

YOUTH SERVICES NARRATIVE

JANUARY 2017

January got off to a shaky start: I was sick the first week of the month, so I had to cancel the parachutes programs, as well as Teen Anime Club. Thank goodness for evening volunteers, or I would have need to cancel movie night as well.

The first Yoga Story Time went really well, with 6 young children and 3 adults taking part. There is nothing cuter than a toddler trying to balance on one foot. The program was run by myself and one of our storytellers, Kerri Kowal, with her daughter Iris acting as an assistant. We used the soft blocks from the Early Literacy Lab to assist with some of the poses. We plan to offer this program on the 3rd Friday of the month, as long as there is interest.

For outreach, I did my two daycare story times, as well as book crates for Noah's Ark and WSUCC PreK. I also am gathering classroom kits for Linville Hill Elementary about once per month. Additionally, I spoke to a mom's group that meets at Faith Reformed Presbyterian, and several of those in attendance expressed interest in coming to the library. My Martic Elementary STEM station program has been scheduled for February 8th. There will some Legos, a couple of the new STEM kits, a Danger Club experiment, and a Crazy 8s experiment, in addition to Martic's new maker station.

Maker Fest advertising has begun, with two makers signed up.

Legopalooza was a smash hit! 175 kids visited the Qville Library station, with an estimated total attendance of about 275 people. Not bad for three hours on a Saturday morning! Oxford Public Library supplied Legos, Aimee Nelson came down with Legos from Etown Public Library, and Solid Rock manned the free play and Oxford Lego Stations. Thanks to Wrightsdale Baptist for hosting!

The new Dungeons & Dragons program is going well, with 5 at the first meeting and nine at the second. Several of the Anime Club teens are playing, and one teen who does the Teen Leadership Group. The Teen Leadership Group wants to run a teen-led art camp this summer, where the teens will teach sculpture and oil painting. There will be a small fee for this program, to fund the supplies, but the teens are pretty excited. They are also doing a Talent Show in March.

I received a very interesting phone call about the Artist Card Program: a staff member at a nearby prison was hoping to find out if the prisoners could take part! She wrote down the card dimensions, and she'll bring down the art to do the trade. She's hoping the activity will help boost morale.