

Lansing Youth Services Town Board Report January 2025

Science Explorers/ The Sphero Sphere: Science explorers were busy each program day. This program will transition into “The Sphero Sphere”. This entirely new program will be based on using the Sphero robot. The activities will be scaffolded into lessons that build on the previous programs. Starting with the basics of direct live control, to two different types of programming, drag and drop programming and then writing basic Java Script to send the robots on their preplanned routes, even creating art with them!

Outdoor Adventure: Outdoor Adventure will continue with students who have been on the wait list, focusing on winter survival skills, and winter outdoor recreation activities that students can put into practice at home. Tracking and shelter construction always seem to be a priority for students and because fire is so critical, each student will make their own friction kit to bring home.

The Art Factory/ Dungeons and Dragons: Following such a successful holiday season for the Art Factory students, their well-deserved celebration will take place early in January where they can make or recreate projects, they made throughout the fall to bring home for themselves, and of course, have a good time celebrating the success of their Artisan Fair sales. Up next will be Dungeons and Dragons. This program is always popular with well-seasoned players as well as new participants who are just getting their feet wet in this magical world.

Delicious Desserts/ Mini-to-Major Olympics: Delicious Desserts concluded with a nice product for students to bring home and share with their families- chocolate chip cookies to start the holiday season. Several families have requested the recipe, a good sign that participants put their all into making them for their families. This program will transition to a version of Mini-Olympics. Daily competitions of modified Olympic events will transition to exploring other large-scale events, leading up to the annual Rural Youth Services Winter Olympics event that takes place in February.

Youth Employment: Youth employees will begin the new year in a variety of positions. There will be three to four teens assisting with Lansing Youth Services programs, including two new Dungeon Masters for the Dungeons and Dragons Program. Youth employees will continue at the Lansing Public Library, with at least one new student starting this January. Youth Employees will continue to assist in the Lansing High School Library, as well as working with the Lansing Rec. Department to help chaperone the Ice-Skating program that is offered to Elementary and Middle School Students.