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Summer Reading Program Wrap-up

August 5th marked the conclusion of our “All Together Now” 2023 Summer Reading Program. We had a total of 333 participants, who read for a whopping cumulative total of 312,651 minutes! Many of our participants also chose to take part in some extra challenges which promoted fun with family and friends, in addition to getting out and enjoying the local community. Waynesboro resident and longtime library patron Doug Tengler volunteered his time to hand out free books to kids as they signed up for new library cards.



Doug Tengler handing out books to new patrons.



Harper Mellott reading by flashlight.

Wizarding Festival Fun

People came from far and wide to enjoy downtown Waynesboro's 7th Annual Wizarding Weekend. Many library patrons participated in a special story time series, with readings of the first book in the Harry Potter series. We even experienced an encounter with a dementor!



Kids and adults alike also took part in AHMFL's “Magical Rock Painting” event, decorating a large stone as a group for display in Martha's Garden. They also showed off their individual creativity by painting smaller rocks in a variety of bright, sparkling, glowing designs. A few were even left in the garden and around town to brighten someone's day!



Kids' Room News

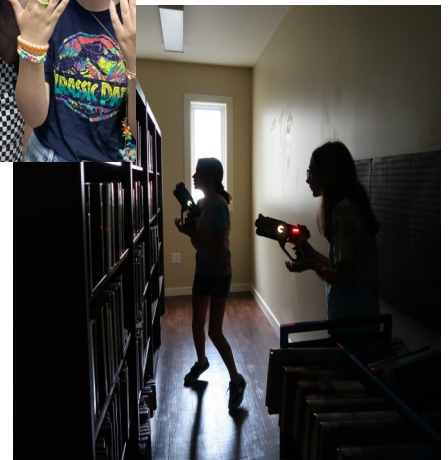
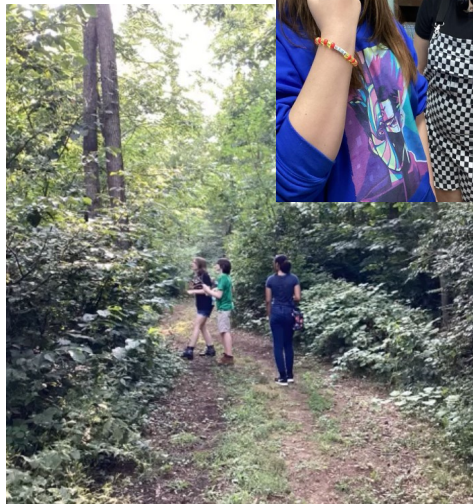
The Children's Department had so much fun this summer celebrating our nation's birthday, and hosting the LEGO Contest sponsored by Bill Kohler, Director of Mainstreet Waynesboro.



Princess Belle came to visit for a Preschool Storytime, too!

Teen Center Update

Showing off their Kandi Bracelets they made this summer are a few of *Anime Club* members. The Club meets twice a month the first and third Wednesdays at 4 p.m. A popular after-hours *Laser Tag* draws a sell-out crowd of teens who get to chase each other around the darkened Library. A highlight of July was the *Teen Hike & Scavenger Hunt* at Conococheague Institute. It was a great program for many reasons: the teenagers who came seemed to be really engaged and interested by everything there was to see at CI, and they snapped lots of pictures while participating in the scavenger hunt aspect. It was also a multi-generational program, both in the participants and in the staff members involved.



In the Makerspace



Children show off their "Starry Night" pictures they created in the Maker Space; Julie Diaz, a volunteer, helped children make straw rockets in the Maker Space at the Summer Reading Program kickoff with the help of Leslie McIntire (right), a Friends of the Library volunteer.



Adult Programs

This summer, the Library's adult programs were full and fabulous! Patrons enjoyed adventures in charcuterie; created beautiful repetitive designs in the Zentangle workshop; made pot holders and other knitted or crochet items in Hooks and Needles (offered both at the Library and the Senior Center); and learned new painting techniques in the Paint Pouring class.

Local authors Jessica Dickey and Dani Neff talked to a packed audience about their collaborative new book, "Sistering--The Art of Holding Close and Letting Go," and a "Causes of Memory Loss" program was presented by Martha Swope, RN, Mobile Psychiatric Nurse for Franklin & Fulton Counties.



From left, sisters Dani Neff and Jessica Dickey.



Mary Ellen Selvaggio, Tina Bittner and Deb Swope learn how to create a charcuterie board at the popular workshop in June.

Online Program Overview

Patrons were able to listen to a story online, take a walk locally or around the world, get new recipe ideas and much more through the library's online programs! This summer, the Walking Librarian Weekly Virtual Walk featured Tuscarora Wildlife Education Project, Pa., Rocky Springs Cemetery, Chambersburg, Pa., and Grand Caverns, Grottoes, Va. Guests are invited to send their walking videos.

We continued our series of stories from "A Reflection of the History of Waynesboro, PA and Vicinity" written by Carl V. Besore and Robert L. Ringer. These stories were originally published as part of the Record Herald's "Reminiscing" series.

Tasty recipes are online through weekly virtual cooking classes such as one Karen Sourbier presented using her garden grown zucchini to make a crescent zucchini pie; or listen to Terri Scott walk you through her Strawberry Shortcake recipe.

September's Adult Story Time was from the book "Imponderables: The Solution to the Mysteries of Everyday Life." It answered the question "Why Don't Penguins in the Antarctic Get Frostbite on Their Feet?" Get the answer or just listen to a good story every Thursday at 9 a.m.



Homeschool Happenings

AHMFL's Homeschool Enrichment Club is back in session! The club, which was started last September, met again on August 29th. Their first meeting of the 2023-2024 school year saw quite a few new faces, and many returning families as well.

Unlike last year, our homeschool families will now meet on Tuesday mornings, with the groups split in two (k-5 from 10:30a.m.-11:15a.m., and 6th-12th graders from 11:30a.m.-12:15p.m.). The club will meet weekly for educational activities and social time through the end of May 2024.





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Community Outreach

On August 1, 2023, the Library participated in the Waynesboro Police Department's 13th Annual National Night Out held at Memorial Park. Staff from the Library and the Friends of the Library manned tables from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. to provide information about the Library and the programs offered. To encourage new visitors to the Library, each person who stopped at the table was given a short seven question survey to fill out and return to the Library for an Amazon gift card prize drawing. Staff were able to talk with and answer questions for 340 people. It was great to share all the Library has to offer and to hear new ideas!



Officer Aaron Huntington and his K-9, Bushta , give a presentation.