LOOKING BACK:
A Month of Enriching Moments

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> *To enrich, educate, and inspire our community by providing unique and welcoming physical and virtual environments in which exploration, creativity and the sharing of ideas are encouraged.*

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

- ONCE AGAIN, MUCH OF THE LAST MONTH HAS BEEN SPENT ON THE STATE BUDGET AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE.
- I WAS INTERVIEWED BY ANNA EDMISTON OF THE SIDNEY DAILY NEWS ABOUT LIBRARY FUNDING. THE ARTICLE WAS IN THE MAY 2ND EDITION OF THE PAPER. I ALSO CONTACTED SENATOR MANCHESTER AND URGED HER SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET.
- IT HAS BEEN A BUSY MONTH OF MAINTENANCE AS WELL. THE GARAPA WOOD ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING WAS POWER WASHED AND SEALED. THE WINDOWS WERE WASHED INSIDE AND OUT AFTER THE WOOD TREATMENT. OVIS CAME OUT TO INVESTIGATE WHY WE KEEP HAVING NON-EMERGENCY ALERTS IN A CERTAIN AREA. COTTERMAN ROOFING DID AN INSPECTION OF THE OLDER SECTIONS OF OUR ROOF AND FOUND MANY PROBLEMS. THEY ARE WORKING ON AN ESTIMATE TO REPLACE.
- I WORKED WITH THE AUDITOR ON RECORDS REQUEST POLICY AND RECORD RETENTION.
- AMY SHAFFER AND I INTERVIEWED AND HIRED BEN BRUNSWICK TO BE A SUMMER ASSOCIATE. HE WILL BEGIN TRAINING SOON.
- WE REVIEWED THE SUMMER READING PROGRAMS AT OUR STAFF MEETING AND ARE ALL READY FOR THE PROGRAM TO START JUNE 2

Mark
-INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

50
CLASSROOM AND SCHOOL VISITS WITH

870
TOTAL STUDENTS

- ABC CLUBHOUSE FIELD TRIP – APRIL 11: APRIL VISITED WITH 12 STUDENTS FROM ABC CLUBHOUSE. THEY READ THE BOOK KITE DAY BY WILL HILLENBRAND, MADE A KITE, DID AN I SPY, ATE SNACK AND TOOK A TOUR.
- EARTH DAY – APRIL 22 – APRIL ASSISTED AMANDA HURLEY WITH HER EARTH DAY EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AT HOUSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. APRIL READ STORIES AND MADE A CRAFT WITH 75 STUDENTS.
- HEAD START INFORMATIONAL MEETING – APRIL 23RD - APRIL MET WITH 10 PARENTS FROM THE PARENT ADVISORY GROUP. TALKED ABOUT LIBRARY RESOURCES INCLUDING SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM AND THE MAKERSPACE

