

Youth Services at a Glance

November & December 2023, January 2024

Teacher Packs- 9

Youth Programs- 55

Youth Attendance- 1507

General Interest Programs- 14

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Program Highlights

The monthly dance party took on a new beat with Kids Zumba in November. Kaukauna's eager workout-ready friends sashayed and followed steps together, encouraging healthy habits and exercise!

Did you say Mario Mayhem? With 146 attendees, mayhem it was! The community had a blast taking turns racing on the Switch in the teen lab, creating their character tubes, and throwing fireballs at evil Koopa and his pals. A scavenger hunt around the library did not disappoint, rewarding patrons with super fun vinyl Mario stickers.

It could not be November without Dinovember! In addition to the Dinovember Reading Challenge, we added a few passive activities. After less than one painstaking hour of painting, an erupting volcano appeared on the teen lab windows! We provided window markers, prompted the teens to add features to the scene, and ended up with positive messages, incredible drawings, and a new batch of dedicated KPL teen visitors. We also added a Dino Guess Challenge to the front desk where 77 patrons placed their best guess. What a hit!

Tu habla espanol? At the end of the year, we introduced two new cultural programs, Bilingual Storytime and Intro to Salsa. With increased attendance in January, we anticipate good numbers in the future months.

The library joined the sugary sweet fun of the new Wonka movie with Wonka Day. There were 266 patrons, including the Mayor! Giant Candyland, everlasting gobstoppers, movies, and a golden ticket, oh my!

Hunting is not allowed in the library, unless you have a yak infestation! Yaks in the Stacks added a little sunny humor to our December, with 83 friends on the prowl, eager to win a prize for their hard work.

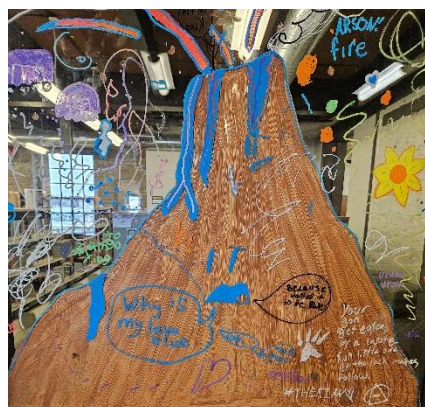
A little rebranding for our STEAM program and Little Learners Lab is now boasting 20+ every two weeks! We added video snippets from past labs to our social media and cut the program down from weekly to every other week starting in January.

Collaboration Fun

Miss Donna traveled to H. B. Tanner Elementary School this November to share her Yoga Storytime with the kindergarteners. A few tree poses later and 44 little friends were calm as cucumbers.

All of Kaukauna had their eyes on the sky for Eagle Days in January. Attendees could walk along the river and read *On Eagle Cove* by Jane Yolen, create their eagle puppet, or join one of two educational discussions. Kim Cackowski presented on the eagle's importance in indigenous cultures and shared traditional bergamot tea with the group. Delicious warm or cold! Wildlife of Wisconsin was onsite to present with a few live raptors. They spent an hour captivating the audience with tales of bravery and compassion, encouraging a mindset of conservation in future generations.

One of the most exciting bits from November is the creation of our very first teen advisory board! A special thank you to Kevin for helping to recruit six of the coolest high school students in Kaukauna. We have been meeting monthly in the high school. Our first official event is in February!



(Clockwise from left): Teen designs on a teen lab window; An inside look at the volcano on the teen lab window;