a colorful paper quilt that is hanging in the Children’s Library. Each family that attended received a free copy of the book we read aloud, Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell.
- On April 11th, a few patrons came to the library to celebrate Earth Day by crafting a paper plate Earth with a yarn heart in the center.
- Our new Perry Playdate Blocks theme was a huge hit and very well attended. Patrons were able to build with *Magna-tiles*, *DUPLO* bricks, *KEVA Planks*, and *Lincoln Logs*. We also had out several simple wooden puzzles and a few larger floor puzzles. The LEGO® bricks were available on a nearby table for older siblings. This theme will definitely stay in our rotation.

FACILITIES/ COLLECTION

- This month’s displays included Deaf history month, Stress Awareness, Earth Day, and authors Kate Messner and Jason Reynolds.
- More VOX books have been added to our collection and several new YA books.

- The installation of the new heater in the vestibule disturbed the ceiling above the desk in the Children's Room, leaving the desk, floor, and materials behind the desk covered in debris. All of the materials that were located around the desk have been moved to the stage for the time being, except for the computer which cannot be relocated. Dust and debris continue fall onto the desk and surrounding area throughout the day. The contractor has looked at the ceiling and will send someone to seal the cracks above the desk soon.

FUTURE PLANS

- Our next Drop-in Craft program celebrates cherry blossoms and will be held on May 9th.
- The theme for our May 26th playdate will be our second new theme this year, Household Helpers. Little helpers can bake in the kitchen, sweep the floor, feed the pets, and fix things with tools, to name a few dramatic play areas that will be set up.
- We will have an afterschool storytime on May 13th at 3:30 pm. Attendees will hear stories by Kate Messner and create a garden collage to take home.
- In addition to our usual scavenger hunts, we will be offering a Nature Bingo board for patrons to complete outside of the library and return for a prize. This bingo board encourages patrons to get out into nature and then come to the library. It has both pictures and words so it is an accessible activity for patrons of all ages.
- *Mama Goose on the Loose* will be coming to the Library on June 1st for two performances, one at 11:30 am and one at 4 pm. Both shows will be the same, they are just at two different times to meet the needs of more families. Registration opens on May 4th.
- *Penn Dixie Fossil Park and Nature Preserve* will come to the Library on June 30th to present their Fossils: Clues to the Past Program. More information and the link to registration will be available in June's newsletter.

OUTREACH

- I read to two classrooms this month at Perry Central Schools. I read Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell to a PreK classroom and a 4th grade classroom. Each classroom received a copy of the book to keep and the students colored quilt squares to hang in their classrooms, creating a classroom mural.