

Youth Services at a Glance

March 2024

Teacher Packs- 2

Youth Programs- 34

Youth Attendance- 994

General Interest Programs- 4

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Program Highlights

Storytimes, field trips, and dance parties, oh my! March was a busy month at Kaukauna Public Library. As we wrap up spring and prepare for summer, our programming gears shift a little. Never fear, KPL always has something planned for everyone!



Fig 1. The display on the teen lab windows for

March

With over 40 patrons on a Thursday night, Miss Rachel explored a small part of the world of instruments. Attendees were encouraged to test the variety of music makers while energetic songs played in the background. I have heard that the loudest instruments were the favorite.

Bilingual Storytime is picking up traction with 34 attendees this month! Participants of all ages enjoy hearing stories in both English and Spanish. Little friends love dancing and learning the colors, numbers, and letters en Espanol!

Collaboration Fun

The 4K classrooms from D.H Tanner Elementary School enjoyed a short bus ride to the library for a spring-themed storytime. After stories and songs, each class worked together to create colorful garden scenes. Imagination soared in the conference room as kiddos switched between

colors and media choices to add a variety of flowers and bugs, even the grown-ups joined in! Be sure to take a walk through the library to spot all the garden patches we have growing. Although, I wouldn't recommend stopping to smell these particular flowers.

This March 1000 Islands Environmental Center and Kaukauna Public Library teamed up for the first annual Survivor Saturday. With the help of scout leaders, staff, high school volunteers, and regular volunteers, almost 50 participants survived the day! Attendees were able to complete individually or as a group and were tasked with completing 4 challenges; build a fire, build a shelter, complete the orienteering challenge, and tie one of four basic knots. Finished cards were turned in and two lucky survivors took home a survival kit.



Fig 2. Scout leader Steve demonstrates a proper knot.



Fig 3. Participants work together on the orienteering challenge.

Professional Development

March is Hoot Con month! I embarked on the long journey to the Little Chute Public Library with fellow staff members to further my knowledge and connect with other librarians. I left with a few takeaways and key points that we could use as discussion points and best practices for all staff at KPL. One phrase I will continue to hold onto is this, “a customer service experience can either make your whole day or ruin it.” And with that, please enjoy, or have a hoot, at the newest office plant.



Fig 4. Mildred the Office Plant.