

Youth Services at a Glance

January 2026

Teacher Packs- 2

Youth Programs- 20

Youth Attendance- 503

General Interest Programs- 6

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Youth Highlights

Haen Outreach

In January, Victor Haen Elementary held an open house for their new 4K classrooms, opening for the 2026-2027 school year. Library staff was able to engage with each family as they completed the school scavenger hunt and meet the newest Haen Hawks! The very next week was the Haen Family Night, and again library staff brought some fun with a giant bookmark station complete with lamination. We are so grateful for outreach events that provide an excellent opportunity to promote upcoming library programs and connect with our amazing community members.

Art Club

A big welcome to library assistant Madeline as she steps in to lead Art Club! We are excited for a new friendly face to help guide participants through some amazing art creations this spring! She has already showcased her skills through a variety of library projects and brings an unmatched joy and enthusiasm to this program.

Dance Night

Dance classes at the library started this month with Allison from DanzArte. This is a free opportunity for all ages to experience the joy of dance and movement while learning the steps to a variety of dance styles. Participants learned the Merengue, and next up is the Bachata. Allison brings years of expertise and an ease of learning without pressure. Be sure to join in the fun on the first Wednesday each month from 6:30 to 7:30 - hope to see you there!

Play Area Switcheroo

The play area is one of the most popular stops at the library. We see hundreds of little friends each month enjoying this space. As youth staff, we know how important dramatic play is for social and emotional growth. We have dedicated some time to plan a few changes every 3-4 months to keep this area fresh and exciting, while promoting imaginative play. In January, we

opted to transform the play area to become a post office and grocery store, complete with a checkout station, shopping bags, shipping boxes, letters, and stamps! We have noticed an increase in parallel play and many friends exploring with invitations to play with new friends. This excitement has also inspired many grownups to join in the fun too. Changes with intention create play with intention and as libraries continue to evolve as community spaces, our efforts in play areas are necessary to highlight the importance of play as a learning opportunity.



Attendees at the Haen Family Night taking some time to color a custom giant bookmark