

Librarian's Report
July 2025

Programming:

Kids:

- ✚ The summer fun continues! Families are really enjoying the game theme this year.
- ✚ We have had the highest number of registrations since COVID and are still getting a few trickling in as the summer continues. We currently have 958 kids registered!
- ✚ The "Library Scavengeropoly" game has been very popular, especially with parents!
- ✚ Kids cooking classes were offered again, the first time since COVID. The classes went well and were very well attended.
- ✚ The Foam Party is re-scheduled for Wednesday, July 30 from 1 – 3.
- ✚ Looking ahead in August, we will be doing 5 session of life-sized Trivial Pursuit game.
- ✚ Plans are being finalized for the re-organization fo the picture book area. We are hoping to make it more user friendly and easier for kids and families to find materials.

Teens:

- ✚ 104 Teens have registered for the summer reading program which is just under last years registration of 128
- ✚ 6 teens attended June's book club (Max in the House of Spies, by Adam Gidwitz)
- ✚ 9 teens attended July's graphic novel club (Castle Swimmer, by Wendy Martin)
- ✚ 15 teens attended the most recent Hang Zone.
- ✚ Anime club has wrapped up due to Crunchyroll no longer allowing public performance rights.
- ✚ Upcoming programs:
 - July teen book club discussing Snow Globe, by Soyoung Park, on July 14.
 - Teen workshop Wednesday, making alcohol ink suncatchers. On Wednesday, July 16.
 - Fruit Nachos for teens in the kitchen on July 22.

Adults:

- ✚ June was BUSY!!
- ✚ The adult summer reading challenge is proving very popular! Every week two entries are randomly selected from the grand prize bags to receive a mini prize.

Mini prizes are 3 ARC (Advanced Reading Copy) books. Many of the mini-prize winners are those that have not participated in the past!

- ✦ Some of the most popular events were the crafts (Pride earrings had 19 participants and diamond art had 23 participants!)
- ✦ The cake decorating competition brought in around 10 teams, for a total of 31 participants!
- ✦ The community building events were lovely, with 16 Speed Frienders spending the night conversing and 9 adult summer campers getting crafty with tie dye and messy with s'mores!
- ✦ The Pride Party was a huge hit, with 39 attendees who engaged in all of the activities and seemed to be having a grand time.
- ✦ Mikaela had a promotional booth/craft at both the Brookings Pride event (where I engaged with 97 folks) and the Arts Council's block party (which was less successful with interactions, but a few people still liked the craft)!
- ✦ All in all, it was a successful month. On the day of the board meeting, the members are more than welcome to come be taste testers at our Bar Crawl baking competition at 6:30!

Tech

- Nancy is working with Katherine and Jenny to make decisions on ordering for the Lowe's Hometown grant. Unfortunately, prices have jumped significantly since the original quotes in March, so we'll need to make some decisions about what we need and what we can cut, with a plan to make additions in the future as money becomes available.

Other:

- Interviewing and hiring for the open part-time library assistant will underway soon.