April
-YOUTH SERVICE OUTREACH COORDINATOR

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES

72+
Adults and Children in attendence

- LONGFELLOW SUMMER SNEAK PEEK – APRIL 24 - APRIL AND RIKKI VISITED WITH ABOUT 200 KIDS AND PARENTS AT THIS ANNUAL EVENT AT LONGFELLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. WE SHARED INFORMATION ON THE SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM, COLOR OUR WORLD AND TOOK SOME TREAT BAGS FOR THE KIDS THAT HAD BOOKMARKS, LIBRARY INFO AND CANDY INSIDE. THE KIDS ALSO WORKED ON A LARGE STICKER MOSAIC OF VAN GOGH'S STARRY NIGHT THAT WILL HANG AT THE LIBRARY DURING THE SUMMER PROGRAM.
- COLONIAL TIMES SKIT - BECAUSE WE DID A HILARIOUS SKIT FOR THEIR UNIT ON THE OREGON TRAIL IN MARCH, LONGFELLOW ELEMENTARY ASKED IF RIKKI AND APRIL WOULD COME BACK AND DO ANOTHER SKIT TO WRAP UP THEIR COLONIAL TIMES UNIT FOR THE KINDERGARTEN CLASSES. WE ADAPTED THE SEMI-HISTORICAL PICTURE B JOHN, PAUL, GEORGE AND BEN BY LANE SMITH INTO A T ACT COMEDY SKETCH. APRIL PLAYED THE PART OF THE NARRATOR/TOWNSPERSON AND RIKKI PORTRAYED BOT PAUL REVERE AND BEN FRANKLIN. THE KINDERGARTEN CLASSES THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THE COMEDY AND ALSO PARTICIPATED IN A MUSICAL VERSION OF THE CLASSIC TALE, STONE SOUP.
- BUNNY BRUNCH – APRIL 18 - THE SECOND ANNUAL BUNNY BRUNCH WAS MORE POPULAR THAN OUR SPRING TEA PARTY! WE HAD 72 GUESTS MUNCH ON RABBIT THEMED TREATS, ENJOY BOOKS, CRAFTS, VISIT WITH BIG NUTBROWN HARE AND PLAY SILLY GAMES. THE KEY CLUB, BUILDERS CLUB AND LIBRARY VOLUNTEENS EVEN HELPED PERFORM A BUNNY BOOK/FINGERPLAY FOR THEIR ENTERTAINMENT. GUS THE GRUMPY BUNNY ALSO ALLOWED KIDS TO PET AND FEED HIM. GUS BELONGS TO ONE OF RIKKI'S STORYTIME FAMILIES.
- NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK – STAFF SPIRIT WEEK. I'M GUESSING YOU ALREADY HAVE SOMETHING WRITTEN UP ABOUT THIS???
- KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIPS – RIKKI EVALUATED AND INTERVIEWED APPROXIMATELY 35 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR THE KIWANIS CLUB. THE COMMITTEE AWARDED $15,000 IN VARIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS IN SHELBY COUNTY THIS YEAR!
- ROTARY SCHOLARSHIPS – APRIL EVALUATED AND INTERVIEWED MORE THAN 20 APPLICANTS FOR ROTARY SCHOLARSHIPS. THE COMMITTEE AWARDED $3,000 IN VARIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS IN SHELBY COUNTY.
- PRINCESS BALL – APRIL 26 - APRIL, RIKKI, AND AVA PUT ON REGAL ATTIRE FOR GATEWAY ARTS' ANNUAL PRINCESS BALL. DRESSED AS RAPUNZEL, AVA VISITED AND READ TO NEARLY 250 GIRLS AND THEIR DADS.
- POWER OF THE PURSE – APRIL 12 – RIKKI HOSTED A TABLE AND PARTICIPATED IN THE FASHION SHOW FOR THE ANNUAL POWER OF THE PURSE FUNDRAISER FOR THE WOMEN'S POWER GROUP. SHE PUT A BEACH READ IN HER PURSE DURING THE SHOW AND GOT LOTS OF LAUGHS.
- HEALTHY KID'S DAY – APRIL 25TH JESSIE SET UP A BOOTH FOR THE LIBRARY, HANDED OUT LEFTOVER BATHTUB TOYS, BOOKS, AND WATER BOTTLES WHILE TALKING TO ABOUT 100 PEOPLE ABOUT LIBRARY RESOURCES.

Rikki
-YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR

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YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS

TEEN SERVICES

"IN APRIL, I HAD 6 TEENS ATTEND MY TAG MEETING AND 11-13 TEENS EACH WEEK FOR MY TEEN THURSDAY PROGRAMS. I HAD 2 TEEN VOLUNTEERS IN THE LIBRARY ON APRIL 1ST (ONE HELPED SHELVE BOOKS AND THE OTHER ONE CUT OUT MATERIALS FOR A CHILDREN'S CRAFT). I HAD 3 OTHER TEEN VOLUNTEERS ON APRIL 3RD (TWO WORKED ON A NEW DISPLAY FOR OUTSIDE THE TEEN ROOM AND ONE CUT OUT MATERIALS FOR A CHILDREN'S CRAFT). ON APRIL 18TH, THERE WERE 8 TEEN VOLUNTEERS FROM MY LIBRARY TAG GROUP AND SIDNEY CITY SCHOOLS KEY CLUB/BUILDERS CLUB WHO VOLUNTEERED AT THE BUNNY BRUNCH. THEY HELPED PASS OUT FOOD, ASSIST WITH GAMES & CRAFTS, AND CLEAN UP AFTERWARDS. ON APRIL 24TH, I HAD TWO TEEN VOLUNTEERS COME IN AND FINISH THE TEEN BOOK DISPLAY"

-Cindy
TEEN SERVICES COORDINATOR

11-13
TEEN THURSDAYS

6
TAG MEETING

100 BOOKS BY GRADUATION

For the 100 Books By Graduation program, we have had 62 teens registered and 820 books recorded since starting the program in 2021. We've had 7 teens who have completed the 25 book check-in, 1 teen who has completed the 50 book check-in, and 3 teens who have finished the program by completing the 100 book check-in!

