

YOUTH SERVICES NARRATIVE

OCTOBER 2018

General Updates



October saw our programs and activities ramp up for the season. We held our first STEM Saturday, featuring cardboard constructions and robot ramming teams. I can safely say that a lot of fun was had! October also featured my first ever Robot Adventures Story Time, with Cubetto traveling around a board and controlled by youngsters. The kids especially enjoyed the free play with the two cubetto sets at the end. One of my future plans is to buy a cubetto set for the library, so I can do more of this type of activity.

We also held our first ever Fall Festival, another rousing success.

There were crafts all day—the paper strip pumpkin and the leaf sun-catchers were especially popular—along with Bingo, a scavenger hunt using library reference books,

and a costume contest for the teens. (The winner? Me, getting to eat homemade cupcakes with Jason from Friday the 13th, a demoness, a whoopee cushion, a Native American maiden, and more!).

The Teen Leadership Group is revamping their schedule a little bit, to better suite their busy schedules. Meetings are moving to Saturday afternoons, and their next big activity will be a Teen Game Night in December, featuring Nerf guns, board games, and a Wii.

I assisted Maribeth in creating circulation proxies for our new collection of American Girl Doll-Sized Clothing. The proxies will be specially-decorated, empty DVD cases that will be on display in the library. Folks will be able to choose the clothing outfits they wish to sign out by taking the proxy to the Service Desk, where the clothing will be stored. This solution alleviates the need for special shelving or display in the public areas, while also making the clothing accessible to browsing. Look for these to come out in time for the holiday season!

Collection

Final preparations have been made for the big picture book area overhaul in November! 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 visited Willow Street UCC Preschool twice in October, once for a Fall story time and again with a Pumpkin story time. This is my favorite story time season!

I'm planning to reinstate my monthly Shining Stars story time visits in November. I've missed those kiddos!

Outreach – Classroom Kits and Book Bins

Qville Head Start is on its second bin, about music, while Willow Street Preschool is on its third.

Linville Hill 4th grade is on its second classroom kit of the year,

