

## Youth Services Board Report April 2024

The month of March was full of storytimes, afterschool programs, teen programs and weekly crafts. In March, the play area theme was building with our big, blue foam blocks. It is always fun to see kids use their imaginations to create unique structures.

March was also filled with planning for the Kleiman Creative Writing Contest. The deadline for contest entries was March 18. We had 230 entries this year, which is on par with the past few years. This year a highschool class was a part of helping judge the entries. The class was a future educator's class and really did a great job of using the rubric to judge entries. Brittany and I went over the rubric and the contest guidelines with the class and were there to help them work through the process. The awards ceremony will take place at the CLC on Wednesday, April 17. Local Indiana author Helen Frost will be there to talk to participants about the writing process.

We were happy to add Allie Feltner to our youth services staff. She has been a great addition to the team and has been busy learning about the department and brainstorming new program ideas.

A few of the library staff went on a library visit to the North Manchester Public Library at the end of the month. Their library does a fantastic job of being responsive to the needs of their community. It is always fun to visit a library and find new ideas. They had some talking flash cards in their collection that were in a variety of languages, including Arabic. We will definitely be looking into adding some to our collection.

Sincerely,  
Mary Graber

## New Frog Life Cycle Kit



## North Manchester Public Library Visit