EASTER, SPRING AND MORE: APRIL IN THE TEEN ROOM

Teen Room Passive Programs – April Recap

This month, I ran four different passive programs in the Teen Room:

- National Library Week Basket Giveaway – 9 participants
- Easter Word Search – 5 participants
- Spring Guessing Jar – 21 participants
- Take & Make Craft (Easter-themed crafts) – 30 participants

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TECHNOLOGY

- ORDERED AND DEPLOYED A REPLACEMENT COMPUTER FOR PUBLIC COMPUTER #8
- ORDERED REPLACEMENT HOTSPOTS TO REPLENISH THE FLEET OF HOTSPOTS BEFORE SUMMER
- COORDINATED WITH CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT ON SETTING UP TONIE BOXES
- UPDATED & RECORDED DIAL-A-STORIES
- DEPLOYED THE CASSIE COMPUTER SYSTEM TO THE 15-MINUTE COMPUTERS TO REGULATE PRINTING
- UPDATED DIGITAL SIGNAGE WITH CURRENT LIBRARY PROGRAMMING & INFORMATION

-Bob
-STEM LAB COORDINATOR

- ORDERED NEW MINI TOWER FOR PUBLIC PC #8.
- COLLECTED AND FORWARDED ANNA AND PRINTER REPORTS.
- ATTENDED SENIOR STAFF MEETINGS
- UPDATED CC MACHINE SECURITY CONNECTION
- ENTERED TONI, 'S INTO THE CATALOG

-Becki
-TECH COORDINATOR

11 PEOPLE ATTENDED
WIND SPINNER PROGRAM
MADE IN THE MAKERSPACE @SHELBY COUNTY LIBRARIES

$789.48 Money In

36 Number of Appointments

MAKERSPACE

- CREATED SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM PRIZES (PILLOWS, STANLEY CUPS, MICROFIBER LENS WIPES)
- ASSISTED RUSSIA LOCATION IN PRINTING DECORATIONS FOR MERMAID TEA PARTY
- HELD THE WIND SPINNER PROGRAM, WITH 11 PATRONS ATTENDING.
- CREATED INDIVIDUAL POUCHES FOR TONIE TOYS FOR THE CHILDREN DEPARTMENT WITH LIBRARY BRANDING
- ASSISTED SIDNEY CITY SCHOOLS, FAIRLAWN SCHOOLS, RUSSIA ATHLETIC BOOSTERS, HISTORIC SIDNEY THEATER, MOONFLOWER EFFECT, SIDNEY-SHELBY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WITH VARIOUS PROJECTS

-Bob
-STEM LAB COORDINATOR

ADULT PROGRAMMING

- BOB HOSTED THE MONTHLY TRIVIA NIGHT WITH 16 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE
- PREP BEGAN FOR THE ADULT PROGRAM FOR COLOR OUR WORLD SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM

Nancy
-ADULT PROGRAMMING COORDINATOR

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April Stats

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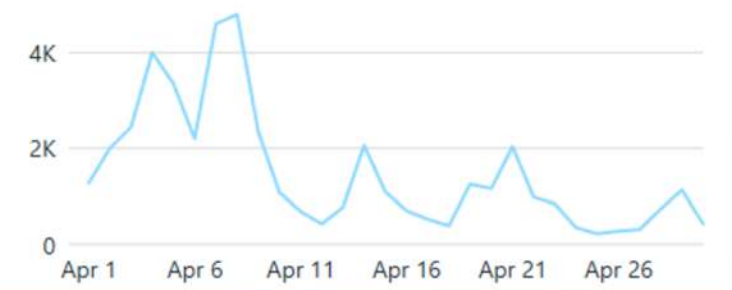

