

Youth Services at a Glance

February 2024

Teacher Packs- 4

Youth Programs- 28

Youth Attendance- 705

General Interest Programs- 5

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Program Highlights

Weekly storytimes continue to draw a crowd in every age group. Bright Babies has had a substantial turnaround, with attendance almost tripled from last year! Patrons enjoy the opportunity for social time at the end and have relayed how wonderful all of our programmers are.

Kaukauna tweens continue to join in the ATLAS fun after school. Do the snacks bring them in? Most definitely. Do they stay for the crafts? Sometimes! Button making, Perler beads, and Shrinky Dinks are the true stars!

Once again, Miss Rachel was all the rage with a February Glow Dance Party! Little friends were encouraged to grab a glow stick and show off their best moves in our half-dark conference room. On a Thursday night, 72 participants took that request and, well, danced with it! We anticipate even more attendees when we repeat this party in July. Rave on!

The Teen Advisory Board held its first event in February with pizza and large games. With a total of 12 in attendance and 3 new members, we are eager to see where this group goes!



Fig. 1 Teens enjoying the TAB Meet and Greet

Collaboration Fun

The moon was bright, the sky was clear, and the wind was blowing for our Moonlight Hike, but that did not stop 101 of Kaukauna's finest from enjoying a warm fire and a s'more (or two) after a hike along the boardwalk this February. Attendees shared stories around the fire with plenty of laughter and good vibes.

To say the Tanner Family Extravaganza was a success would be a gross understatement. The event ran from 5:30-6:30 PM, and we saw 323 participants in that hour! There were several stations to explore, encouraging families to visit all library areas. In adult fiction, attendees could find a family engineering challenge, a physics challenge, and a read-aloud station. In the conference room, they could find a bookmark creation station, penny spinners, and refreshments! A few large games were scattered in the children's department, and we offered a few reserved tables in adult nonfiction for families seeking a quiet space. This event truly

highlighted what an amazing and supportive community we have!



Fig 2. Clockwise from left: A engineering challenge; bookmarks; Principal physics challenge; The refreshment table; Miss Tanner Tigers; Happy faces checkers.



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