

## **Children's Meeting Minutes**

**7/26/2018**

**Minutes: Dacy**

Attending: Anne, Cathy, Dacy, Dani, Denise, Mary, Wendy & Stephanie

### **Branch Updates:**

\*Wirt: Welcome back Denise! Rock On Party was very well received and the inflatable slide in particular was a big hit! MCI provided popcorn for both the Kick-Off and Rock On parties, which was greatly appreciated.

\*Sage: Attendance and SRP finisher numbers are up. Reception of employee transition going very well, patrons are very encouraging! Community Jam drop-in program had low attendance numbers, possibly because it was an evening program, so might try to run again in February.

\*Auburn: Hired new clerk, Rose Martin. Dacy applied and received a grant through the Library of Michigan's Continuing Education program to go to the MLA conference in October. Passive programming is going very well, with an average of 97 participants per week.

\*Pinconning: Butterfly House program was very popular-all spots were filled within the first day of registration. Exotic Zoo program also went well and had 136 patrons attending. Would love to have Exotic Zoo back in the future!

### **Committee Updates:**

\*Storywalk: Ran both Storywalk programs, low attendance numbers likely due to heat wave occurring at that time. Also, communication with city was delayed until 2 weeks before the program. Lots of things to learn for the next time we have a program like this. However, Stephanie had a good exchange with a girl who was deaf and her grandfather who were interested in the braille on the storywalk pages.

### **Summer Reading Program:**

\*Lots of positive feedback about SRP bags-patrons are very enthusiastic about the color choice.

\*Dacy had a good experience with the CD Case Mosaic Art program-very simple and well attended with 32 patrons.

\*Wendy reported that the owner of Dutch Village visited Sage and was enthusiastic about the new partnership with the library. Jeff Wawrzaszek and Acting Up Theatre Company were wonderful performers that had good interactions with audience. Cancer Support Craft was a feel-good program, with patrons making a port catheter pillow with a card attached. These will be picked up by a non-profit worker from St. Mary's.

\*Dani could not say enough positive things about Josh Ramsey's Band that performed at the Kick-Off Party-very professional with feel-good music for all ages. Summer Science program went over very well with kids making a membranophone and then finishing up with a junk box challenge.

**Star Wars Party Ideas:**

Narrowed ideas down to 3 crafts & 4 activities

\*Crafts: Lightsaber keychain, Yoda headband, some kind of Droid craft

\*Activities: Fishing, obstacle course, Storm Trooper bowling, and a Trash Compactor Dive

\*Also included will be a photo booth and Star Wars Name Generator nametags

\*Stephanie will put together a supply list once finalized

**Programming Tubs for 2019:**

\*It was decided to change the Nov/Dec Goofy Fun programming tub to Dinosaurs

\*Attached are the themes, which branch/people will be in charge of setting up the tub, the months we will be having the program and the month we will discuss ideas at our meetings to share.

**Early Childhood STEM Passport**

Anne shared a Scavenger Hunt Journal as the prize for children who come to the library and mark their passport off. Alternative prize would possibly be a mini magnifying glass.

**Children's Museum**

Anne was contacted by the Children's Museum in regards to how the family pass program is going and offered to create marketing material for the library to promote it. Anne suggested offering more than one pass per week.

**Playaway Launchpads**

Anne reported that patron response was very enthusiastic, with all 10 circulating tablets being checked out within hours of when they were available. She brought 2 of the tablets to share and expressed that more tablets will most likely need to be purchased.

**Kitty Café**

Dacy proposed the idea for a Kitty Café program, in which a local group like the Humane Society would bring kittens into the library for patrons to touch and see. She will consult Kevin on the possibility of library policy accommodating this program.

**Upcoming Community Events**

National Night Out – Wendy & Stephanie

Breastfeeding Walk – Dani & Stephanie

CAN Council's Duck Derby- Anne

**Sharing:**

Dani: Demonstration of 3D Printer Pen that was used for 3D Printer Exploration program to make bubble wands. 6 pens will be available for branches to use and 1 will be part of a circulating STEM kit. Plastic kit for pen was bought with leftover STEM kit money and additional money received from Kevin.

Cathy: *Spot & Discover* picture book series-William Potter

Dacy: Craft idea-CD Case Terrarium

Denise: *U.S. Armed Forces* early reader series-Julie Murrary

*Comparison Fun* early reader series-Kurt Waldendorf

*Fish are not Afraid of Doctors*- J.E. Morris

Stephanie: Super hero book characters Squirrel Girl & Ms. Marvel are getting a TV show, suggesting buying those books if not already in collection.

Wendy: *Dog Named Doug*-Karma Wilson

*Pretty Kitty*-Karen Beaumont

Anne: *Monday's Not Coming* -Tiffany Jackson

Shared a fruit balancing game that will be used during the Farm Fresh Stories program and possibly for the Food storytime tub.