

Youth Services Librarian Report
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End of July

As a reminder, the first *Follow That Book!*, which was at the Beattie-Powers Place on July 14th, was very successful! We had 9 children and 11 adults attend. Everyone had a great time reading about gardens, and the art we made is hanging in the Youth Room now. Our second *Follow That Book!* was supposed to be at Dutchman's Landing on July 28th, but it was canceled due to the heat warning and illness.

The puppet show at the CHA event space was on Monday the 24th. 7 children attended.

August

We represented the libraries at *National Night Out* on August 1st. We tabled from 4 PM to 7 PM and were overwhelmed by the frequency and enthusiasm of visitors to our tent. We handed out brochures, August calendars, and had an arts & crafts activity set up for the youth to do. The visitor traffic was so heavy that we were unable to keep count. I'd estimate we had 75-100 visitors.

As of August 9th, we have 63 youth ages 5-17 participating in Catskill's Summer Reading, which is an increase from 2022's ending count of 56 participants. Since we are in the last two weeks of the program we are unlikely to get new registrations. August usually has a drop in program attendance, as evidenced by our most recent program counts:

Week 1

Board Game Making: 7 children/tweens

Week 2

Beautiful Symmetry: 6 children/tweens

Donuts and Art: 2 tweens

Week 3

Flower Power: 6 children/tweens

Week 4

DIY Music Makers: 7 children

Friendship Jewelry: 1 tween

Week 5

Pet Toys: 1 tween

The final *Follow That Book!* was at the Thomas Cole House on August 11th. We partnered with their staff to do a short read-aloud and a follow-along watercolor painting activity. 7 children and 7 grownups attended. We received a lot of positive feedback during and after the program.

Upcoming

August: We finish out the month with a very busy week: our last two in-house Summer Reading programs, the bubble party, and the ice cream party. The week of August 21st we'll do our drawings for the Summer Reading raffles, *Lego Club*, and regular *Story Time!* We will not be attending *Books & BBQ* this month due to scheduling conflicts with our in-house programming,

but we are planning to table at the Back-to-School BBQ on Sunday the 27th. The last week of August we will be on a program break for program planning across the departments.

September: We'll be taking a break from the big special programs while we recover from Summer Reading. Our regular weekly programming will start up again in the first week of September.