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## **Program Highlights**

Patrons met Storm Troopers, Ewoks, and even a Jedi on Star Wars Day! Attendees took a vote to choose the dark side or the light side, construct a droid at the droid creation station, and listen to a story read by Kaukauna's very own Strawberry Mandalorian! One request; do not tell Darth Vader, but as it turns out, the library had all the droids they have been looking for! Participants were able to defy the odds and find them all for an exceptional Star Wars sticker.









Garden Storytime had its Friday debut for the month of May. Programmers kept the littles singing and dancing, and listening to stories while enjoying the spring weather. We continue to see a steady attendance for storytimes and are hopeful to see this trend reflected in Bright Babies.

## **Collaboration Fun**

In the library world, two things signify May: school visits and field trips! Staff traveled around to the Kaukauna area schools reading stories and boosting excitement for Summer Learning Program. Pokémon Day is a fast fan favorite and we expect a fabulous turnout!

The library also welcomed students from River View, Park Community Charter, and St. Ignatius Catholic Schools to give tours and allow time to browse the collection and check out books. These collaborations give Kaukauna youth a chance to make connections with library staff and become familiar with our facility, creating lifelong library users!

RVMS students made the trip to volunteer for the morning of May 26. Together, they assembled 500 science take-and-make kits for Summer Learning Program, prepped the incredible paper chain, and taped hands for the "Be the 'I' in Kind" display. With time to spare, the students even took to the parking lot and garden with plastic bags and gloves to clean up any trash laying around!



## **Continuing Education**

While May was a whirlwind, I did find time to fit in a STEM program education from the Space Science Institute. I was able to request an adapted webinar/zoom model of the training in place of a spontaneous trip to Utah. The Space Science Institute was incredible with their resource guides, and even with the lack of hands-on experimenting, I ended that training with new tools that can be applied to many of our existing, and future programs.