

To: Renee Dougherty, Library Director
From: Brianna Belanger, Youth Services Librarian
Subject: July Operational Report
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I. PROGRAMS

- a. 50 people attended our Ramsdell Park story stroll on 7/7 and another 41 enjoyed the story stroll at Prestemon Park on 7/21.
- b. Outdoor story time at Prestemon Park continued this month. We had 34 total participants on 7/12 and 47 at our last session on 7/26. We will be on hiatus until 9/20 when we'll start up again with regularly scheduled indoor storytimes.
- c. Teens learned about the history and art of mandalas with a teaching artist from ArtStart on 7/13. This virtual, kit-based program reached 11 youth.
- d. We were invited to participate in a virtual, grant funded science camp in partnership with the Bakken Museum this year called Be an Engineer. 24 youth picked up supply kits in advance of the program and spent the week leading up to the virtual meeting solving two design challenges. Throughout the process, they learned about the design process and were introduced to different engineering careers. We were so grateful to be invited to participate.
- e. The library had a fishing booth activity at the Centennial Celebration on 7/17 and handed out 175 prizes.
- f. Growing Green Hearts offered a 3-day Growing Green Leaders day camp at Sullivan Park on 7/20, 7/21 and 7/22. 10 youth learned about prairie plants, made their own paper, and tested the water quality of Sullivan Lake while learning leadership skills and making new friends.
- g. 12 youth learned about birds while creating birdfeeders with ArtStart educators in a virtual program on 7/27.
- h. 7 youth came out to Ramsdell Park for Chemistry of Color put on by the Bakken Museum. Many of the kids at this program were also at the Growing Green Leaders program and a few made connections to the Art of Indigo Dye class we offered earlier this summer.

II. COLLECTION

- a. Book orders from *Growing Minds* 4/21 and 5/21, *Booklist* 4/1 and 4/15, Audiobooks, and Adds and Replacements.
- b. Weeding of picture books continues.

III. PROJECTS

- a. Planning fall programs.
- b. Managed summer program registration and reminder emails.
- c. Prepared and installed July story strolls.
- d. Managed Empower Youth Worker.
- e. Created Summer Reads book display.
- f. Finalized fall Heights Happenings copy.
- g. Prepared grab and go activity kits for youth.
- h. Took care of monarch caterpillar on display for public viewing.
- i. Worked on fall vendor contracts.
- j. Fall early literacy space plan.

IV. GRANTS, MEETINGS, COMMUNITY

- 7/6: Phone call with Erin from Pollinate MN

7/12: Centennial Celebration Final Planning Meeting

7/14: Mini Adventure Library Visit

7/17: City Centennial Celebration

7/28: ICS Summer Camp visit

V. STAFF

- a. Kelly Olson worked on book orders. She completed her usual tasks including magazines, receiving books, and purchase requests.
- b. Farrah Briest has been working on bulletin board and youth space fall ideas. She is also processing, working on selection tools, and creating monthly J Fiction book displays. Additionally, she is managing the summer lunch program.