

End of November

In mid-November I met with the high school Art Teacher, Ms Doney, and the high school Art Club. We are sponsoring the Art Club to make a 2023 Catskill Cat for the Catskill Public Library. The theme will match the 2023 Summer Reading theme of "All Together Now" and 'community'. We are very excited to see what they come up with. Caroline and I also met with Mr. McAlister, the librarian at the middle and high school, to discuss joint sponsorship of book talks and future programming.

We ended November with our second *Fairytale Science Club* and our *Young Writers Program*. Our *Young Writers* participants have expressed interest in continuing a teen-focused club. We saw a decrease in patron visits in the last week of November, which we expected due to the holidays. *CPL Game Club* continues to have an attendance of at least four teens each meeting. I am updating our board game collection in response to the success of *CPL Game Club*.

Evening programming has definitely increased our program attendance across elementary and high school ages. We will continue to offer evening youth programming.

December

I had the pleasure of speaking with the Youth Peer Leaders at Catskill's Youth Clubhouse of Columbia-Greene Counties. I presented information on Library services and programs, answered questions, and handed out brochures and library card applications. The purpose of this meeting was to teach the Youth Peer Leaders about library services so they can answer questions their peers might have. We also brainstormed about teen programming they'd like to see.

Our final *Fairytale Science Club* is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20th. This program has been consistently attended and has received very positive feedback from the children and caregivers. Bathsheba and I are discussing bringing the program to Palenville.

Upcoming

End-of-December: We have invited Rick Stromoski back to the library for another *Let's Draw!* program, which is in partnership with the Mountain Top Library in Tannersville. We also have a hot cocoa mix-making program planned for the last week of December. *Story Time!* Is canceled in the last two weeks of the year in order to plan and prepare for 2023. Beginning January 6th, *Story Time!* will return to weekly Friday programming.

January: *Fairytale Science Club* will switch to a monthly program beginning in January. We will also be starting a *CPL Lego Club* for our elementary-aged patrons, which will run alternate weeks to *CPL Game Club*. I am in the process of discussing an ongoing, possibly monthly, 'teen club' with our teenage patrons. On January 14th, 2023, I will be attending the Hudson-Catskill Housing Coalition's *Books & Breakfast* as part of our *On the Go* service. I hope to regularly attend *Books & Breakfast*.