

YOUTH SERVICES NARRATIVE

JANUARY 2018

General Updates

We had a rough start in January, with a closed day and an early closure the next day. It was largely smooth-sailing the rest of the month, at least as regards youth and family programming.

I'm gearing up for Go-Fore Golf! Sponsorships are largely on track, but there are still some tee and green vacancies. Remember, donations to the public library are tax-deductible! Since there were so many holes-in-one last year, I'm planning on some additional obstacles this year. Things like games, books, and toys, to make the course a little more challenging. Also, since the new LED lighting precludes us from using our black lights, we're trying something new this year: glow golf lit with glow-sticks only! Set-up between sessions is going to be a blast, so I hope to see you there!

Future programming includes my next series of 123 Play with Me workshops starting up again in March, as well as the first of two Plant the Seed of Learning Workshops I'm hosting for the school district. Also, the Maker Fest is back on for mid-April! Lots happening!

Finally, I'm in the midst of planning the Summer Reading activities, including more Saturday morning programs and the reinstatement of Lego Club. Lego Club will be weekly during the summer reading period, and I'm working with a local mom and physical therapist on a young-child-centered motor skills program on Saturday mornings.

Outreach – Visits

My outreach story times roll along. We read stories about the physical fitness at Shining Stars, and I shared stories about winter and snow with the wee ones at WSUCC. This month will be my final WSUCC visit, as the last prek class visits the library in March for a tour and book giveaway, courtesy of the kind auction volunteers last year. I have a record number of books to give away, and I have 6 tours and 3 visits planned. March is gonna be hopping!

Outreach – Classroom Kits and Book Bins

Willow Street Preschool has received its Valentine's Day and Community Helper book bin. Quarryville Head Start is still using its clothing and winter bin.

Outreach – Future Plans

Legopalooza is this weekend! EEEEE! And we have more organizations involved than ever! Aimee Nelson from Etown Library and Faith from Oxford Public Library are coming, with batches of legos and ready to have fun! The event is scheduled for Saturday, Feb, 10 from 9 am – 12 noon, so I hope to see you there!

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

The schools have the fliers for the Community Bookshelf workshops in March and April (eight workshops total, two at each of the four schools), although sign-ups have been slow. I'm hoping they pick-up in the week or two before the program.

One of my ESL outreach programs fell through: the teacher didn't have enough students to run the program. However, the student-run workshop is going forward in March – May.