

YOUTH SERVICES NARRATIVE

OCTOBER 2017

General Updates

October saw the ramping up of special kids and teens programming, as well as my various outreach partnerships. Our Family Place workshop on Wednesday mornings was extremely well-attended all month. However, my Teen Read Week programming did not go well: it was experimental, so I'm glad I tried something new. The Junior Master Garden Club has been registered, and we are the only affiliated club in the state!

My partnership with the Solanco Title 1 office is going extremely well. As part of a P3 Grant, we are creating and deploying seven Community Libraries into the four elementary schools, as well as Solid Rock Youth Ministry and two local businesses: BB's Grocery and Musser's Market. They are based on the concept of Little Free Libraries and will be stocked with donated and free books from the library and the school's book donation program. I'm working with the elementaries to drum up volunteers to adopt the shelves and keep them stocked and neat.

As a result of my membership in the Transition Team, the library is hosting the Quarryville Head Start parent meetings in the second week of November. The teachers and I are hoping that this visit, followed by library tours, will encourage families to take advantage of our resources.

The dental program with St. Joseph CHI Children's Health is reaching its end. We've given out nearly 150 of the take-home kits thus far!

Outreach – Visits

My outreach story times began this month. I visited Willow Street UCC Preschool and Shining Stars Daycare. Starting in November, Susan Bonekemper will be visiting WSUCC, and I'll continue to visit Shining Stars.

I also took part in the Smith Middle School Career Day program, and presented information about working in a public library to about 60 middle school students. I put together a series of hands-on activities in lieu of speeches, which seemed to go over well with the majority of the kids.

Outreach – Classroom Kits and Book Bins

New book bins have been given to Quarryville Head Start and Willow Street Preschool, with 35 books between the two. Two classroom kits were gathered for Linville Hill's fourth and sixth grade classes, as well, with about 21 books total checked out for the month for classroom use.

Outreach – Future Plans

My November is very busy in regards to outreach visits and activities. The Smith Middle School Fall Fest gets things started. I'll also be attending the Solanco HS Parent Resources Night and the High School's Day of Service. Additionally, about a dozen HS students will be visiting the library on the Day of Service to help out with Tech Questions during our regularly-scheduled E-Training program. I've done some special advertising to hopefully encourage folks to come on that afternoon, given we'll have plenty of help on hand.

I'm also planning to take part in a STEAM night in February and a Literacy Week in March.