

# Youth Services at a Glance

February 2026

Teacher Packs- 3

Youth Programs- 32

Youth Attendance- 688

General Interest Programs- 12

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## Youth Highlights

### Scavenger Hunts

One of the most popular and requested passive activities at the library are scavenger hunts. Each month we feature a new hunt for a small prize. One of our favorites was the mindful moments hunt for February. Each pose was simple enough for preschool friends to try or they could take 3 deep breaths to calm their bodies. Scavenger hunts get patrons to different spots throughout the youth department and occasionally throughout the library. Storytime friends look forward to their chance to find all the hidden pictures and many of our middle school students even participate!

### Take Your Child to the Library Day

This February marked the 15th year of this special day. In an effort to bring families to the library and encourage literacy at home, we opted to participate and planned a variety of activities. A book display and several stations were scattered throughout the youth department with several grab and go options. Attendees could craft a bird's nest like Elephant and Piggie or design a pizza like Pete the Cat to share with friends. Next year, we plan to add more fun!

### Library Lovers Month

February is National Library Lovers' Month and what a perfect time to celebrate our amazing patrons! All month long, patrons could enter to win a book bag filled with goodies for their age group. We featured one for preschool, one for school-age, and two for teens and adults. Winners were pulled and notified with a live drawing and a follow-up phone call.

### Storytime at 313 Dodge

Something new and fun! After a successful December storytime, we were invited to host a monthly storytime at 313 Dodge Café and Lounge. We meet in the side room, with many

grownups grabbing some morning beverages. Families enjoy stories and songs together, and finish with a simple craft. Each family walks away with a coupon to use during a return visit.



*Visitors at 313 Dodge taking turns creating bookmarks after the storytime.*