

Library Board Report - Children's Department

August 27, 2023

Program Review (average attendance)

- Book Babies: 31
- Little Makers: 26
- Pop in and Play: 76
- Storytime: 31
- Kinderprep: 13
- STEAM Club: 21

Summer Reading Just under 2,000 sign-ups

Summer STEM Kits: 650 kits shared

Summer Adventures

- Forest Service - 153
- Musician - 138
- Bureau of Land Management - 118
- Plant Biologist from ISU - 145
- Firefighters - 216
- Dairyman - 141
- Police Officers - 134
- Harry Potter's Birthday – over 800
- Neuroscience Biologist from ISU – 128

Month Long Activities

June: I Spy - 439
July: Math Question of the Week – 526
August: How Many Pages? – 210

Recent Programs

- Pop in and Play (5 themed sessions) – 382 total attendance
- Princess Storytime – 312
- Father's Day craft – 79
- Chukars Storytime –
- End of Summer Celebration – 417
(Magician, Balloon artist, Games, Texas Roadhouse Rolls)

Upcoming Programs

- Fall Month Long Activities
 - September: Find the book Character
 - October: Banned book bingo, Jack-o-lantern search
 - November: Match famous art paintings
 - December – Write Santa a letter
- Kinderprep: September 20 – November 15
- Pop in and Play – 7 fall sessions
- Money Storytime/ICCU – September 13
- Dance Party – September 20
- Fall Reading Challenge: September 25 – October 21st
- STEM day with the INL – October 14th

- October 31st – Halloween Storytime

Trainings - Professional Development

Aleisha Stout completed Collection Management in Libraries through Dominican University.

In Fall, 2023, Aleisha is enrolled in the History of Children’s Literature from Western Europe to the United States.

“The Changing Perception of Public Libraries”, written by Aleisha, was published in June, 2023 in *Library Philosophy and Practice*, a peer-reviewed e-journal managed by the University of Nebraska – Lincoln.

Other Staff Trainings

Homeless De-Escalation Core Training
Social Workers in the Library
ICFL: What does “obscene” or “harmful to minors” mean.
Leave your stress at work.
Dewey Decimal Classification System
Literacy Genres: Nonfiction middle school literature
Building an Effective Learning Culture: Getting Started
ICFL: Basic Book Repairs