

YOUTH SERVICES NARRATIVE

MAY 2018

General Updates

May was another quiet month, as we prepare for Summer Reading in June.

The high school student-run Spanish class wrapped up in May. We also celebrated the 1000 Books before Kindergarten finishers this year with an ice cream party!

We are as prepared as we're going to get for the Summer Reading Season. We have two special sponsors this year: Musser's for the Junior Level and Maplehofe for the Read-Aloud level. Friends of Fishing Creek have also donated a \$100 (!) Franklin Institute gift certificate for the Junior Level. We've set this prize up as a raffle that Junior finishers can choose to enter.

All of the book club books (purchased courtesy of the Solanco Family Life Network!) are ready, and a couple of kids have already signed up. Over 100 books were purchased for the three clubs; all spare books will be distributed to the community via the school and public community bookshelves.

Collection

The library has received additional funding from the SFLN to create additional concept bags. These bags will focus on topics such as addiction, trauma, depression, and more, and are designed to help caregivers discuss these issues with their children.

Outreach – Visits & Tours

I did my last outreach story time at Shining Stars for the year, and I'll pick it up again at the end of the summer. I also visited the Swift Middle School Community Day for the third year in a row and met a lot of great tweens. I'm hoping some of them show up for the summer!

The director and I visited the Strengthening Families program, as well, and talked about library services for adults and families.

I was approached by the principal of Providence Elementary about them making use of the library system reading logs for their summer reading program, rather than creating and passing out their own. I have supplied 240 logs to the school to be passed out on June 12 (the last day of school). Spares will be returned to me. We've set up a system of stamps and whole punches to track finishers. We're hoping that this is the start of an excellent new marketing and outreach partnership!

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.