

Youth Services at a Glance

August 2026

Teacher Packs- 0

Youth Programs- 17

Youth Attendance- 1560

General Interest Programs- 13

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Youth Highlights

Fairy Walk

This August our annual Fairy Walk event was a truly magical evening! With beautiful weather and a wonderful turnout, families enjoyed exploring 1000 Islands outdoor spaces while celebrating imagination, creativity, and the natural world. We had 16 fabulous fairy house submissions, and all attendees were invited to place their voting stones in the jar for their favorite. The grounds held several craft stations this year including the popular flower crown table and a special station led by nature center staff, plus many other enchanting activities for all ages. We set up large games in the yard, but the inflatable obstacle course was the place to be. Tinkerbell joined the fun reading stories to participants and stopping for pictures. This event is not only a great way to create family and community connections but also for the library to raise funds for future community events. We are grateful to our community for joining us and helping make this beloved annual tradition such a success!



Above: A few of the fairy house submissions for Fairy Walk 2026

Wild West Escape Room

Summer is a great time to explore other programs for library staff. This year, Casey brought adventure, teamwork, and a little bit of the frontier to the library with a wild west themed escape room! Participants stepped into the role of outlaws and adventurers, working together to solve puzzles, uncover clues, and complete challenges before their time ran out. This immersive theme created an exciting experience that encouraged problem-solving, communication, and creativity. It was a rootin' tootin' good time for all!

Summer Library Program

The numbers are in! This summer we had an increase in both the preschool and teen participants for SLP. The new format filled the mission to reduce the summer slide and keep students reading all summer long. All ages enjoyed collecting coupons and redeeming for exciting prizes along the way and had more chances to win the grand prizes. The library's summer reading program was a tremendous success this year, bringing families together and encouraging literacy skills. Strong attendance and enthusiastic participation reflected the community's continued support and excitement for library programming. Beyond the numbers, the summer program created meaningful opportunities for children, teens, and families to build memories, discover new interests, and develop a lasting connection with the library. We look forward to continuing to grow and improve SLP each summer.

Below: Some very happy SLP grand prize winners!

