

Library Board Report - Children's Department

March 6, 2025

Key Takeaways

- 475 Children participated in Book Madness, voting for their favorite book.
- 115 Children have signed up for the Spring into Reading Challenge.
- 175 Parents and Children attended Pop in and Play during Spring Break

Weekly Programs (average attendance)

- Book Babies – Emergent literacy skills for babies and toddlers: 48
- Storytime – Early learning and literacy skills for preschool ages: 48
- Family Storytime – Building reading skills together: 12
- Little Makers – STEM activities for preschool ages: 35
- STEAM Club K-3 – STEAM activities, early grades: 21
- STEAM Club 4th-6th – STEAM activities, early grades: 35
- Family STEM – family STEM adventures: 25
- Pokémon Club – Pokémon card games and how to trade them: 43
- Dance Party – Whole body movement for positive emotions: 19

Year Long Programs

- Extreme Book Nerd for Kids: 2 new sign-ups
- EBNK Your Way: 8 new sign-ups
- Special Edition Library Buttons: 12 new sign-ups; Total of 101 participants

Recent Programs

- Pop in and Play, 3/4/25: 143 participants
- Pop in and Play, 3/26/25: 175 participants
- Spring Into Reading Challenge, March 11 to April 30: 115 Sign-ups
- Spring Break with Winnie the Pooh: 473 participants
- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten sign-ups: 11 additional children;
- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, Year to Date Total: 75 children
- Wind in the Willows Storytime: 59 participants
- Book Madness Voting: 475 participants

Upcoming Programs

- All of April: Money Scavenger Hunt
- Ready! For Kindergarten begins April 16th at 6 pm
- ICCU Make Cents Storytime, April 23 at 1 am
- Ballerina Storytime, April 30 at 4 pm
- Would You Rather? Is the May Month-long program

Staff Professional Development and Training

- Dementia
- Repeat Offenders
- How to Get Someone to Leave Safely
- Understanding Addiction
- Handling Problem Interactions
- Mental Illness Short Course
- Classic Children's Literature
- Respectful Workplace
- Totalitarian Novels
- Great Books 101 (4.25 of 10 hours)
- Calm Classroom, Calmer You
- Summer Reading

STEAM Club 2/27/25 Grades K-3

Simple Machines



Family STEM 3/1/25 Magnets



Pop in and Play 3/4/25: Light



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Dr. Seuss Storytime



Dr. Seuss Storytime Crafts 3/4/25



Storytime in a Box 3/18/2025



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Little Makers 3/21/25



Pop in and Play 3/26/25 Blocks



Winnie the Pooh Themed Spring Break Crafts 3/24-3/29/2025

