

Youth Services at a Glance

October 2025

Teacher Packs- 2

Youth Programs- 34

Youth Attendance- 1596

General Interest Programs- 12

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Program Highlights

This year the library celebrated Ducktober and it was a quacking good time! With a library-wide rubber duck hunt and a giant rubber duck drawing we had over 200 patrons waddling in to take part in the fun. Library staff were also tasked with disguising rubber ducks for a fundraising opportunity. The public was asked to vote for their favorite duck, and all proceeds would support our Summer Lunch Program, with the help of our fabulous community, we raised a grand total of \$724.56!

To celebrate the season the library held a spooky storytime complete with a craft and the always popular Monster Mash. This program ran concurrently with the Trail of Terror, giving the youngest friends an opportunity to participate without all the scares. We also held our first ever costume parade inside the library on Halloween. This was well attended and fun not just for the participants, but library staff and patrons alike. Parade attendees had several stops throughout the route, with trinket bags, take-and-make kits, and a surprise dinosaur, before heading out to enjoy the decorated Learning Garden.

Community Outreach & Collaboration

This year the library collaborated with 1000 Islands Environmental Center to create the first haunted trail: The Trail of Terror. This free community event featured a bonfire and smores for all ages and a haunted trail on the boardwalk for ages 12 and up. In planning this event we had our goal of 100 people and reached 457 instead! Attendees walked the boardwalk in groups, dimly lit with torches, while volunteer scarers lurked in the shadows waiting to terrify those who passed by. Be sure to face your fears next October and walk the trail for the second annual Trail of Terror...if you dare!