

# Youth Services at a Glance

March 2025

Teacher Packs- 4

Youth Programs- 35

Youth Attendance- 14

General Interest Programs- 936

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## Program Highlights

Weekly storytimes are a big hit in Kaukauna! Each storytime includes important components of early literacy, including print awareness, letter knowledge, and phonological awareness. By engaging children with interactive storytelling, books, and songs, we help develop listening skills, vocabulary, and a love of reading. We continue to see an impressive turnout for storytimes.

Spring break for the Kaukauna Area School District means escape rooms and scavenger hunts for the Kaukauna Public Library. Over 150 patrons attempted to escape the teen lab, with youth librarians learning many lessons. This drop-in activity quickly outgrew our vision, but we are wiser and better prepared to host another escape room in the fall!



Escape room participants solving puzzles and working together.

## Community Outreach & Collaboration

School kiddos love library field trips! Tanner Early Learning Center 4K classrooms came for a library visit, and these young friends sure put a “spring” in our step! Be sure to stop in and see all their colorful artwork decorating the library, welcoming the warmer weather. Reading buddies from Freedom Elementary School also came for a library visit. They checked out books, toured the library, and ended with friends making plans for a return trip.



4K students adding details to the spring gardens.

The Kidz Expo was held in March this year, giving families something free and fun to do early in the season. Over 1500 attendees stopped by the library booth for games, crafts, and fun fidgets! Appleton Public Library helps staff and supply the booth, making it possible for us to be part of this event every year. United Way Fox Valley invited the library to join its Spring into Summer event at Menasha High School, and we are so glad we did! With carnival games and prize choices, our table was the spot to be. Outreach events are vital to promoting connections with organizations and connecting patrons with library services. These events help promote literacy and lifelong learning and strengthen community relationships.



Left: Friends stopping by at the United Way Spring into Summer event.

Right: Fun and games at the Kidz Expo, with a special visit from APD!

