

Youth Services at a Glance

August 2024

Teacher Packs- 4

Youth Programs- 11

Youth Attendance- 1613

General Interest Programs- 11

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Program Highlights

Adventure and fun were on the agenda for our Narwhal and Jelly Party at the library this August. From sun butter waffles to a colorful tusk toss, everyone had a fin-tastic time! Attendees were invited to make a jellyfish hat and create other ocean-themed crafts throughout the event.

The Glow Dance Party was an energetic blast. Patrons of all ages lit the room with vibrant glow sticks while Mr. Gavin played the music. On a warm Thursday evening, 50 attendees came in to showcase their finest moves. This type of library event helps to promote physical activity while fostering connections within the community. The memories made here will last a lifetime!

Creativity abounds when one enters Kaukauna Public Library's Cardboard Kingdom! There was no shortage of boxes or tape, but markers were the key to unlocking 105 little imaginations. Adventurers were challenged to find the cozy reading nook and write their names inside. While dismantling the kingdom, "bes day evr" was found, a reminder that we continually provide quality experiences in everything we do.

School has begun! More importantly, Summer Learning Program is packed and put away until next year. We traveled and explored, we learned and grew together. Every program and challenge brought new excitement to our patrons. Throughout the summer we gave away 900 take-and-make kits and over 2200 books. Our participation numbers doubled from last summer in all youth age groups. Every school visit or outreach event we attend,

every field trip we host, and every program we hold, helps build anticipation for SLP and fosters a lifelong love of learning and reading!

Collaboration Fun

Programs tend to slow down near the end of August but our Fairy Walk still has us flying! Attendance was slightly lower this year with just over 600 friends making their way to 1000 Islands Environmental Center for the annual Fairy Walk. Visitors could choose from several stations to join the whimsical forest fun, even Tinkerbell was there! This year, Zoomalata and Friends crafted one-of-a-kind balloon masterpieces while lines formed for fairy hair and face paint. DJ Dan was there to play lively music while friends danced in the bubbles, many donning fairy wings. Dancing and fun can create a snack hole, and Carnival Time was there to fill it! For a quiet moment, patrons were encouraged to walk through the enchanted fairy house garden and vote for their favorite. Three best-in-show houses were announced and their respective builders received Pagoni's gift certificates. Other stations included a forest fairy hunt, fairy crafts, and an inflatable obstacle course. A special thank you to Kaukauna Utilities for their second year as the sole sponsor of this lighthearted community event.