

**September 2021 Youth Services Report**  
**Attendance Records**

**Story Time Programs:**

Beginning in September, I began having in person story times down at Munro Park. On Mondays at 10:30, I have Storytots Story Time and this is for ages 0 – 3. During this story time, we read stories, sing songs, learn nursery rhymes, dance and jump around, and the kids have time to play at the end. On Thursdays at 10:30, I have Preschool Pals Story Time and this is for ages 3 – 5. During this story time, each week has a different theme (colors, letters, shapes, etc). We read books, sing songs, and say rhymes that go along with the theme of the week. I do allow kids to come to both and don't turn anyone away. I am requiring registration due to the fact that when the weather gets colder, I will move the story times inside and I want to be able to keep attendance at a safe and comfortable number.

Storytots: 3 Mondays, 35 total in attendance

Preschool Pals: 3 Thursdays, 15 total in attendance

**Library Programs:**

**Grab and Go Kids Crafts:** This is a weekly craft kit that people can register for. We also stick a craft kit in any bundle of kid's books we see on the holds shelf. Each week I start out with around 25 kits plus the number of kits that people register for. Each week I am making up between 30 and 40 kits. In September we had 105 craft kits distributed.

**Grab and Go Teen Craft:** Chalkboard Art- Those who were interested received a kit that contained a chalkboard and chalk ink pens. Participants could make their sign look however they wanted. They can also erase the chalk ink and make a new sign as often as they want. 12 teens participated

**Offsite Story Time:** Every Tuesday from 10:00 to 10:30 I do an offsite story time at Partners in Parenting with their preschool class. I try to pick books that have a theme to them, and sometimes use the books that I use during my Preschool Pals story time. There are around 13 children each week.

**Outreach:** About a year and a half ago or so, we had a retired teacher who is also a patron (Pam C.) come to us saying she was interested in tutoring middle and high school students for free in ELA related subject areas as well as study skills. We have advertised this service to homeschool families as well as families with children who attend school. We recently have had a few families take advantage of this service. When she tutors, she uses our Green Study room to meet with her students. She has also done some tutoring through Zoom as well. During the month of September, she came to the library 7 times and tutored 8 students.

**Professional Development:**

During the month of September, I listened to a series of Zoom meetings called Reimagining together: Learning in Everyday Spaces. The meetings were on September 21, 23, and 28 and 1:00 – 3:00. This series highlighted how everyday spaces in communities, laundromats, parks, grocery stores, etc. can be reimagined and redesigned to support early learning and foster positive relationships between children and their caregivers. While it seemed to be more for people who actually own these types of businesses, it was still interesting. I've been thinking about trying to start something at a local laundromat, after Covid gets under control, and this gave me some ideas to possibly try.

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