

Lansing Youth Services Town Board Report April 2025

Robust Robots: This robot's program is very busy. Students have been thoroughly enjoying Sphero's robots and challenging themselves to travel long distances through the hallways. This has been quite a challenge as a carpet at the midway point can send the robots slightly off course, however they have still been able to travel two hallways with the goal of a third and landing on Bobcat Paw at the main entrance of the school, about 75 yards in total. Battling inside a hula hoop is still a popular competition and the new students have picked up the skills quickly. The Ozobot's robots have been traveling along very creative paths through pictures and names, and one group has added three sheets of paper to create a very elaborate course for the robots to follow. 9 youth served.

Outdoor Adventure: As the group is now able to go back to Salmon Creek, they are loving the new options for shelters as additional trees have blown down. One group is taking a try at creating a dugout shelter at the base of a freshly downed tree's root ball. Some students have continued their fossil search and discovered a significant deposit of Trilobites! Fish are just beginning their spawning runs up the creek, always a cool display of nature to witness. The youth employees have begun taking over the fire making, so treats are ready to be cooked almost daily. Coal burning has been introduced, and one participant has their sights set on making a bowl. The arriving spring is bringing new life to the area and there are visible changes from week to week. 12 youth served.

Gaming Creation: Participants in this program have been having a great time playing some games and creating their own. There is quite a range of games being made, some in the traditional style with moving around a game board and completing the actions at each space, a tabletop version of Angry Birds, launching a ball at a target, a 3-d chess cube, and a reading challenge game. Almost all games are going to have 3-d printed characters or pieces that they can paint to their liking. 10 youth served.

Iron Chef- Outdoor Edition: Iron chef has operated mostly outdoors, except when the weather keeps the group indoors. Participants have been cooking over the fire, making campfire apple pie, banana boats, and a custom hot dog bar. As the group has been kept inside for two days so far, one day was a cookie decorating contest and the other a personal pizza day. When the group gets back outdoors, they will be cooking Philly Cheesesteaks on an outdoor skillet. 12 youth served.

Youth Employment: Our Youth Employees have been doing a great job assisting with Lansing Youth Services programs, assisting with snack, managing materials in an orderly fashion for cooking, building fires and assisting with shelter construction, and leading the design portion of 3-d printing. We have added one new assistant to the afterschool programs and in the process of hiring another. Our library team is adding a new employee to the team in the coming weeks to train and learn with an apprentice. Youth Employment meetings will be focused around professional development, starting on communication skills with their supervisors and coworkers and etiquette surrounding a workplace environment. 11 youth served.