

# YOUTH SERVICES NARRATIVE

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## General Updates

November was my “on the road” month. I visited Smith Middle School for two mornings early in the month as a mock interviewer, to give the kids practice doing a job interview. I also had a station at Solanco’s Parent Resource Night, with information about library services and programs, and gave out some volunteer info to interested parents and teens. Finally, I took several STEM kits—Keva Planks, Zometools, and Q Ba Maze—to Solanco’s second STEAM Night. Over 80 kiddos stopped into to use the toys and learn about the library!

The library had its second and third STEM Saturdays, featuring building and VR. The kids agreed that the VR glasses were cool, but they preferred building a roller coaster with the straws! We also wrapped up the robot story times and the student-led Spanish classes. The high school students already scheduled for the spring!

I’m currently working with a local retiree to plan a large series of STEM Saturdays and Family Science Nights in 2019. He worked for Agilent Technologies, which provides hands-on, consumable science kits for education programs. With Mr. Bob’s assistance, the library has received permission for 60 STEM kits for next year’s programs! The kids get to keep what they make! I’m very excited for this series.

The Teen Leadership Group is gearing up for game night in December! I’ve requested the Wii console and remotes, as well as a handful of board and card games, to play!

The American Girl-Sized Clothes collection is ready and out for circulation! The proxies are displayed in the children’s area, above the location of the American Girl book series.

## Collection

The Solanco High School volunteers have come and gone, and the mini-renovation in the children’s book area is complete! The students did all the heavy lifting; all that’s left is the addition of the purple labels onto the popular author books. I’m hoping to have this complete by Christmas.

## Outreach – Visits & Tours

I visited Shining Stars with an Owl story time in November, complete with owl masks made from paper plates.

## Outreach – Classroom Kits and Book Bins

Qville Head Start is on its second bin, about music. Willow Street Preschool just picked up their fourth bin.

Linville Hill 4<sup>th</sup> grade is on its third classroom kit of the year,