

Youth Services Board Report September 2023

August was a busier month than we had expected. The ys department continued to be filled with families coming in to check out materials, craft and play. The play area was busier in August than it was in July. The play area theme for August was block building with our big, foam blue blocks.

In August, we started our monthly homeschool program back up. Attendees were challenged with creating a structure that would protect an egg when it was dropped from a height. We went out to the back porch area and dropped the structures over the railing towards a kiddie pool with a tarp underneath. Only one egg cracked. It is definitely something we will do again.

Our weekly afterschool programs started back up towards the end of the month. Bethany is helping out and learning about how the programs are designed and executed. Soon she will be adding some of the afterschool programs to her list of regular job duties.

Programming for teens also continued this month. Along with the weekly dungeons and dragon's programs, there were programs on acrylic pour painting, smoothie making and using the cricut.

We had a class walk over from St. Johns to learn about library resources. We briefly went over the e-content on our website and gave them a tour of the library. Each student also received some library themed swag. The students then checked out some books.

The staff at the Rome City branch have reported an uptick in the number of people attending their youth programs. They have been doing a great job of creating engaging and fun activities.

The annual Kid City event took place in August at the fairgrounds. This is an event where we collaborate with the other Noble County librarians and share a fun booth. I am also on the planning committee for the event itself. Our candy land themed mini golf booth was a busy one. One of the librarians stayed busy making cotton candy. Our final attendance count was 622.

Leah and I attended the Digipalooza Overdrive conference in Cleveland in August. It was an informative conference that went over different access models, marketing tools, statistics, upcoming updates, and challenges facing library collections. We ran into some librarians that we knew and talked to ones we did not.

At the end of August, I also attended an area youth services round table at the Angola Carnegie Public Library. This new group began this year. I have found it to be a great space for sharing ideas.

Sincerely, Mary Graber

New Paint by Sticker Collection



Kid City Mini Golf



Egg Drop Homeschool Program

