

Library Board Report - Children's Department
September 5, 2024

Weekly Programs: (average attendance for June, July and August)

- Book Babies – Purpose: Emergent literacy skills for babies and toddlers: average 24
- Storytime – Purpose: Early learning and literacy skills for preschool ages: average 36
- Little Makers – Purpose: STEM activities for preschool ages: average 25

- STEAM Club K-3 – Purpose: STEAM activities, early grades: average 27
- STEAM Club 4th-6th – Purpose: STEAM activities, early grades: average 20
- Family STEM – Purpose: Early science skills in family environment: average 27

- Dance Party – Purpose: Whole body movement for positive emotions: average 36
- Book Club – Purpose: Engage young readers with literature and discussion: average 9
- BONUS Monday Storytime - Purpose: Early learning and literacy skills for preschool ages: average 37

Recent Programs

- Pop in and Play, 6/20/24: 159
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- Pop in and Play, 7/10/24: 68
- Pop in and Play, 7/24/24: 111
- Pop in and Play, 8/6/24: 121
- Race Car Storytime 6/15/24: 65
- Mermaid Storytime 6/24/25: 180

- Chukars Storytime 7/9/24: 69
- Star Wars Storytime 7/13/24: 178
- Tarzan Storytime 7/13/24: 122
- STEM with PBS 8/14/24: 41
- Harry Potter Birthday, 7/31/24: 400
- Smokey the Bear Birthday 8/9/24: 300

Month Long Programs

- June: I Spy: 136
- August: Guess the number of pages: 104

- July: Math Questions: 119

Summer Reading sign Ups: 1873

Summer Explorers (ages 0-6): Outdoors, Community Helpers, Science and Art

- Average Attendance: 71

Summer Adventures (ages 7-12): Biologist; Dentist; Puppeteer; Scientist; Archaeologist; Astronomer; Beekeeping; Robotic Scientist; Master Gardener; and Artist:

- Average Attendance: 72

Upcoming Programs

- September Month Long Program: Great Book Character Hunt
- KinderPrep: New Session begins 9/18/24
- Fall Reading Challenge begins 9/23/24

Staff Trainings

Excellence in Service – Basic: Customer Service Skills

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Suicide: A Conversation with a Suicidologist Stephanie Weber

Bed Bugs: How to Prevent and Handle Outbreaks

Human Trafficking: A Conversation with Karen Romero

Discovery Bags

With the grant money the children's library received this summer, 29 additional discovery bags were created. These science and technology based kits can be checked by families to use at home. Each bag has a couple of books, a science-based object, and an idea list for how parents can use the activity with their child. Some examples of bags are insects, fossils, simple circuits, coding, the human body, and rocks and minerals. There are 53 kits available now.



