

Children's Meeting
Minutes 11/16/17
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Present: Anne, Cathy, Dacy, Dani, Elizabeth, Mary, & Stephanie

Success Stories:

Mary - "New Book Bundles" at Wirt were checking out well.

Elizabeth – Weeding in non-fiction is underway.

Cathy – Fall Snow Globe & Gingerbread Craft were a huge success.

Dani – Baby Music Program for 0-23 month olds has had great attendance.

Dacy – Organizing craft supplies for children's & teens.

Stephanie – Visits to Bangor Downs with Great Starts has been well received.

Anne – 1000 Books has over 451 sign-ups.

Committee Updates:

Circulation Meeting – Stephanie shared that four topics were discussed at the last meeting. Topics were; Displays, Deposit Collections, Unique Collections & Monitors as Book Advertising.

STEAM to Go:

Dani presented to a Friends Meeting where money was approved to purchase materials for kits. Details are being worked out.

Silly Sports Program:

Anne passed out ideas found in a supply catalog that included a toss game, stomp canon and human hoops. Everyone was in agreement that these items would be great resources to add to the system-wide tub. This tub will be used for Jan/Feb system program.

Winter Reading Program Update:

Badge labels are coming. All other materials have been sent to branches.

Facebook Update:

Anne passed out a chart for Children's Facebook posts. The chart indicates which posts would be done by coordinator (Anne) and which are branch posts.

Valentine For Seniors Update:

Supplies were sent to branches. The bookmobile will deliver finished cards & messages to facilities throughout the county.

Summer Reading:

Upstart/Demco order due to Anne by Dec 1. She is asking for one order from each branch to simplify ordering. Ideas will be brought to the December meeting to look at ways to simplify the reading log.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten:

Anne will email statistic reporting chart. This chart will be used quarterly to record progress of sign-ups and prizes earned. It was decided that incentive prizes would also be earned at 300 & 800 books. Rubber ducks will be earned at the completion of 300 books & crayons/coloring books at 800 books. Patron comments have been very positive about the program.

Reindeer Crafts:

No new ones were shared.

Sharing:

Stephanie – *Incredible Cabinet of Wonders*, Joe Fullman

Dacy – *Meditate with Me: a step by step mindfulness journey*, Mariam Gates

Dani – Snowflake craft done with tissue paper and small canvases.

Cathy – *Mustaches for Maddie*, Chad Morris

Elizabeth – *Her Right Foot*, Dave Eggers

Anne – *I am Bat*, Morag Hood & a make-n-take craft idea for school visits.

Mary – *Vanderbeekers of 141st Street*, Karina Yan Glaser

Additions:

- Wish List money available for system programs will be used on a Button Maker & supplies, other ideas were also discussed.
- Early Childhood STEM Workshop on November 18 has 91 participants registered.
- Ready to Read Michigan Program will take place in March/April. It will be a 45 minute, family storytime with craft. Each branch will choose their own craft to do.
- Storytime – Committee will review replacing Halloween & Valentine storytimes. Anne is considering revising storytime description for flyers along with ages for Family ST.