

YOUTH SERVICES NARRATIVE

AUGUST 2016

The 2016 Summer Reading Program came to a close this month. This year we had 745 finishers of the program, with 151 under 4 year olds, 377 five to nine year olds, 136 ten to 12 year olds and 81 thirteen to 19 year olds finishers. Also, I had nineteen teens complete the special Summer Reading Challenge, which was an excellent turn-out for the first year of that part of the program. I'm hoping to do the Challenge again next year, with a different list of categories.

The Teen Leadership Group's Art Showcase ended in August. We were hoping just to break even—between prizes and entry fees—but we happily made a couple of hundred dollars for the library! We had 17 entries, and the judges had a difficult time picking the winners. The TLG and I plan to rerun this next summer, with some thought put into how it can be improved.

August was another busy programming month, although not as much as July! There were 15 children's programs, 3 teen programs, and 8 family programs. The attendance numbers were: 29 at teen programs, 154 at family programs, and 258 at children's programs.

For the month of August, I made two outreach visits and hosted one outreach visit. I went to the Walter Aument MC for their pediatric vaccine day, and did a story time at Shining Stars. My fall outreach programs begin in September: I will be visiting two preschools a month, and doing a book drop off at two more.

The website needs constant updating, to keep it current. Several more pages have been added, including a landing page of school district resources. I've also expanded the Beyond the Library page, adding categories for research resources.

The new STEM materials have arrived, and I hope to get them processed and cataloged in September and October. My goal is to get them on the shelves by December, but this timeline will depend on how long it takes to get them all cataloged at the system.