

Youth Services at a Glance

Teacher Packs- 10

Youth Programs- 34

Youth Attendance- 1034

General Interest Programs- 12

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Program Highlights

Our five weekly storytimes continue to bring new patrons to Kaukauna Public Library with a steady attendance increase each week. Where we previously saw a decline in both the Bright Babies and STEAM storytimes, October showed a jump in numbers. We anticipate another jump in the coming months due to Appleton closing, a sad but small win for KPL.



October brought the history of fiber arts to life for the Homeschool Heroes students. They learned how to spin raw wool into yarn using a drop spindle and saw the evolution of the sewing needle.

Fig 1. Homeschool Heroes spinning.

As expected, Miss Rachel's Halloween Dance Party brought 183 costumed dancers to Monster Mash their way around the conference room. Each friend chose candy or a spooky ring to ease the transition home.



Fig 2. Having fun at the Halloween Dance Party.

Collaboration Fun

A few invites to family nights provided the perfect opportunity to connect with KASD families early this school year. We issued fourteen new library cards between Victor Haen and Electa Quinney Elementary Schools.

This year we participated in the Women's Auxiliary Trunk or Treat at River View Middle School. The KPL T-rex made an appearance, encouraging all attendees to try their luck with our spooky-themed beanbag toss. Everyone walked away a winner!



Fig 3. Trunk or Treat attendees taking turns. friends.

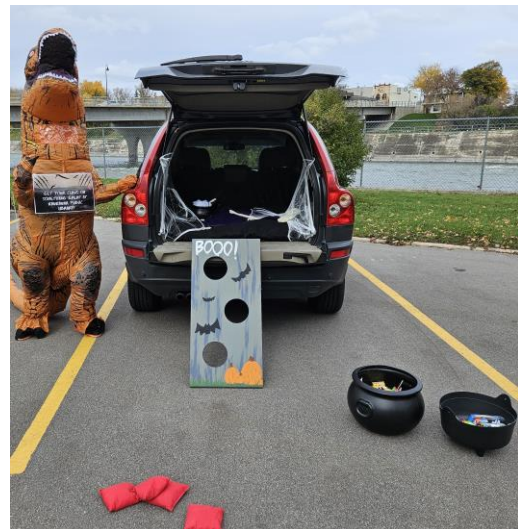


Fig 4. The KPL T-rex and a waiting for friends

Kaukauna Public Library collaborated with The Boys and Girls Club of the Fox Valley Home Base program's campaign: Youth on the Move, bringing awareness to runaway and homeless youth in the area by displaying green footprints in the window. These footprints help youth to identify safe spaces and remind them that they do not walk alone.

Professional Development

I attended the Wisconsin Library Association annual conference at the end of October. Each session was filled with collaboration and idea sharing, igniting a fire

to reimagine how to better engage with patrons without burying yourself in to-do lists. Passive programming is an ideal way to involve a greater percentage of the community and keep things simple. Many interactive displays can be modified to fit different themes or seasons. These simple shifts utilize less time and funding, following the motto of “using what you have”.