

YOUTH SERVICES NARRATIVE

AUGUST 2017

August found us wrapping up the Summer Reading program and completing plans for fall and winter happenings.

For the Summer Reading Program, here are the statistics for the logs:

2017

Age group	Number of starters	Number of finishers	Percentage
Read aloud	239	179	74.90%
Junior	476	384	81%
Tween	211	139	66.00%
Teen	114	49	43%
	1040	751	72% overall

We had fewer logs picked up at Qville this year than in 2016, but a higher percentage of finishers than last year in all categories EXCEPT Teen. I think the extra teen contest last year resulted in a larger percentage of program finishers overall.

The Danger Club fall sessions are planned, and the first meeting on September 16th is prepped and ready to go! I've also started prepping for banned books week at the end of the month, and the films for teen read week in mid-Oct. are selected.

I've begun the fall advertising rush. Since the take-home mini fliers with all the programs were so popular this summer, I'm going to continue to make them available for the fall programs as well. I have one each for young children, kids, and teens.

I have reduced the chess club to once a month going forward, and Lego night has been put on hiatus until the spring. These changes opened up my calendar to do more special programs, like the Teen Read Week film festival. The St. Joseph's CHI folks are coming down for a program in Oct, and I'm doing a special tech program in November thanks to the popular of Tinker with Tech in early August.

I will be on vacation the first week of Sept., and between that and the Solanco Fair, September will be a light programming month. Things will get swinging again at the end of Sept with Banned Books Week.