

End of August/Summer Reading Wrap-up

2022 Summer Reading ended with our Bubble Party at Dutchman's Landing. This event was a massive success; we had about 50 attendees of all ages including regular patrons, adults from other community organizations, and people who heard us in the park! We ended the summer with 70 participants, ranging in ages from 3 years old to 14 years old. Everyone who completed their self-set reading goals received a prize of a draw-string backpack filled with goodies. 11 out of 70 children complete their goals. Our participants read a total of 4,720 minutes! This is the same as reading for about 79 hours straight, or for 20 minutes a day for 236 days!

Catskill Public Library staff had the pleasure of tabling at the Rainbow Pride Parade at the end of August. Members of the community have expressed appreciation for our tabling efforts throughout the summer (Farmer's Market, National Night Out, On the Go, Rainbow Pride). With such positive feedback I am now pricing out CPL banners and pop-up canopy for future tabling events!

September

We halted new programming for the first two weeks of September in order to clean and regroup after 2022 Summer Reading. During the last weeks of August and first weeks of September there was a noticeable decline in visitors to the kids' room. This decline included attendance in regular programs such as *Story Time!*

Beginning the week of September 12th we have seen an increase in returning visitors to the kids' room as well as an increase in new visitors, particularly from the homeschooling community. We have advertised Palenville's planned homeschooling meet-ups to our visiting families. If Palenville's program goes well and we continue to see these new patrons it may be worth starting a meet-up in Catskill as well. On September 12th we began handing out our September - October take home activity, which already has 12 out of 30 kits claimed. Our current in-person program has also had daily attendance. I am happy to report that we now have patrons coming in specifically to attend programs, rather than attending programs because they happen to be in the building. Caroline and I have plans to hand out a survey to assess the programming needs and needs of the community as a next step.

Upcoming

End-of-September: Banned Book Week is Monday, September 19th through Saturday, September 24th. We will have two programs planned for Banned Book Week; one program is aimed for elementary-aged children, the second is intended for middle school-and-above ages.

October: Our regular monthly programs of *Narcan Training* and *Workforce* are scheduled to continue through December. *Story Time!* will also continue to be hosted weekly. Our new programming kicks up again this month. Artist Rick Stromoski will give a virtual cartoon drawing program in early October. Later in October we are having a family movie night, continuing to hand out the take home activity kits, and partnering with the Beattie-Powers Place for a pumpkin decorating program.

Bubble Party:



Some completed reading trackers!:

