

Youth Services Librarian Report
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Programs

While it's too early to give out official plans, the 2025 Summer Reading materials have been released and we are looking forward to working on the branding and programming! Bathsheba and I have already started discussing field trip possibilities.

Regular programming attendance continues to be steady. *Silly Scientists* registration in particular filled up quickly for our December session and had day-of walk-ins. We anticipate seeing an increase in attendance at our Friday *Story Time!* Program now that Palenville's *Tiny Tots* is on hold, but it's possible the increase won't be large since *Tiny Tots* and *Story Time!* are on different days anyway. Our final *Silly Scientists* project of 2024 was paper making, and our final *Teen Time* activity of 2024 will be karaoke and a popcorn bar.

Outreach/Networking

The CMS/CHS librarian has reached out to ask us if we'd be interested in giving volunteer hours to some students. Christopher and I are discussing the logistics of this, which tie in to our Volunteer Policy.

This month we were invited to speak with the CMS art club about sponsoring a Catskill Cat. I met with the 'Cat Crew' on Wednesday, December 11th to hear their ideas and give feedback. We are very excited to be sponsoring them!

We plan on tabling at the Winter Solstice Stroll along Main Street on December 21st. We have served hot cocoa during the event for the past several years and it is always a pleasure to see our community out and about.

Website

Our main project is creating an 'Adult & Seniors' section for the library website, which will list ongoing adult programming (such as our book clubs and movie nights), our accessibility options, information about tech appointments, etc. We plan to launch this in early January. Smaller projects include changing the navigation menu to make it more user friendly and updating the Palenville Branch page. Christopher, Dale, and I frequently review the website for improvements and we welcome feedback from board members, staff, and community members!