

YOUTH SERVICES NARRATIVE

JULY 2018

General Updates

July is the month of Summer Reading. As of the end of the log handout period, we've had 1149 sign ups, which is the highest in the last three years. (That's not counting the logs passed out at Providence Elementary, which was 240.)

Our Summer Spanish Workshop wrapped up, with cupcake decorating to learn about the Day of the Dead. I have already met with two of the Solanco Spanish Club students to plan a fall session of the Spanish Workshop.

The Kids Summer Parachutes also finished up at the end of July. This was an extremely popular activity, so we will try to bring it back again.

The Award Winning Reads book club met all through July, and I have to say that the tweens and I are having WAY too much fun talking about books. There's a lot of laughter, and a lot of interesting comments. I've been very impressed with how quickly they can read, and with how much of the stories they are remembering.

Four of the Summer STEM Explorers programs were in July, and I am inspired by the kids' ideas for fall activities. Because they had such fun with the building toys and the robots, I'm planning some special STEM Saturdays in October and November. (I also booked the Girl Scouts' STEM Mobile in November, for a Virtual Reality program!)

We completed the rest of our Library System of Lancaster County partner programs. The Swamp Songs & Melodies was especially popular; I think Mortimer the Owl and his friends helped out quite a bit with that.

Collection

The kids' research and nonfiction collection has been relabeled, so I'm hoping this helps with both finding things and with re-shelving.

The SFLN kit materials are all purchased and almost all completed. There are two more left, once I finish with the summer reading statistics.

Outreach – Visits & Tours

Ongoing tracking of summer reading prizes, to discover how many summer readers are picking up their prizes and then returning the logs at Providence Elementary.

I visited Quarryville Elementary's Kindergarten Welcome event at the end of the month, and am visiting all the other elementaries' programs in August. I am also planning to attend the Parent Night at WSUCC Preschool at the end of August.

In August, I will be reaching out to the preschools and daycares to offer them special services—story times and book bins—during the 2018-19 school year.

Outreach – Classroom Kits and Book Bins

On hiatus for the summer.