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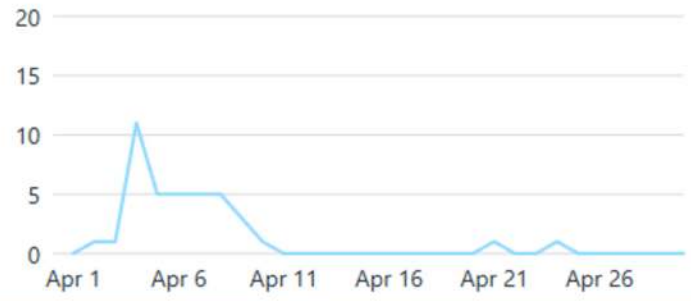

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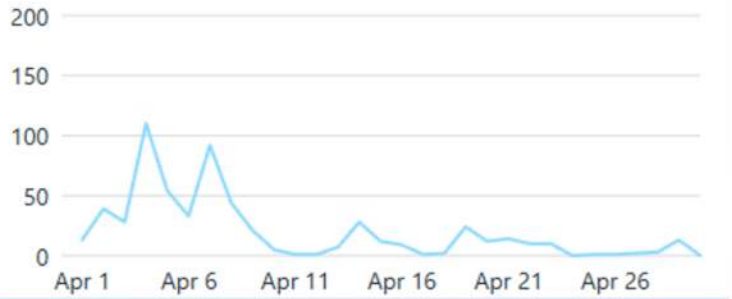

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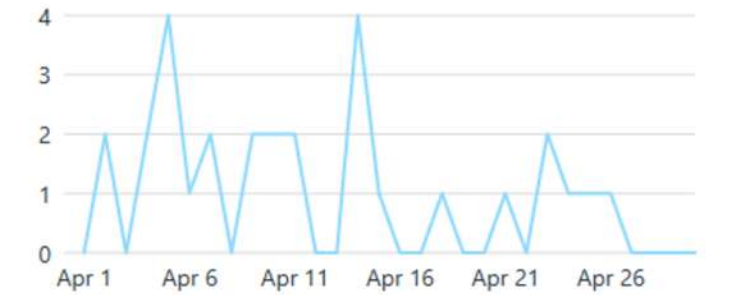

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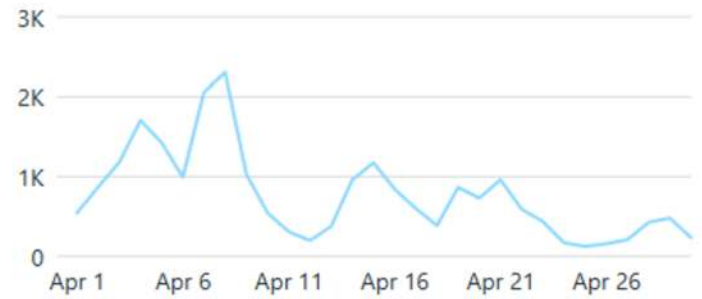

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COMMUNITY LOCATIONS

ANNA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

APRIL WAS A MONTH FULL OF EASTER FUN AND SPRINGTIME EXCITEMENT AT THE ANNA COMMUNITY LIBRARY! SHEILA S. AND SHEILA L. HOSTED A FESTIVE EASTER PARTY AND EGG HUNT THAT INCLUDED STORYTIME, GAMES WITH PRIZES, CRAFTS, SNACKS, AND OF COURSE—A THRILLING EASTER EGG HUNT. THE EVENT WAS A BIG HIT, WITH 48 ENTHUSIASTIC CHILDREN FROM PRE-K THROUGH 4TH GRADE IN ATTENDANCE. ALSO, THROUGHOUT THE MONTH, THE LIBRARY HELD A POSTER CONTEST FOR STUDENTS IN PRESCHOOL THROUGH 6TH GRADE. PARTICIPANTS WERE INVITED TO DESIGN A POSTER INSPIRED BY THIS YEAR'S SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM THEME, COLOR OUR WORLD. A TOTAL OF 12 CREATIVE ENTRIES WERE SUBMITTED, AND WINNERS WERE SELECTED IN TWO DIFFERENT AGE CATEGORIES.

