

Children's Meeting Minutes  
04/26/2018

**Attendance:** Denise, Anne, Stephanie, Dacy, Dani, Elizabeth, and Cathy

**Branch Updates:**

Wirt: scheduled school visits from every grade at Washington Elementary. Money Smart Week program went well. Catholic Federal Credit Union brought high quality prizes and interested in doing programs at more branches next year. Auburn will be doing a program survey. See attached document for details.

Auburn: The Peep Diorama program was a great success, very affordable, and they are already planning on repeating it next year.

Pinconning: Cathy did a TON of school visits for March is Reading Month.

Sage: The Snakes Alive program from Chippewa Nature was a great success. 97 people attended. The presenter did a great job, but we may want to limit the audience to 5 and up.

The Little ones got antsy. Contact information:

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**Committee Updates:**

\*1000 Books Before Kindergarten has 662 starters and 5 Finishers. Anne will be doing another order of prize books after the SRP prize books are processed.

\*Anne will doing Farm Fresh Stories- a one-time storytime at City Market.

\*Computer Use policies are being revised.

**Summer Reading Program 2018:**

\*The Large Flyer proof is due 4/27/18 so they can be sent to the printer.

\*We will be printing fewer bookmark contest flyers this year. They will be available at all of the branches, but will not be sent out to schools.

\*Reviewed the private school distribution list. Sage will now deliver to State Street Academy, and Wirt will deliver to Zion Lutheran.

\*Prize books are being ordered.

**SRP Programing Ideas:**

\*Anne: Parachute Play would be a great companion to the music theme.

\*Dacy: Bean Mosaic & Junk Mosaic Frame

\*Stephanie: Real instruments for SRP Decorations.

\*Cathy: They will be decorating the windows, and hanging music notes and records from the ceiling.

\*Dani: Mohawk wig for outreach, and streamer for the kick-off party.

**SRP Prizes:**

\*Coupons are on their way to branches from the Bay City Subways. Pinconning Subway coupons haven't been received yet.

\*Kevin is collecting the remainder of prizes from McDonalds, Dutch Village, and Sky Zone.

\*The bag colors are grey and turquoise. It looks great.

### **Story Time Update:**

\*Items will slowly be moved out of Sage and into an office at South Side.

\*Tubs can be requested that aren't in rotation, but please give Anne lots of notice.

### **Paint a Mini Pumpkin:**

\*We will try ceramic pumpkin banks and/or bowls this year and see how the patrons respond. If feedback is negative we can return to real pumpkins next year.

### **Upcoming Community Events:**

\*One more person is needed for the Free Fishing Festival.

\*Two People are needed for the National Night Out.

### **Sharing of Books and Ideas:**

\*Anne: *Joan Proctor Dragon Doctor*: Sala, Felecita

*They She, He, Me*: Free to be: Maya & Matthew

*P.S. I miss you*: Petro-Roy, Jen

\*Dani: Shared recycled Kaleidoscope craft.

\*Dacy: *The Sky at Our Feet*: Hashimi, Nadia

\*Stephanie: *Dance, Dance, Dance*: Long, Ethan

She is also developing an escape room as school outreach, and will bring details to the next meeting.

\*Elizabeth: *Maya Lin*: Rubin, Susan

\*Cathy: Heart shaped seed pod, and clover T-Shirt.

\*Denise: *Mother Bruce & Bruce's Big Move*: Higgins, Ryan T

*Big Umbrella*: Bates, Amy June