

End of September

At the end of September we saw an increase in attendance for our regular programs (*CPL Game Club* and *Story Time!*) but a decrease in attendance for our one-off programming. We received feedback from patrons that there was confusion about program times and registration requirements. We will see if this is a result of new patrons getting used to our programming policies, if patrons need to get back in the habit of looking for one-off programs, and/or if we need to rethink our advertising strategy.

October

Schools and daycares have reached out to ask about visits and mutual programming. I am drafting a storytime program proposal we can apply to all daycare visits, which will give us something to offer community organizations when they ask for us and when we reach out to them.

Our first hybrid program, *Let's Draw Monsters! with Rick Stromoski*, was wildly successful. This was on Wednesday, October 5th, and could be attended in-person at the library or virtually via Zoom. We had 11 children, 3 teens, and 7 adults attend the program in-person as well as an additional 7 children/families attending via Zoom. Many of the attendees reported seeing the advertisement on Facebook or in-person. We've gotten requests to repeat the program in December. I'm hoping the success of *Let's Draw Monsters!* is a sign that we can start investing in hybrid programs.

The *Mini-Library Kit* registration has completely filled! Everyone has been excited about building their own little libraries. We had 30 kits available and we were able to give them out in a little over 4 weeks. This is consistent with the rate of craft kits we were giving out in Spring 2023. We are sticking to the plan of diversifying the types of 'kits' we hand out moving forward, to see if we can increase engagement with our take-home programming beyond 30 participants.

Upcoming

End-of-October: We will be busy! Besides our regular programming, the last week of October will be full of Halloween-themed activities. We're giving out treat bags, having a Family Halloween Movie Night on Friday the 28th, and partnering with the Beattie-Powers Place for a Family Pumpkin Decorating event on Saturday the 29th! Pumpkins will be donated by Story Farms.

November: *Public Narcan Training* and *Workforce* will continue. We're continuing our efforts to make *National Novel Writing Month* a big event. This year, the YS department will have a writing club every Wednesday evening for middle-grade and highschool-aged youths. Following this theme, the November take-home 'kits' will be writing-focused. For the younger elementary-aged children, we will have a STEM-based program twice in November and twice in December called *Fairytale Science Club*.

I will be attending NYLA on Friday, November 4th. There are lots of great looking YS-focused panels lined up!