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

- SUMMER IS HERE, AND AT SHELBY COUNTY LIBRARIES, WE ARE JOYFULLY COLORING OUR WORLD! OUR SUMMER READING PROGRAM IS IN FULL SWING, AND IT'S BEEN INSPIRING TO SEE SO MANY READERS—OF ALL AGES—DIVE INTO BOOKS AND ACTIVITIES AT ALL OF OUR LOCATIONS. THE ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM IN OUR LIBRARIES ARE A WONDERFUL REMINDER OF HOW WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH LIFELONG LEARNING.
- BEHIND THE SCENES, THERE'S BEEN PLENTY OF ACTIVITY AS WELL. I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH ROOFING COMPANIES TO GATHER QUOTES AS WE LOOK AHEAD TO NECESSARY BUILDING MAINTENANCE. I'VE ALSO APPROVED THE RENEWAL OF OUR PROPERTY INSURANCE TO KEEP OUR FACILITIES PROTECTED AND RUNNING SMOOTHLY.
- IN ADDITION, I RECENTLY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR COMMUNITY SURVEY EFFORTS. IT'S ALWAYS REWARDING TO COLLABORATE WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE FOCUSED ON IMPROVING LIFE FOR EVERYONE IN SHELBY COUNTY.
- AND ON A PERSONAL NOTE, I WILL BE RETIRING AT THE END OF THIS MONTH AFTER 26 YEARS OF SERVICE AT SHELBY COUNTY LIBRARIES. IT HAS TRULY BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE THIS COMMUNITY, AND I WANT TO EXTEND MY HEARTFELT THANKS TO THE INCREDIBLE STAFF, TRUSTEES, AND RESIDENTS WHO HAVE MADE THIS SUCH A WONDERFUL PLACE TO WORK.
- THANK YOU ALL FOR THE MEMORIES, AND HERE'S TO A BRIGHT AND COLORFUL SUMMER!

Mark
-INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- APRIL VISITED A BAJILLION CLASSROOMS AND GOT KIDS EXCITED ABOUT THE SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM. SHE ALSO SHARED THE TEEN PROGRAM WITH MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL KIDS AT FAIRLAWN
- APRIL AND RIKKI WERE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN EMERSON AND LONGFELLOW CAREER DAY AT THE FAIRGROUNDS. WE TOOK A COLLECTION OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS AND HAD THE KIDS PRETEND TO 'BE THE LIBRARIAN' AND BY SELECTING BOOKS FOR US AND USING A SCANNER TO CHECK THEM OUT. WE ALSO HANDED OUT READING SWAG TO THE HUNDREDS OF KIDS THAT VISITED OUR BOOTH.
- APRIL ALSO VISITED FAIRLAWN SCHOOLS AND DID A SIMILAR TEEN SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM TALK WITH 128 STUDENTS IN GRADES 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH

April
-YOUTH SERVICE OUTREACH COORDINATOR

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES

- PRESENTATION AT STAFF MEETING – RIKKI OFFERED A BRIEF 'PEP TALK' AND INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAMS AT THE MAY STAFF MEETING.
- THE SENIOR MANAGEMENT STAFF ALSO ORGANIZED A RAINBOW FOOD CARRY-IN. WE MATCHED EACH STAFF PERSON TO OTHER STAFF THAT SHARED A SIMILAR PI RESULT FROM OUR STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY IN FEBRUARY. WE ASKED EACH GROUP TO BRING COLOR COORDINATED CHARCUTERIE ITEMS TO GET EXCITED FOR THE COLOR OUR WORLD SUMMER PROGRAM THEME.
- KIWANIS – RIKKI CO-HOSTED A NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION FOR KIWANIANS THAT HAVE JOINED OUR CLUB IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. THIS WAS HELD AT THE LIBRARY.
- KINDERGARTEN SCREENING – APRIL AND RIKKI WERE INVITED TO PASS OUT KINDERGARTEN READINESS KITS AT EMERSON AND LONGFELLOW DURING KINDERGARTEN SCREENING TIMES. DURING THE SIX SESSIONS THEY COVERED APPROXIMATELY 50 KITS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO PARENTS ALONG WITH INFORMATION ABOUT ABC MOUSE AND THE SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM.

