

Children's Meeting Minutes

7.27.17

Attending: Anne, Mary, Cathy, Denise, Dani, Emily, Stephanie & Elizabeth

Success Stories:

Sage: LeCronier's Baby Acres (\$250) put on a great farm animal petting activity

Auburn: Both Cameron Z and Acting Up Theater were very popular

Pinconning: Great attendance at Paint a Butterfly with wooden butterflies from Consumer Crafts

Wirt: Story Time attendance has been awesome-one group was 78 strong

Committee Updates: none

Summer Reading Program: It is going very well at all branches

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten:

Anne showed us the nifty bag, and said that she would be meeting with Mary P. about the log design.

Various examples of stickers were shown.

How to Handle Large Groups at Programs:

Elizabeth reported that Kevin said that we will do registration on a first-come first-served basis

Wizard Party Ideas:

Ideas were passed around. Stephanie volunteered to coordinate the creation of the tub that we will share. Other ideas discussed:

Wand made from a chenille stem, washi tape and beads

Dani will create a Harry Potter face the size of a poster board to play: Stick the glasses on Harry

House badge bookmarks

Lightning bolt tattoos

Giant dice to sort the participants into Houses

Photo Booth

Mary will create Table Quidditch

STEAM to Go Project:

Dani discussed what she has checked into so far for STEM/STEAM kits that will circulate. The project is in the early stages. Anne mentioned moving some items in the BCLS STEM/STEAM collection to this project.

Book Discussion Collection Weeding:

The list was reviewed and edited. Anne will send out a corrected list.

Early Childhood Workshop Presenter:

Was discussed

November/December System Program Ideas:

We will do Reindeer and Lego. A performer was discussed. We decided to do the I Spy Challenge that Krista created without the riddle component.

ALA Chicago Report by Stephanie:

Making in MI Libraries is coming to Auburn. If a success, we will consider for other branches. Emily showed her T-shirt from the Fashion Hacking program she attended. She mentioned that the Good Will Outlet in Flint has the best prices for bulk buying clothing.

Try Out New STEM/Maker Activities:

Anne showed the new items and mentioned that she will update the list. Anne is using STEM ideas at Story Time and would like our STEM/STEAM items to be used more.

Upcoming Outreach Events:

In addition to those mentioned in the agenda, Emily is able to attend the Duck Derby. Anne mentioned that she and Mary will do a Lego Ninjago program at the Bay City Mall. Anne also said that she and Mary are doing Outreach Story Times for Amy Trogan at the ISD, and upcoming locations are Bangor Downs and Tradewinds. Anne also said that there will be more activities on the Bookmobile, for example 5-minute STEM/STEAM activities.

Sharing of Books and Good Ideas:

Anne: *Warthog: A Counting Adventure* by Birdie Black

I'm Trying to Love Spiders (It Isn't Easy) by Bethany Barton

Mary: *Posted* by John David Anderson

Cathy: Hullabaloo a fun, thinking game that they played before Baffling Bill and at Story Time

Stephanie: *Who Wants to be a Princess?* By Bridget Heos (a non-fiction reality check)

STEM to STORY by 826 National. She & Esther will do gr. 5-8 programs in 2018.

Emily: *Little Excavator* by Anna Dewdney

All Kinds of Cars by Carl Johanson

Denise: ER series by Seedlings: *Tow Trucks, Big Rigs and Pickup Trucks*

Cooking Your Way Through American History-a great series for curriculum support

Dani: *My Awesome Summer* by Paul Meisel

Littles: And How They Grow by Kelly DiPucchio

Elizabeth: *My Little Sister Ate One Hare* by Bill Grossman

Little Bunny in the Hat with a puppet-use at Baby Time

Using a Song Cube at Story Time-E will send out the song list.

Other:

Anne will look into getting a button maker

School Supply Guessing in September. This will be the last year for the contest. The winners will get both the box of school supplies and a gift card. We will create a new contest for 2018.

Anne and Stephanie are looking at applying for ALA's Libraries Ready to Code grant and are discussing ideas with Walt. Concentration on computational thinking for preschool and early elementary school age children was discussed. "<http://www.ala.org/tools/readytocode>". Applications are due 8/31.

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