

## Youth Services Librarian Report

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#### End of September

September ended with our regular programs of *Lego Club*, *Game Club*, and *Story Time!*. There's typically a drop in attendance in September programming as the community starts school again, but our attendance numbers have stayed high throughout the month. *Story Time!* In particular had an average of about 8 children per program day. We asked how the new families heard about the program and were told that it was a combination of word-of-mouth and checking our website.

The YS department finished processing all of our EDI grant materials at the end of September, which included Spanish-language picture books as well as High-Low books for the tweens/teens. Our new Spanish-language books have already been circulating, and I was able to sit down with a teen and help them select four High-Low books to borrow.

#### October

Our first special October program was *Let's Draw Monsters!* With Rick Stromoski, who is a comic artist who's presented for us before. At Catskill we had 2 in-person attendees and 6 virtual attendees over Zoom.

On 10/10 I visited the Catskill Middle School to give classroom presentations to 7th graders. The presentations went really well and the students all had really great questions for me. During the visit I passed out library card applications, brochures, and some bookmarks. Several of the children who saw me at the middle school stopped by the library this week and we were able to update their cards and check things out to them.

*Silly Scientists*: Our first Silly Scientists was chaotic and fun! We had 4 registrations and ended up with 5 attendees!

*Monster Mash*: We had 5 registrations for Monster Mash, but unfortunately 4 of the 5 were unable to attend the first session. Everyone still sounds excited about the program, so we're pushing ahead with the other two planned sessions.

#### Upcoming

October: We have *Books & BBQ* on Saturday 10/14, and our Trick-Or-Treating at the end of the month. I'm scheduled to speak at the middle school again, this time with 8th graders, on Thursday the 19th. We'll be having our second *Silly Scientist* on the 25th.

November: This should be a quieter month for programming. By popular demand we'll be starting up our weekly writing club with the tweens/teens for NaNoWriMo. For the elementary-aged children, we're planning on some storytelling-based game days. We'll also be continuing *Silly Scientists*, which as a reminder will be tested out for six months.

