

Youth Services at a Glance

September 2026

Teacher Packs- 2

Youth Programs- 20

Youth Attendance- 461

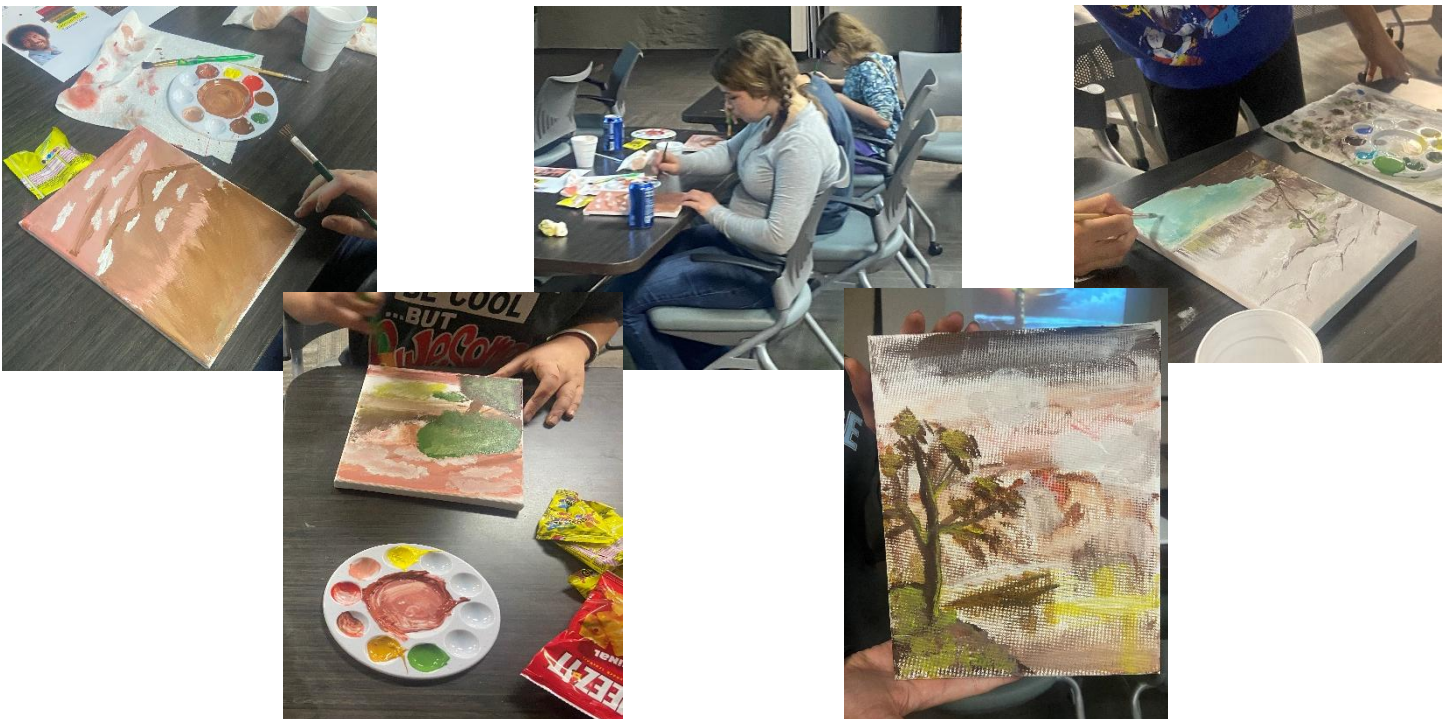
General Interest Programs- 7

General Interest Attendance- 238

Youth Highlights

Teens

This September we introduced a monthly teen newsletter that is currently distributed at both the high school and the middle school. Our intention is to engage with teens aged 12 and up and hopefully encourage and increase attendance at our teen events. Each month a new newsletter is sent to the Library Media Specialists at both schools and highlights the upcoming teen event. Casey takes the time to add book recommendations and a little blurb about her role or the library itself. We include a puzzle, other monthly programs that welcome teens, and a tiny hidden toad that teens can find and redeem for a prize. As of now, we are seeing a slight increase in teen program attendance!



Above: Teen masterpieces from their Bob Ross inspired paint night, featuring Gushers

STEAM Storytimes

Beginning this fall, our Thursday storytimes are focused on hands-on learning and exploration in all areas of STEAM. Kim alternates between Little Learners, which keeps the focus on science, technology, and engineering, and Creative Kids, which switches gears to art and media. Both offerings are marketed for our preschool-aged library friends, often attended by homeschool families as well. Program plans have been modified and adapted to fit multiple ages and abilities and are often used during school field trips and summer programs. Each week a new skill is highlighted and paired with books and learning resources to take home and further their exploration.

Survival Skills

As we kick off the third year of teaching survival skills, we are reminded that this program draws in attendees of all ages and skill levels. This series is in collaboration with the 1000 Islands Environmental Center with the Scouts helping to develop, and often lead groups, alongside library programmer John. These sessions are valuable in many ways, not just for those in attendance, but for the Scouts to take what they learn and present to others, gaining skills in communication, partnership, and problem-solving. Families with children of all ages, single patrons, and groups of friends have frequented our Survival Skills sessions and walk away with tools that they can carry with them throughout their lives. Each month features a different skill that focuses on surviving in all weather conditions and utilizing what you bring with you and what you can find while in the natural environment. Recommended reading lists and resources are shared, with many participants returning to the library to seek out additional information. We look forward to expanding our offerings and continuing this valuable community collaborative program!

Below: A few successful fire-builders

