

Board Report-Youth Services

October 19th, 2017

This month we hosted 19 children programs that served 59 parents and 116 children. We also had 11 teen programs with a total attendance of 21 teens. 2 regular teen volunteer this month and we have two new teen volunteers starting in October. Our most highly attended program this month was our first Home School Collaborative Program. Seven children participated and created projects, and an additional 20 people came to see their work and participate. There were 4 teen programs which had no attendance. I am hoping that this is due to figuring out schedules with the new school year.

I have been attending all of the open house programs for our local school in the past two weeks. I have given out program schedules and information about how to get a library card to all of the parents. I am also scheduled to attend the EPIC Halloween event where I will give out candy and library information to all of the kids in attendance.

Our CLOUSC and Teen Librarian meetings this month largely focused on Summer Reading successes and Flops. We spoke a lot about what worked and what didn't as far as programming and yes----we are already talking about next year's Summer Reading Program. This month I attended a webinar on Teens & Table Top Games and one on disaster management and preparedness, which was timely given all of the hurricane damage in our country. I will be attending a few seminars and panels at Comic Con this coming week, and I look forward to seeing how artists, authors, and industry professionals see the world of graphic novels & comics progressing in the years to come.

We had a few new programs start up this month in children's & teen services. Our new Baby Brain Time program has had a great response thus far. We've also started a monthly Minecraft Challenge group for kids, building on the success of the summer Minecraft challenge. Kids seem very excited about this and I am looking forward to seeing their creations each month. We are also going to start a regular gaming tournament for teens. They will choose the game they'd like to compete in each month. Game Stop has agreed to sponsor a gift card for the winner each month.

The Friends are gearing up for Fall Fun Day, which will take place October 28th at 12pm. We will have a scarecrow costume contest, a scarecrow parade, face painting, cider & donuts, stories, and fall crafts. The Friends are also going to raffle off a quilt that has been donated to the library. The quilt will soon be hung in the library and tickets will be available from any Friend member. Many Friends and Board members were present for the Battle of the Books last month, and we appreciate your support. The Friends have decided to purchase new t-shirts for the battle teams, so next time you see them, they will look all spiffy and new!

The summer Story Walk has now been taken down, and we are currently in the beginning stages of a new fall Story Walk which will adorn Broadway again soon.

The computers in the children's room were used 66 times throughout the month of September, and the teen computers were used 56 times. The AWE computers were used a total of 80 times this month. The WiiU was used by 45 teens.

The Facebook page has 714 Likes, Twitter has 299 followers, and Instagram has 304 followers.

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