

YOUTH SERVICES NARRATIVE

SEPTEMBER 2018

General Updates

The St. Joseph CHI Children's Health Brush-Twice-a-Day Challenge has gotten off to a good start, with about 50 kits already taken by families with young children. The Quarryville Library has received 200 kits, and they are gone once they are all taken. The Hank visit went well, also!

The fall 2018 session of the student-led Spanish class kicked off in September, as well, with 8 kids registered.

At the end of the month, a community member donated a number of science activity kits to the library, so we are looking forward to a spring filled with STEM activities!

Overall, September was a quiet month, with the Fair and preparation taking up the most time.

Collection

The children's area has been labeled! We're hoping that the new red labels will make it easier for the volunteers who are shelving, as well as for patrons who are looking for specific items.

We are preparing for a large overhaul of the children's picture book bins and shelves. The Solanco High School Day of Service is sending a team of teens to help us do the heavy lifting and labeling in November, so the staff are making a plan. With our existing bins, it's difficult to find an optimum solution that works for both the patrons—children and parents—and the staff and volunteers. We're hoping that the new system improves browse-ability and search-ability of the picture books.

Outreach – Visits & Tours

I took part in the Kindergarten Transition Team's Solanco Fair booth and talked to about 3 dozen caregivers about the library's upcoming workshops.

I also did a P3 Workshop at Bart Colerain Elementary, a parachute workshop for grades kindergarten through second grade. A volunteer helped out, and I think the kids and I all had a ball!

I have had to cancel all the other P3 Community Bookshelf workshops because there haven't been any registrants. I had hoped that the fall workshops would fare better than the spring, but that doesn't seem to be the case. There is a bright side: all the free giveaway books earmarked for these workshops will be made available in the community bookshelves in the coming weeks.

Outreach – Classroom Kits and Book Bins

Qville Head Start still has its first bin of the year, while Willow Street Preschool is on its second bin

There are also classroom kits deployed at Linville Hill 4th and 6th grades.