

# Youth Services at a Glance

Teacher Packs- 5

Youth Programs- 17

Youth Attendance- 370

General Interest Programs- 6

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## Program Highlights

Toddler Time was the start of our fall programming at the library. This monthly program offers stations for toddlers and their adults to explore a variety of activities focused on expanding their large motor, small motor, and sensory skills. For September, the theme was all about fall! From matching apples to raking leaves, all 36 patrons left with smiles. Daily storytimes also began mid-month, gaining attendees each week!

Kaukauna Public Library hosted our first-ever Comic-Con at the end of September. I have dreams of growing this event into something spectacular for our community! We only had 15 attend our 4-hour event, but that will not stop Kaukauna Public Library! Bigger and better for next year!



Fig 1. Working with hot glue



Fig 2. Tweens at the craft station



Fig 3. A strange adult

No month is complete without one of Miss Rachel's famous Sing-alongs! Over 50 of Kaukauna's music lovers gathered in the conference room to sing and dance on a Friday morning, filling this old mill with smiles and laughter.

This fall also began the new Homeschool Heroes program. Adult Services Librarian James led the first session, a Tech Introduction class, where he highlighted library apps and online services we help to offer homeschool families. There were 17 students in our first class; we changed the registration from series to session, hoping to increase attendance.

## Collaboration Fun

Autumn Adventure at Piece Park welcomed area libraries to engage with local families on a Thursday evening. This event boasted free meals and plenty of fun for everyone! We collaborated with Appleton Public Library and read *Fall Is Not Easy* by Marty Kelley to the children while they decorated their own trees using colorful doobers. Over 100 patrons stopped by for program guides, commenting on the ease of our bookmark style.

1000 Islands invited the library to host a table in their second annual Focus on the Fox. We set up a pop-up library, introduced the indigenous connection to the Fox River with an interactive fishing board, and had supplies set out to make door hangers shaped like lightbulbs to remind passersby to turn off the lights! There were 36 visitors to our stations and 18 books checked out at this fun-filled event.

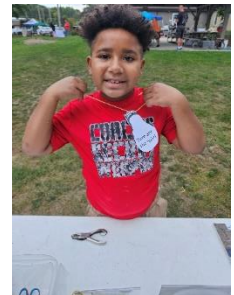


Fig 4. A visitor and their door hanger



Another new and exciting collaboration with the nature center that began this fall is our monthly Survival Saturdays program. The Boy Scouts of Kaukauna led a small group of participants through the basics of fire building. We supplied charred wood, cedar tinder, a variety of fire starters, and a tray to start their fires in, ensuring we left the area safe before ending the program.



Fig 5. A proud fire builder

The library made an appearance at the Fox Cities Marathon this year. Staff was there sporting our official unofficial KPL mascot costumes to participate in the Mascot Race. Fang came out ahead, but KPL had the last laugh as a crowd favorite. Uni and Rex for the win!

Fig 6. Rex the KPL Dino and Uni the KPL

Unicorn

## **Professional Development**

September was low-key for continuing education. The BadgerLink webinar was a perfect addition to the month, detailing the excellent material they supply online for public libraries. This information source is one of those helpful gems we could share with our new and returning homeschool families. All webinars and conferences I attend have positive impacts on my role. I always walk away with new tools to implement and information to share.