

Library Board Report
November 2021
Children's Department, Idaho Falls Public Library

The Children's department has established a regular ordering schedule and every week a different collection area gets new books. These books check out almost immediately and the response has been very good.

Children's staff met with the Rainbow representative and selected new books for their assigned collection development areas. These orders are being reviewed for purchase in December.

Children's Programs

In the Children's library this month, we have been enjoying having regular story times and Kinderprep classes again.

Kinderprep - 8 families are signed up. An average of about 16 people each week.

The topics covered this month include:

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| Number sequencing, | The letters P Q R S T U V W X |
| Identifying small differences | Recognizing numbers 1-10 |
| Opposites | Nursery Rhymes |
| Block play to improve literacy | Math and science skills |

1,000 Books before Kindergarten - We had 4 more children complete reading 1,000 books.

Story times - This month we had story times about:

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| Bears - 52 people | Catch the Letter C - 37 people |
| Little Critters - 47 people | Discover the Letter D - 59 people |
| Food - 54 people | Dr. Seuss - 47 people |
| Opposites - 23 attendees | Behold the Letter B - 51 people |

Book babies: Topics on Food, Things that Go, Counting, and Mo Willem's Elephant and Piggy books. An average of 26 people attended.

Book Lists for Extreme Book Nerd for Kids 2022

The children's staff have been created 15 book lists for the upcoming Extreme Book Nerd for Kids 2022 program.

Iona Library - In Iona, a month-long Superhero Scavenger Hunt contest for children patrons had 69 participants.

Professional Development

LaDawn Fiacco is currently attending courses on collection development and classification and cataloging. She is on target to complete her schooling in Spring 2022.

Aleisha Stout is currently attending Reference Services in a Library Environment. She has also completed two Ryan Dowd Homeless Library trainings. She is on track to graduate in 2024.