

Adult Services Report

August 2024

Programming:

Our programming numbers were lower than normal for August. All departments tend to schedule less programs in August to recuperate from a busy summer season. We still had 17 programs in Kendallville and 14 programs at Limberlost. One of our most successful programs was a collaboration with the One Room Schoolhouse and LouAnne Pillers called Poetry and Pie. Mike and Angela Mapes read poems from Arthur Franklin Mapes, Jim and Julia Nixon read original poems, and LouAnne read some of her favorite poems and made pies for all to enjoy. She is such a joy to work with.



We have programs scheduled through the end of November and will be working on December and winter reading next. Mary and I have some great all ages programs planned for the next few months. Trunk or Treats keeps us busy as will all the holiday programs through the end of the year.

Training and Education:

Mary Graber and I hosted the first All Ages Programming Roundtable and had 16 library programmers from other libraries attend at Kendallville. We were able to share ideas and give tours of our space. These meetings will be held quarterly and rotate libraries.

The adult department also had several opportunities to watch webinars to obtain LEU's or Library Education Units in August. Each member of the adult department is required to obtain these units to maintain their certification since all of their jobs include professional responsibilities.

Collections:

Books have been ordered through November of 2024. I have been focusing on large print especially, due in large part to the large donation specifically geared towards large print materials. We are discussing the option of having sponsors for some of our newspaper subscriptions as the cost of newspapers continues to increase. In addition, the majority of our newspapers are no longer delivered in the morning. Instead, they are mailed and delivered via USPS. As a result, our patrons do not get them until later in the day.

Fall and winter art prints are starting to check out at a rapid pace for the season.

Our Lego circulations are extremely down. We are still working out best practices to fully wash and check all the sets as they come in. We have made it through the original deep cleaning but the sets check out with such frequency that it is almost impossible to keep up with demand. I have spoken to other librarians and libraries but no one has a collection quite like ours and cleaning is not required.