

End of April

Performers for 2023 Summer Reading have been chosen, contacted, and contracts have been signed! We're happy to welcome back DJ Todd and Jani Poppins Bubble Parties down at Dutchman's Landing. We're also bringing an artist to the Catskill Housing Authority Building for a puppet workshop and show. We're hoping having a hands-on event in the community room will interest our community members who typically can't make it to Library programming. Thank you to the CHA for working with us!

Fairytale Science Club and *Lego Club* have been under-attended programs outside of weeks of school breaks. In the last weeks of April we saw some children come specifically to attend those programs. We spoke to the caregivers about our plan to change the dates/times of the programs and got positive feedback. Hopefully we can keep their attendance and attract more people.

May

The first *Lego Club* falling under the new date and time slot went well. We had one child attend. Unfortunately, May's *Fairytale Science Club* had to be canceled, but we had two children signed up for the program. The caregivers of the children are interested in regular attendance. We continue to word-of-mouth advertise Catskill and Palenville programs in the Youth Room. We've gotten a small increase in *Story Time!* attendees who also attend *Tiny Tots*. Allie and other Library staff have been working hard to make flyers and bookmarks with upcoming programming, which we've been handing out.

I attended a training on outreach to the homeschooling community. We have regular visits from homeschooled students and families, but programs geared specifically toward the homeschooling community have been unsuccessful. I hope to include outreach to the homeschooling community in our Turning Outward program.

I am also happy to say that we've already started implementing our updated "Lending Rules and Regulations". I've been able to speak with a minor patron who visits us every day and whose caregiver is unable to come to the Library about alternate ways of confirming guardian/contact information.

Upcoming

May: *Books & Breakfast* was canceled in April due to holidays, so I was unable to attend. I will be attending on Saturday, May 13th, and I will be providing card registration and basic circ services as usual. I will also be giving a short read-aloud, which started organically and has been well received so far! On May 18th is Palenville's *Fairytale Science Club*, which will follow the same structure as the one in Catskill.

June: I predict a decrease in non-program attendance in June as our younger patrons get ready for tests and graduation. We'll be focusing on 2023 Summer Reading prep and regular programming. *Fairytale Science Club* will be put on pause after June to make room for our Summer Reading programming. I will discuss with Bathsheba and Caroline if *Fairytale Science Club* is worth continuing into Fall 2023 and beyond.