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CHILDREN ATTENDED THE EASTER EGG HUNT

BOTKINS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

APRIL WAS A LIVELY MONTH AT THE BOTKINS COMMUNITY LIBRARY! KENDRA AND MICHALIA HOSTED A SWEET AND SLIGHTLY MESSY EASTER GRAHAM CRACKER HOUSE PROGRAM. NINE KIDS AND THEIR PARENTS JOINED IN TO BUILD FESTIVE, GINGERBREAD-STYLE HOUSES USING GRAHAM CRACKERS—PERFECT LITTLE HOMES FOR THEIR PEEPS BUNNIES. IT WAS A DELIGHTFUL (AND DELICIOUS!) HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE THAT HAD EVERYONE SMILING. LATER IN THE MONTH, WE WERE THRILLED TO WELCOME 84 PRESCHOOLERS AND TEACHERS FROM CARE-A-LOT LEARNING CENTER FOR A SPECIAL FIELD TRIP. THE CHILDREN ENJOYED A BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOUR OF THE LIBRARY, LEARNED WHERE TO FIND BOOKS JUST RIGHT FOR THEIR AGE GROUP, AND GOT A SNEAK PEEK AT ALL THE EXCITING ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR'S SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM, THANKS TO AN ENTHUSIASTIC PRESENTATION BY KENDRA.

FT. LORAMIE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

AT THE FORT LORAMIE COMMUNITY LIBRARY, THE ADULT BOOK CLUB CONTINUES TO THRIVE, WITH 12 DEDICATED READERS GATHERING TO DISCUSS THEIR MOST RECENT SELECTION, IN THE MIDST OF WINTER BY ISABEL ALLENDE. THE GROUP ENJOYED A THOUGHTFUL CONVERSATION EXPLORING THE NOVEL'S THEMES AND CHARACTERS. MEANWHILE, THE CARTOONS AND A CRAFT PROGRAM WAS A HIT WITH LOCAL KIDS! EIGHT YOUNG PARTICIPANTS CAME TO WATCH THE CLASSIC DISNEY FILM DUMBO, FOLLOWED BY A FUN, THEMED CRAFT ACTIVITY INSPIRED BY THE MOVIE. IT WAS A CREATIVE AND COZY WAY TO SPEND AN AFTERNOON AT THE LIBRARY.

COMMUNITY LOCATIONS

JACKSON CENTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

THE JACKSON CENTER MEMORIAL COMMUNITY LIBRARY KICKED OFF THE EASTER SEASON WITH A LIVELY AND FUN-FILLED SPRING FEST! A TOTAL OF 114 KIDS AND ADULTS JOINED IN THE CELEBRATION, WHICH FEATURED A WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING AN EASTER EGG HUNT, HOPPER BALL RELAY RACES, PIN THE TAIL ON THE RABBIT, A POPCORN BAR, DECORATE A COOKIE, GIANT KERPLUNK, CRAFTS, GAMES, AND EXCITING PRIZE BASKET GIVEAWAYS. IT WAS A DAY PACKED WITH JOY, ENERGY, AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT! IN ADDITION TO THE FESTIVITIES, THE LIBRARY HOSTED A SPECIAL CONSERVATION STORYTIME PRESENTED BY AMANDA HURLEY FROM THE SHELBY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

114 KIDS & ADULTS
ATTENDED SPRING FEST

ELEVEN CHILDREN ATTENDED THE ENGAGING PROGRAM, WHICH FOCUSED ON THE WATER CYCLE. AS PART OF THE EXPERIENCE, THE KIDS CREATED THEIR OWN MINI WATER CYCLES USING PLASTIC BAGS—A HANDS-ON ACTIVITY THAT MADE LEARNING BOTH FUN AND MEMORABLE.

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CHILDREN AND ADULTS ATTENDED THE MERMAID PARTY

RUSSIA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

THE RUSSIA COMMUNITY LIBRARY MADE WAVES THIS APRIL WITH A CHARMING MERMAID PARTY FOR GIRLS IN PRESCHOOL THROUGH 3RD GRADE AND THEIR GRANDMOTHERS. THE EVENT WAS SUCH A HIT THAT IT WAS HELD IN TWO SESSIONS, WELCOMING A TOTAL OF 65 ATTENDEES. GUESTS ENJOYED LISTENING TO ENCHANTING MERMAID STORIES, CREATING THEMED CRAFTS, AND SHARING A DELIGHTFUL SNACK TOGETHER. IT WAS A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERATIONS TO CONNECT AND MAKE MAGICAL MEMORIES AT THE LIBRARY.

-Jenny
OUTREACH COORDINATOR

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COMMUNITY LIBRARY LOCATIONS