

# YOUTH SERVICES NARRATIVE

DECEMBER 2017

## **General Updates**

The Community Bookshelf program is humming right along! The Musser's volunteer has reported that her shelf is receiving a steady supply of donations. Coupled with the weeding library books—especially craft and cookbooks and children's books—and donations that are too old or too "loved" to sell, we have a good stash set aside. The BB's Shelf was so busy that we had to get a second volunteer to stop in! There are now two volunteer checks a week at that location.

Parachute Games attendance picked up in December, so I'm going to continue to offer it. Decreasing my evening programming during the fall and winter has been working very well, given my increased roles as co-interim director.

I am not offering Danger Club this spring, as fall attendance was middling at best.

I'm in the midst of planning the Summer Reading activities, including more Saturday morning programs and reinstating Lego Club.

## **Outreach – Visits**

My outreach story times continued in December. We read stories about the Gingerbread Man, and I discovered that the original ending to the fairy tale is NOT popular with the wee ones. I visited Willow Street UCC Preschool in place of Susan Bonekemper, whose husband and longtime library support Ed passed suddenly this month. I also visited Shining Stars Daycare.

## **Outreach – Classroom Kits and Book Bins**

Willow Street Preschool has received its winter and exercise book bin, and Quarryville Head Start has received its clothing and winter bin. A classroom kit was gathered for Linville Hill's fourth grade class, as well, with 8 books checked out for the month for classroom use.

## **Outreach – Future Plans**

Legopalooza is back on for another year! I'm partnering with some of my Solanco Family Life Network partners, Wrightsdale Baptist and Solid Rock Youth Ministries, and am working on drumming up support from Oxford Public Library and Elizabethtown Public Library. The event is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 10 from 9 am – 12 noon, and I'll be needing some volunteers to help out.

I am planning to attend the Solanco STEAM night at the high school at the end of February, and will be looking for a volunteer or two to come along. The date for that is Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6 – 7:30 pm.

I'm planning to take part in Literacy Week in March. I've also sent the schools the fliers for the Community Bookshelf workshops in March and April (eight workshops total, two at each of the four schools).

I'm working with an ESL teacher to arrange some ESL student visits to the library in Feb – May. I'm also working with a high school teacher on a series of programs to be taught by Solanco AP Spanish students in March – May.