

# YOUTH SERVICES NARRATIVE

APRIL 2018

## **General Updates**

April was a quieter month, with fewer overall programs. I did my Longwood Gardens Community Reads programs and gave our free Longwood Gardens tickets! There were herpetiles in the building and we read about trees. It was lovely, and there were some folks super excited to check out Longwood Gardens.

Our second annual Maker Fest went well. The crowd was thinner than last year, however, so it might be best to run this particular event every other year. I'm hoping this will stoke interest.

I am totally blown away by the support we've received for the One Book Every Young Child Program. This year's auction crowd donated almost \$800 for next year! Thank you SO MUCH, Solanco!

Speaking of OBEYC, this year's special Story Time is scheduled for early May, on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>. I'm going to be telling Momo's story, singing with a chipmunk puppet, giving away free books. The usual.

The summer reading programs are all posted on the website, and most are open for registration. Sylvia has some great adult-level programs scheduled, and the kids and teens are going to be busy all summer long. There are the usual system wide presenters, some special STEM programs, three different book clubs, a Spanish class, and a motor-skills workshop. Check out our online calendar for the offerings!

And don't forget: logs are available starting June 2<sup>nd</sup>!

## **Outreach – Visits & Tours**

I am wrapping up my traveling story times for the year, so I can focus on summer reading during the summer months. I'm planning to offer the visits to more of the preschools and daycares in our service area later this summer, to schedule for next school year.

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

All the bins have been returned for the year! We shall resume next school year. I plan to offer the service to some additional preschools and daycares in my service area in the late summer.