

YOUTH SERVICES NARRATIVE

NOVEMBER 2016

November, despite the week of no programs around Thanksgiving, was crazy! I did three more outreach programs than usual: the Smith Middle School Fall Fest, the Swift Middle School Parent Night, and Gamecraft Mobile at the Lego Club. The Fall Fest was very well attended, and I'm excited to take part again next year! The Parent Night was rather slow, but they are holding another event in January that I might attend that is expected to be busier. I did my usual two daycare story times, as well as two book crates for Noah's Ark and WSUCC PreK.

I am in contact with Lori Paules, the librarian at Martic Elementary, to do a STEM station event there in February. We haven't chosen a date yet, but I intend to take some Legos, a couple of the new STEM kits, and a Danger Club experiment, in addition to Martic's new maker station. We plan to use the event both to feature the library's services, as well as the Maker Fair that the library is holding in April.

The Lego Festival, now titled Legopalooza, is officially a go! Wrightsdale Baptist, Solid Rock, the Quarryville Library, and the Elizabethtown Library are all signed up to have stations. I've called the Cecil County, MD, library system to see if any of their branches near the border would be interested, and Oxford Public Library is interested but need to confirm that they have someone who can staff their station. We intend to have Lego challenges at the stations, and kids who go to all the stations will be entered to win a prize.

The teen programs are going especially well. The teens are starting to bring their friends, which is a good sign. And the anime club has drawn folks from MD as well as PA! The flyers at Fergie's are paying off!

The Artist Cards have gotten a lot of attention, and I've seen at least 20 new ones arrive in the week or so since the station went up. I'm excited to see this program continue to grow.