

YOUTH SERVICES NARRATIVE

MARCH 2018

General Updates

How about all that snow in March?! Six of my programs were cancelled because of the two storms.

The middle of March saw the start of the Spanish Workshop with the high school students as teachers. This program proved to be extremely popular, with all 15 slots filled and another 10 kids on the waiting list. After the first session, the teachers opened the class up to 20 students, so five more kids joined the class.

Because of the Spanish workshop's popularity, I approached a volunteer who teaches Spanish and Spanish education at Kutztown University to teach a workshop over the summer. She (enthusiastically) agreed, so we are planning a Summer Spanish Workshop for 20 kids: a four-week series on Thursday afternoons, with themes chosen from the animated film *Coco*.

I've also been working with another volunteer, a retired teacher, on a kid's summer book club for ages 7 – 9. She will be teaching the 8-week book club on Thursday mornings for 10 kids. The Solanco Family Life Network is funding this club, so each child will receive a copy of each selection—8 books total—to keep!

Sylvia and I also developed some summer book club ideas for children ages 9-10 and ages 11 – 13. The 9-10s are doing Award Winning Reads (books that have won a Newbury award), and the tweens are doing a page-to-screen (books made into movies). The SFLN is also funding books for these clubs, so we are giving out quite a few books to young readers this summer!

The SRP programs through the LSLC are all arranged, and my teens have set the dates for their acting workshop. (July and August, with a showcase in mid-late August.) All the programs will be added to the event calendar in the next several weeks.

In the more immediate future, I'm prepping for a Murder Mystery at April's Teen Night (all ages welcome! Come and help solve the mystery!) and my Longwood Gardens Programs on the 7th, 14th, and 28th. AND the Maker Fest on the 21st. Yikes, lots to do!

Outreach – Visits & Tours

March was absolutely bonkers with outreach! It was The Month of Tours: I hosted six tours, with the first on March 1st and the last on March 23. All children on these tours received this year's OBEYC book, *My Cousin Momo*. I also gave copies out at Kids Express, when I did a visiting story time there. A total of 198 books! That leaves me 42 more to give out at my OBEYC program in May. Any leftover will be saved for future giveaway prizes or to Shining Stars on my monthly visits.

The Community Bookshelf programs are complete. I was only able to do one: Danger Club at Bart-Colerain, as the ATC workshop was snowed out. However, the kids at Bart had a great time making canister rocks and chasing them all over the playground! We hope to schedule the remaining programs during the summer.

Outreach – Classroom Kits and Book Bins

Willow Street Preschool has received its bin of April books focused on baby animals and farm animals. Quarryville Head Start is taking the rest of the year off, and is interested in continuing next year! Linville Hill 4th grade has received its last bin.