

Youth Services at a Glance

May 2026

Teacher Packs- 2

Youth Programs- 354

Youth Attendance- 3064

General Interest Programs- 9

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Youth Highlights

Summer Learning Program

May means classroom visits and library field trips, and the chaos is worth it! Youth department staff take the month to buckle down on summer prep, take a breath from regular programming, and promote the Kaukauna Public Library's Summer Learning Program to the community. We are fortunate enough to visit all the elementary schools in the district as well as a special stop at St. Ignatius. Each classroom has dedicated library time where we pop in and talk about all the fabulous upcoming events and get kiddos excited to read over the summer for prizes. We coordinate with the school Library Media Specialists to schedule our visits and end up seeing over 1700 elementary students!

The students from River View Middle School walk with their English Language Arts teachers to hear our SLP talk, play trivia for candy (always a hit!), and spend a little time browsing library collections and exploring the space. Having the students here gives many of them the opportunity to see what we offer and encourages them to visit over the summer. This year we had over 800 middle school students here, with many signing up for library cards and checking out materials.

This year we reformatted the entire Summer Learning Program to be fully reading based. Many of the students we talked to were incredibly excited about the change with one student exclaiming "This is so much better!" and dozens of other students echoing this sentiment. We are hopeful that we will see increased participation for all ages this summer and we are ready to Unearth a Story in Kaukauna!

Below: 8th grade classrooms from River View Middle School during their browsing time at the Kaukauna Public Library



