

Youth Services at a Glance

January 2025

Teacher Packs- 5

Youth Programs- 17

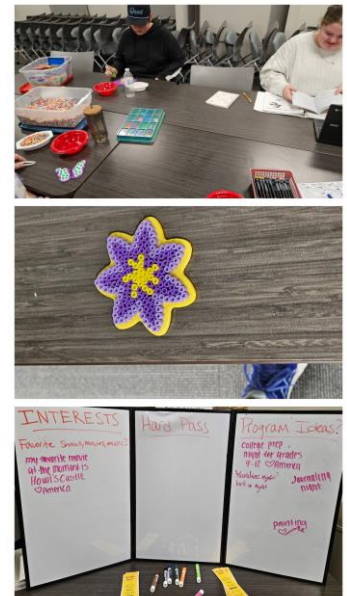
Youth Attendance- 328

General Interest Programs- 8

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Program Highlights

Library Assistant Programmer Casey Woodward is taking on the teens! Figuratively of course. The Teen Advisory Board spent time brainstorming potential program ideas in January. Snacks and 80's jams paired with mindful activities cured the cold weather blues for the evening. The group hopes to boost teen interest in all library programs, but chose to focus on the Teen Write Club as their first mission with a writing contest! Teens are encouraged to join one of the Teen Write Club meetings for ideas and editing. The submission deadline for the Young Adult Writing Content is April 13th and the winner will have their entry published in the Times Villager.



January means Lunar New Year drop-in crafts! The station included printed banners on red cardstock with traditional Chinese character phrases and gold markers to decorate the banners. Red and gold symbolize good fortune, joy, and wealth, and are displayed on and around the front door during Lunar New Year. We also provided books specific to this cultural celebration. Encouraging families to continue the educational learning in the library or at home. Library patrons can find our KASD no-school day drop-in crafts and activities in the youth department during operational hours.

Mindful Teens (above)

Homeschool Heroes caught the chemistry buzz, gathering one of the biggest crowds yet! Little hands learned how to measure and mix to create the perfect bath bomb for bathtime. Problem solving skills and teamwork were on the agenda, but fun was the outcome! Will there be more chemistry in our homeschool future? Ion positive! (A little chemistry joke for you)

Community Outreach & Collaboration

Once again, we participated in the annual Eagle Days celebration at 1000 Islands Environmental Center. This year, we chose to keep our portion of the day at the nature center. This helped cut down on any location questions and helped to increase our participation numbers. The library provided the pages for *On Eagle Cove* by Jane Yolen for the Storybook Walk along the boardwalk trail, and all the materials needed for attendees to craft a pinecone eaglet. Native American Outreach Librarian Kim Cackowski presented on the significance of eagles and the traditions behind becoming an eagle feather holder. Patrons were able to walk through the process at their own speed with presentation boards and follow up with questions afterward.