

Youth Services Librarian Report Emily McCabe

End-of-July

Programming:

- Our field trip to the Hudson River Maritime Museum was fantastically fun! It happened on July 22nd, and in total we had 12 tweens/teen attend. Thank you to the Youth Clubhouse of Columbia-Greene Counties for partnering with us, thank you to the HRMM for hosting us, and thank you to the Fortnightly Club of Catskill for sponsoring us! There were some hiccups along the way, but I hope to turn the field trip into a regular summer event.
- Our all-ages and children's programs continue to be well-attended, while our teen programming ('special' and 'regular') attendance remains low. Program attendance tends to drop dramatically at the end of July and beginning of August.

Other:

The Friends Group website page is now live, including a link to accept donations. Thank you for everyone's patience and work!

August

Programming:

- *Follow That Book* ended at the Thomas Cole House. We had only two child attendees, which we suspect was due to the rainy weather. The children heard a story and made art. The staff of the Thomas Cole House are interested in partnering on projects, particularly arts and crafts, throughout the year (rather than just in the summer).
- *Adventures in Sewing* was a two-day workshop. The Catskill High School was kind enough to lend us their sewing machines, and Judith Wyman Collette from SUNY Oswego led the workshop. This is part of our efforts in bringing in more outside facilitators to run programs. We had 5 registrations and 4 participants across two program sessions.
- *Bubble Party* was on Thursday, August 15th. We welcomed Jani Poppins and DJ Todd back to Catskill. We had roughly 70 children and 77 adults attend, for a total of 147 attendees! This is less than the 193 attendees we had in 2023, but still an overwhelmingly successful program.

TOTAL 2024 Summer Reading Registrations: 111 (increase from 72 in 2023)

Outreach:

National Night Out was on Tuesday, August 6th. We brought brochures, calendars, and supplies to do a perler bead craft. We had over 200 visitors!

Other:

We continue to reorganize the website for easier navigation! Our notary services have been added to other 'office services', which is listed under 'library services' in the navigation. Christopher and I are working on how to better represent community resources, partners, and events.