

YOUTH SERVICES NARRATIVE

MAY 2017

Much of May was spent either preparing for this year's Summer Reading Program—Build a Better World!--or finishing up my spring commitments.

The book deliveries and outreach story times have finished up for the season, as have the Linville Hill classroom kits. There were a total of 9 classroom kits and 17 book bin deliveries done from last September – this month. I plan on contacting both Shining Stars and WSUCC Preschool to schedule visits next school year, and Qville Headstart, WS PresK, and Noah's Ark for book bins.

I wrapped up the spring math club and Danger Club programs. I've already scheduled the fall meetings and am keeping my eyes open for new lesson ideas. I'm not sure that the math club will continue. There's been low enrollment for all the sessions, with only between 4-7 children at each club meeting. The clubs are designed for 12-16, so this is quite low. I've tried for two years, so it might be time to give up on that one.

I took part in my second annual Community Day at Swift Middle School, which was a lot of fun. I spoke to about 60 kids in 4 sessions. I also did my first ever Career Day at Smith Middle School, which was an adventure. I made a worksheet for the kids to do, rather than talk at them for 30 minutes (which I didn't want to do, and they didn't want to listen, I'm sure). I saw about 60 kids there as well. Overall, I think I got at least a few kids excited about the library. Plus, I got to go on tour, which was fun.

The Teen Group did a Pet Show this month. There were four dogs, a kitten, and a rabbit in the Carlson Room; teens, kids, and adults all came! I got to hold a kitten, so two thumbs up!

Chess Club attendance has been low. I'm going to give it the summer and fall. If we can't get attendance up, the program might become a seasonal (summer or fall only) program. I'm considering something similar with Lego Night: perhaps holding the program only in the summer and fall. Attendance was rather low in December – March.

Attendance has also been low at the Preschool Story Times on Thursdays, even though it happens opposite weeks from the ever-popular parachute programs. If attendance continues to be poor, Susan Bonekemper, the volunteer, will be discontinuing the program. This would reduce story times to Fridays only, every other week. The Friday story time is quite popular.