

LLC Youth Services May 1, 2023 at 1:00pm

Notes taken by Justine Wieggers (AL)

Attending: Abi Avery (AF), Amber McLain (LL), Allison Boyer (OL), Ashley Johnson (OA), Autumn Wood (MH), Chris Stegink (AL), Diana Wenger (UM), Erin Hart (GR), Erin Hill-VanHorn (AS), Erin Moull (NC), Erin Supri (IS), Ingrid Boyer (AS), Jenny Brown (AB), Jessica Volkens (OZ), Justine Wieggers (AL), Kaelyn Christian (OG), Katie Hanson (NW), Katie Kirk (OH), Keeva Filipek (KDL), Lisa VandeBunte (AB), Lydia Schmidt (SM), Mary Gorman (SW), Melissa Osickey (OS), Melissa Dubridge (EC), Melissa Thatcher (SM), Michele Wittkopp (UM- MADL), Mike Golczynski (IC), Nicole Schafer (ES), Paige Brandli (BH), Shanni Kerr (IC), Shannon Nova Donley (OC), Shelly Patterson (NG), Tiffany Ohman (MG), and Zach Ludge (OC)

1. Greetings- Zach Ludge
2. Update from Maranda
 - a. Thank you from Maranda
 - b. New partnership with Priority Health
 - i. Shannon from Priority Health spoke about how we all know the importance of the cognitive development of babies and young kids
 - ii. Although it seems like Priority Health would be focused strictly the medical side of health, they know the importance of full/complete health which includes early literacy/cognitive development.
 - iii. They are “putting their money where their mouth is” by donating items for summer reading prizes
 1. 3- Under Armour backpacks
 2. Weighted blanket
 3. Stress balls
 - iv. WoodTV will be hosting some segments featuring Priority Health on the benefit and importance of early literacy for babies and young children.
 - c. Partnership Prizes
 - i. Grand Prizes
 1. Great Lakes Outlet Mall experience
 2. Detroit Tigers tickets with gas card
 - ii. Tier Two Bundles
 1. Please see “2023 Summer Reading Club Prize Summary” sheet
 - iii. All libraries will receive
 1. Meijer gift card for \$25
 2. Whitecaps ticket vouchers
 3. A donation from Celebration Cinema
 - a. This is currently an undetermined amount
 - b. Once the donation amount is received the money will most likely be divided up based on population (Janet from LLC has equations for stuff like this)
 - iv. Drawing names
 1. Draw one name (per library) to send to Maranda for the drawings by August 7
 2. Information needed: Name, age, email, and phone number

- d. June 12- on air segment promoting summer reading
 - i. Volunteer needed for a 9:30am slot
 - ii. Allison B: May have her touch-a-truck program highlighted live at 10:30-11:30am (Allison and Maranda will be in contact with each other about the details)
 - e. Logo sheets will be sent to Zach and he will forward them on to the rest of llc_ys
 - f. Park Parties
 - i. Probably will never go back to the park parties of the past
 - ii. Partnering with summer schools again like last year
 - 1. Kids will go out for a break and be surprised with a park party with inflatables, games, etc.
 - 2. They are meeting up with the kids who need to know about literacy the most
3. Approval of October Minutes
 - a. Lydia: motioned to approve
 - b. Erin S.: 2nd the motion
 - c. Minutes approved
 4. Celebration Cinema
 - a. See previous information under "Partnership Prizes"
 - b. Judy Blume was interviewed on the TODAY show saying that the movie was better than the book.
 5. Summer Reading Prize Ideas
 - a. Allison B: Children museum year membership (about \$100)
 - i. She was able to have the "expiration" date extended from August to August instead of a year from purchase date
 - b. Erin S: Zoo year membership
 - i. The year begins when the pass is activated by the patron
 - c. Allison B: Their Meijer gift cards were by far the most popular prize followed by Grand Haven 9 gift card
 - d. Diana: Experience based prizes tend to be the most popular
 - e. Paige: Some places will give libraries a deal (like 50% off or BOGO)
 6. Summer Reading Round Robin
 - a. Autumn: 1000 hours outside program that was presented at Spring Institute is something their library is starting
 - b. Shannon: is calling their 1000 hour outside "Inside Out"
 - c. Jessica: They had local teen authors come in to host writing workshops for their teens
 - d. Mary: Spring Institute had a segment on Storytime on the Farm. Their library is partnering with their local tree farm to host a Christmas in July program on July 25
 - e. Melissa D (I think): Hosting a "be a hero at your library" program
 - i. This will be a community clean-up program where people will clean up alongside super heroes like Wonder Woman
 - f. Shannon: Bottle cap mosaic with patron donated bottle caps
 - g. Lydia and Melissa: Progressive take and make painting projects
 - i. June: Patrons will be able to pick up the canvas and paints
 - ii. July: Patrons will get colored glue and string
 - iii. August: Patrons will get a bunch of misc stuff to add like buttons

- h. Shelly: Carnival of Kindness
 - i. Take and make kindness themed kits
 - ii. Collecting items to donate
 - 1. For babies- new socks
 - 2. For food pantry- canned food goods
 - 3. For animal shelter- canned animal food
 - i. Erin S: construction at the library- keeping stuff simple
 - i. Last year they did quiz questions where kids/teens put their answers to the question in a bucket and they received credit on READSquared (even if their answers were incorrect)
 - ii. This year they are having a kindness thermometer. When a kids does something kind the thermometer fills up
 - j. Chris: During school visits she did a mad lib and the students loved it. She had stuff like “name 2 people” or “a slang word for hello”. The kids found it funny when the story had the word “Bussin’ “ in it
 - k. Mike:
 - i. Decoration idea that they are using was based off the book “Mixed: A Colorful Story” by Arree Chung. They are outlining a city in their stairwell, and patrons will be able to place colored dots to create a colorful city
 - ii. On Beanstack kids can earn activity credit for doing acts of kindness
 - l. Nicole: Decorating idea- They are giving out white gingerbread people outlines and the kids will decorate them. After they are decorated the gingerbread people will hung up around the library for display
 - m. Erin S: Idea from LEGO Librarian- Mad Lib story: Kids are given a mad lib to create. Once the mad lib was filled out each kid was given a sentence they had to create using LEGOs.
 - i. *Side note from Justine: I think this is the link to the idea she was talking about. I had to look it up to make sure I got the concept correct-
<https://legolibrarian.com/2018/10/19/lego-club-challenge-lego-mad-libs/>
 - n. Michele: Lakeshore libraries are getting Pizza hut coupons
 - o. Erin H: Grand Rapids is the coordinator for the other libraries, but does not know how they got that responsibility and would like to give it up if anyone wants to volunteer to be the point person.
- 7. Summer Reading Illustrations conversation
 - a. Lydia: There is a difference between illustrations and graphic design. The illustrations are well done, but do not translate well to graphic design concepts
 - b. Allison B: Loutit library does an overarching theme for all ages that is the same theme every year- “Grand Adventure”. Their graphic designer does an amazing job.
- 8. Continuing Ed- Ingrid
 - a. The idea of have circulating kits with resources is being put into action
 - i. Themes like DnD and Escape Rooms
 - b. If you want to be a kit tester contact Ingrid
- 9. Next meeting: October 2, 2023 1:00pm at Grant Area District Library (122 S Elder Ave, Grant, MI). Come get your libraries goodies.