

YOUTH SERVICES NARRATIVE

JUNE 2017

Summer Reading has arrived, and with a bang! The month of June was crazy busy, with nearly 900 kids and teens signed up for the Summer Reading Program logs and over 1000 people attending our Youth & Family programs!

Thanks to an eager volunteer and agreement from the library staff, we've begun a new kids program: the Junior Master Gardener program! The interest meeting garnered enough interest that we went ahead with it, and 10 kids and 9 parents attended the first meeting. We plan to hold meetings on Tuesdays and Fridays this summer, and rework the schedule for the fall when school begins.

Another volunteer, Wanda Lugo, has been running a drop-in craft table which has been extremely popular. She's had nearly 80 people at her two craft programs alone!

The Super Reader program, funded by the Dollar General grant, has gotten a great start. However, owing to low enrollment at SECA's camp, I haven't yet been able to do the program there. I've rescheduled my Monday visits to Thursdays and am waiting for confirmation on whether they would like to go ahead with it. In any case, the new kits have been well-received by parents and children, and there are two more meetings scheduled for the month of July in the library.

The first ever Teen Lock-In went VERY well, although all involved—teens, staff, and volunteers—looked a little punch-drunk afterwards. I think there was a lot of napping afterwards. Highlights of the night include: a glow-stick scavenger hunt; a nerf war (we're still finding darts); three hours of Dance Dance Revolution; a seven-and-a-half-hour board game marathon playing Talisman. Not for the faint of heart!