50
KINDERGARTEN READINESS KITS PASSED OUT

- FIELD TRIPS – SEVERAL CLASSES VISITED IN MAY FOR FIELD TRIPS INCLUDING THE ENTIRE KINDERGARTEN CLASS AT LONGFELLOW, HOLY ANGELS KINDERGARTEN AND HOUSTON PRESCHOOL.
- APRIL AND RIKKI WERE INVITED TO SARA OLDING'S SOPHOMORE CLASSROOM TO DO 'BOOK TALKS' FOR HER STUDENTS. WE COVERED SEVERAL DIFFERENT GENRES AND CHECKED OUT BOOKS ON THE SPOT TO MOST OF THE CLASS. IT WAS A TON OF FUN TALKING WITH THE TEENS AND MRS. OLDING WAS VERY APPRECIATIVE. SHE ALSO CAME AND SIGNED UP FOR THE ADULT SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM THE DAY WE STARTED BECAUSE WE TOLD HER ABOUT IT DURING OUR VISIT.
- RIKKI TALKED TO THE PEARLS & TIES 5TH GRADERS ABOUT THE SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM.
- SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM KICK-OFF – ON JUNE 6TH WE HELD OUR ANNUAL FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT TAWAWA PARK. THIS YEAR THE KIDS WERE REALLY EXCITED TO TRY OUR NEW EVENT THE COLOR RUN OBSTACLE COURSE. SPONSORED AND CO-HOSTED BY OUR PARTNER SIDNEY TIRE, CHILDREN AND ADULTS WERE GIVEN A FREE, WHITE 'COLOR OUR WORLD' T-SHIRT AND CHALLENGED TO TRAVEL THROUGH AN OBSTACLE COURSE OF POOL NOODLES AND TIRES WHILE BEING SQUIRTED WITH VIBRANT WATER COLOR PAINTS. THIS WAS A BLAST! THIS YEAR WE ALSO OFFERED FREE DRAWINGS FROM CARICATURE ARTISTS FOR THE FIRST TIME. FAMILIES (AND LOLA THE THERAPY DOG) WERE THRILLED TO HAVE THEIR CARICATURES DRAWN. FREE FACE PAINTING, STORY WALK CHARACTERS AND TREAT BAGS, HOT DOGS, CHIPS, AND K&JS ICE CREAM (SPONSORED BY SIDNEY CITY SCHOOLS) ROUNDED OUT THE EVENING'S ACTIVITIES. WE FILLED THE PARKING LOT OF THE ENTIRE SOCCER BASIN SO WE ESTIMATE AT LEAST 350 PEOPLE WERE THERE.
- **DONATIONS – JESSIE HAS SO FAR COLLECTED MORE THAN $5,000 IN SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM DONATIONS. WE ALSO HAVE RECEIVED HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF MERCHANDISE, TICKETS, AND COUPONS TO USE TO REWARD PATRONS FOR THEIR SUMMER GOALS.**

Rikki
-YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR

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SLP KICK-OFF PARTY

TEEN SERVICES

IN MAY, I DIDN'T DO ANY PROGRAMS SO I COULD SPEND TIME PLANNING AND PREPARING FOR THE SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM.

I DID, HOWEVER, GO TO THE SIDNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, MAY 15TH AND TALKED ABOUT THE SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM TO 10 CLASSES OF 7TH GRADE STUDENTS FOR A TOTAL OF 181 STUDENTS. I EXPLAINED WHAT THE TEEN SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM IS, HOW IT WORKS, AND SOME OF THE PRIZES WE ARE GIVING AWAY. I ALSO TALKED ABOUT SOME OF THE PROGRAMS I AM OFFERING THIS SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY INCLUDING TEEN THURSDAYS, A WRITING WORKSHOP, A PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS, A STRING ART PROGRAM, A VISIT FROM INDIANA WILD, AND A STOP MOTION ANIMATION PROGRAM AT EACH OF THE LOCATIONS. I ALSO TALKED ABOUT OUR KICKOFF PARTY AT TAWAWA PARK AND OUR END OF THE SUMMER PARTY AT THE SIDNEY POOL.

