

End of May

Summer Reading planning and crafting continues. We welcomed several new Library Pages onto our staff. They've been a huge help as we work!

At the end of May we reached out to our ongoing programs (HSE/ENL classes, Narcan kit training, and weekly 'Work Readiness' program students) to see their end dates, if any, and to coordinate July and August. HSE/ENL classes will continue after a short break between June and July. Narcan kit training will also continue.

We had the pleasure of attending the Catskill Farmers Market on Memorial Day weekend. Myself and two of our Library Pages tabled in the 'community organization' tent. It was our first time talking in detail with the community about our Summer Reading program (with plenty of brochures about our year-round offerings!). We handed out 30 Summer Reading brochures, 15 coloring books, 10 free 'easy reader' books. The organizers at the Catskill Farmers Market have invited us to table again, possibly running their 'kids tent'. If we return we should consider getting a handheld 'clicker' to keep track of visitors.

June

We started the month off with two weekend programs: *Smoke Free Movies* (partnering with Tobacco-Free Action of Columbia & Greene) and *Classic Cartoons & Cereal*. We are halfway through our June craft kits (*Summer Beach Wreath*), which we increased the availability of in response to increased demand.

CPL Game Club has switched to every-other-Friday to accommodate other youth programming. We've put most of the youth room board games out so that patrons can enjoy them outside of *CPL Game Club*. This will also allow younger visitors to enjoy the games too. The board games were initially put away during the COVID lockdown. As with our storytime toys protocols, all board games will be sanitized between uses.

Upcoming

End-of-June: We're all moving toward the summer! We have two more *Classic Cartoons & Cereal* programs and one more *CPL Game Club*. I am coordinating with the Youth Clubhouse of Columbia-Greene Counties to speak after one of their weekly *Harm Reduction Heroes* programs and the *Clubhouse Radio* program. We have a childrens' kite-making program running from Tuesday, June 14th to Thursday, June 16th. We have a teen macrame program scheduled for Tuesday, June 28th to Thursday, June 30th.

Monthly recurring programs: *Classic Cartoons & Cereal* (July 2nd, July 16th, & July 30th), *Workforce @ Catskill* (July 7th), *Public Narcan Training* (July 14th). The Catskill Public Library will not be handing out take-home craft kits during July and August due to the increased in-person activities.

Special programs: Summer Reading starts Tuesday, July 5th and runs through Saturday, August 20th. We'll have weekly programs for preschoolers, elementary school ages, and middle school+ ages. We also have two programs happening down at Dutchman's Landing in July and August. All are free and open to the public, though the weekly activities require registration due to limited space and supplies. Program information and signups will be on our website mid-June.