

YOUTH SERVICES NARRATIVE

NOVEMBER 2017

General Updates

November saw the delivery of the new Community Bookshelves. They are placed at two grocery stores, a youth center, and four elementary schools. The schools and youth center are already seeing donations come in, so we are hoping that these "free libraries" can become self-sustaining in the next several months. I have created new, larger signs with more explicit directions of "Take a book, leave a book," so I'm hoping that drums up more donations.

Because of low program attendance in September – early November, I had planned to fold the Parachute Games program for preschoolers into the Parachute Play program. However, attendance picked up at the end of the month, so I'm going to give it a little more time.

The gardening club is going very well. The kids made miniature landfills this month that were displayed in the library for a day or two.

I was able to network with my Transition to Kindergarten partners at the Qville Head Start: the library hosted their November parent meetings, and will be hosting again in December. We're hoping that this increases awareness of the library's services among Head Start parents, especially for the Spanish-speaking families.

Outreach – Visits

My outreach story times continued in November. We read stories about Thanksgiving and Owls this month! I visited Willow Street UCC Preschool in place of Susan Bonekemper, who lost a close friend in November, and Shining Stars Daycare. Starting in December, Susan Bonekemper will be visiting WSUCC, and I'll continue to visit Shining Stars.

My outreach activities were many in November. I unfortunately missed the Smith Fall Fest owing to a sudden injury, but I hope to be back next year. I attended the High School Parent Resource Night, as well as the High School Day of Service. The latter event was a first this year; I spoke to about 40 students in the morning, and the library hosted about a dozen in the afternoon to serve as tech helpers. They helped a handful of folks with their devices, and the kids had a great time. I'm hoping the students will be back as tech helpers soon!

Outreach – Classroom Kits and Book Bins

A new book bin has been given to Willow Street Preschool, while Quarryville Head Start will be receiving one later in December. A classroom kit was gathered for Linville Hill's fourth grade class, as well, with 20 books checked out for the month for classroom use.

Outreach – Future Plans

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