

Youth Services at a Glance

May 2025

Teacher Packs- 1

Youth Programs- 92

Youth Attendance- 2408

General Interest Programs- 7

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Program Highlights

The community celebrated all things Star Wars in May with Revenge of the Sixth. Members from the Wisconsin Garrison 501st donned their character costumes and spent the evening posing for pictures and joining in on library duties. The KPL Spaceport was teaming with themed activities. Patrons could make glow-in-the-dark lightsaber bookmarks, craft rebel spaceships and attempt to destroy the Death Star, and stop in the Cantina for Wookiee Cookies and Yoda Soda. Of course, prizes were awarded to those who were able to complete Palpatine's Order 66 and find all the Jedi hidden in the library. *(See right)*



Camp Read S'more was s'more fun than we could have imagined! Patrons were invited to share stories and sing songs around the fire with youth programmer Casey. Cozy decorations turned the conference room into the outdoors for this evening storytime filled with camping fun, complete with walking s'mores and crafts.

Community Outreach & Collaboration

The Park Community Spring Showcase brought school families to the library during the spring book sale in May. This year, we hosted the event, allowing families to explore the library while celebrating the amazing things their students accomplished throughout the school year. Staff from Kaukauna Utilities, 1000 Islands Environmental Center, and the Grignon Mansion also joined for the evening to showcase their participation in place-based learning, allowing

families the opportunity to see what students are learning and experiencing in one location.
(See images below)



Summer is here, and that means May is filled with school visits and field trips! This is an excellent opportunity for the library to connect with Kaukauna students and promote the Summer Learning Program. In the last three weeks of school, youth staff presented to over 2,000 students ranging from preschool through eighth grade. The majority of SLP talks are off-site, but students from River View Middle School are invited to walk to the library and are allowed to browse and check out materials. (See images below) For anyone interested in a live retelling of *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds, see a youth programmer, as it might live in our minds permanently after this spring!

