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End of January
Marshmallow Crochet ended up having 3 attendees. We had some difficulty getting through the basics, which makes me wonder if we should have a crocheting (or craft!) club.

The Youth Department started (and has now completed) a much-needed weeding of YA print and AV materials and Juvenile AV materials. This project was completed thanks to staff members from all over the building working together. The volume of weeded materials was such that we followed the Adult Department in putting the materials out for visitors to browse through and take, rather than putting them into the 'book sale' section like we normally would. Some of the weeded AV materials have been sent to our Palenville Branch.

February

The start of February was slow for us in the Youth Department, as the cold snaps kept our regular patrons home during what would otherwise have been a busy programming day (with *Story Time!* and *CPL Game Club*).

February 4th was *Take Your Child to the Library Day*. Due to the weather we anticipated no attendees, but we ended up having 5 children and 2 adults come to the library specifically for the all-day crafts we put out. The remaining crafts have been left out through this week for visitors to take. We have some of the completed crafts up as decorations in the Youth Room. I plan on leaving them out for the rest of the month.

The Youth *Library Lovers Month* Raffle has been a success. We have 11 participants so far with 21 'Mystery Books' checked out (each Mystery Book counts as an entry into the raffle). The Raffle seems to be more successful in the Youth Room than in the YA section on the main floor. I believe this is because it's easier to advertise for the Raffle in the Youth Room. We'll try pushing harder for the YA section.

Upcoming
End-of-February: We have our second visit to the HCHC's *Books & Breakfast* program on Saturday, 2/11. On 2/25 we have *Digital Learning Day*, which is an opportunity for us to formally show-off our digital collections and databases! Like in 2022, we'll have a digital scavenger hunt in the Youth Room. I'm also excited to try out the *Hour of Code*, which is Google's free coding basics class.

March: March will be a quiet month for the Youth Department in Catskill as we work on 2023 Summer Reading and Spring programming. We'll be starting up some ongoing passive programming in the Youth Room that I hope will appeal to our visitors, particularly our teenagers, who aren't able to make it to regular programming due to after school clubs and jobs.