

## **Youth Services at a Glance**

Teacher Packs- 3

Youth Programs- 28

Youth Attendance- 855

General Interest Programs- 4

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## **Youth Program Highlights**

March is exciting from the very first day because of...SEUSS WEEK! Dr. Seuss' birthday is March 2nd and that means a variety of Seuss-themed crafts throughout the week in the Children's Department. Creative fun set



the mood for March, spurring a craft buffet early in the month where 13 attendees cut, colored, and glued ideas to life. We closed March with a mellow drop-in craft that brought in 30 patrons to make their own rainbows and bring a little color after such a snowy winter!



As we know, taking time to learn how to be mindful is an important part of mental health. Learning to be mindful can be started at any stage of life; Miss Donna's Yoga Storytime gave 29 attendees the opportunity this month to take a mindful break with silly songs, relaxing stretches, and a ukulele!

Storytimes continue to bring in around 100 patrons each week, but those are rookie numbers! We are currently brainstorming ideas to attract attention to our Bright Babies Storytimes on Tuesday mornings. Many programmers have noticed the same trends throughout all of our storytime programs; only roughly half of the children attending are within the recommended age for each program, and many attendees are groupings with various differing age ranges and choose to attend the program geared towards the older children.

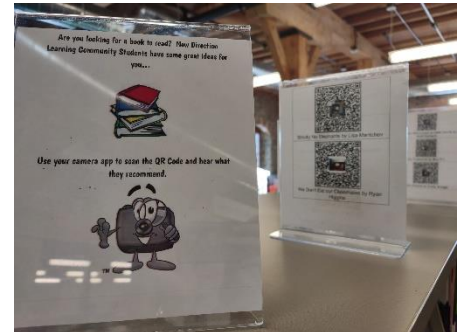


*Steam Storytime with Ms. Kim gives young patrons the opportunity to explore various tools and basic concepts.*

By the time March ends, children are filled with spring fever, and Miss Rachel's Spring Fling is the solution! Forty of Kaukauna's finest dancers gathered to groove and left grinning, and even a little sweaty, after this upbeat playlist ran its course.

## **Collaboration Fun**

The first grade students from New Directions Learning Community recorded book recommendations based on favorite books from the year. We displayed the recordings in the Children's Department as QR codes that, when scanned, would play the video giving suggestions for other books a reader might enjoy. Many NDLC families made time for a special trip to find and play their child's video. This was such a treat!



I attended Park Community Charter School's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration to represent the library and talk about recent and upcoming collaborations. Attendees were able to grab Kaukauna Library program brochures and look at binders students assembled with collections of past program partnerships we have shared.

Fourth grade students worked hard during their author study unit at Park Community Charter School this month and asked to share their work with a library presentation. We then displayed their posters for the week, providing another opportunity for families to stop in for a visit.

The Kaukauna Library Little Free Pantry had some sprucing up when Girl Scouts Troop 2444 completed their community service project. The troop came toting toiletry to-go bags, boxes of donated canned goods, and free reusable bags. Their act of kindness did not stop there; each bag contained a heartfelt,

handwritten card with a positive message.



*Girl Scout Troop 2444 poses with the hygiene bags they assembled for the Kaukauna Library Little Free Pantry*

### **Continuing Education**

I am ever-searching for more knowledge and this month that search brought me to Hoot Con! I was able to spend time networking ideas on new and engaging teen programs, and exploring the variety of options to make the most out of basic craft supplies. We dove into the current challenges for inclusivity in public libraries and how we can, as librarians, maintain and continue creating a space for all. I continue to make professional connections to broaden the opportunities we can provide with our youth programs.