AFTER THAT I WENT OVER SOME OF THE PROGRAMS I USUALLY OFFER THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR SUCH AS TEEN THURSDAYS, MAKERSPACE PROGRAMS, ETC. I ALSO EXPLAINED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT MY TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG), WHICH IS A GROUP OF TEEN VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP ME WITH PLANNING TEEN PROGRAMS, DECIDING WHAT BOOKS TO ORDER FOR THE TEEN ROOM, MAKING BOOK DISPLAYS, AND HELPING THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT WITH SOME OF THEIR PROGRAMS. I PASSED OUT SHELBY COUNTY LIBRARY SWAG BAGS WITH A BOOKMARK OUTLINING DETAILS ABOUT THE SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM, A QUARTER SHEET WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE WRITING WORKSHOP AND STOP MOTION ANIMATION PROGRAM, A COLOR CHANGING SCL PENCIL, AND CANDY.

-Cindy

TEEN SERVICES COORDINATOR

For the 100 Books By Graduation program, we have had 63 teens registered and 835 books recorded since starting the program in 2021. We've had 6 teens who have completed the 25 book check-in, 2 teens who has completed the 50 book check-in, and 3 teens who have finished the program by completing the 100 book check-in!

100 BOOKS BY GRADUATION

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TECHNOLOGY

- COORDINATED A NEW, BUILDING-WIDE PAGING SYSTEM INTEGRATED WITH OUR PHONES
- ALONG WITH CHELSEA, ADDED ALL SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM EVENTS TO THE WEB CALENDAR.
- UPDATED DIGITAL SIGNAGE WITH SUMMER READING ADVERTISEMENTS
- PUT NEW HOTSPOTS INTO CIRCULATION, BRINGING THE TOTAL COLLECTION BACK UP TO 14 DEVICES.
- RECORDED ALL THE DIAL-A-STORIES FOR JUNE & JULY (9 STORIES)
- RECEIVED A DONATION FROM AGAPE DISTRIBUTION OF 27" GAMING MONITORS FOR LIBRARY COMPUTERS (SHOUT OUT TO APRIL FOR HELPING SECURE THE DONATION)
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-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 TONIES INTO THE CATALOG

-Becki
-TECH COORDINATOR

18 PEOPLE ATTENDED
MONTHLY TRIVIA NIGHT

ADULT PROGRAMMING

$741.13
Money In

52
Number of Appointments

New Record

MAKERSPACE

- WORKED WITH CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT TO FIND THE BEST SOLUTION FOR THE TONIES FIGURES & SUBLIMATED OVER 100 ZIPPERED-POUCHES.
- COORDINATED WITH CHILDREN'S, TEENS, AND VARIOUS COMMUNITY LOCATION COORDINATORS TO PREPARE SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM DECORATIONS
- ASSISTED WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP OF SHELBY COUNTY, THE SIDNEY-SHELBY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE SHELBY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, SIDNEY CITY SCHOOLS, AND THE SIDNEY-SHELBY YMCA ON MULTIPLE PROJECTS.
- BROKE THE RECORD FOR MOST MAKERSPACE APPOINTMENTS IN 1 WEEK WITH 21 APPOINTMENTS BETWEEN 5/19-5/23. PREVIOUS RECORD WAS 16 IN ONE WEEK.
- CHELSEA PRESSED OVER 200 T-SHIRTS FOR THE SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM KICK-OFF PARTY WITH THE SIDNEY TIRE LOGO ON THE SLEEVE

-Bob
-STEM LAB COORDINATOR

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May Stats

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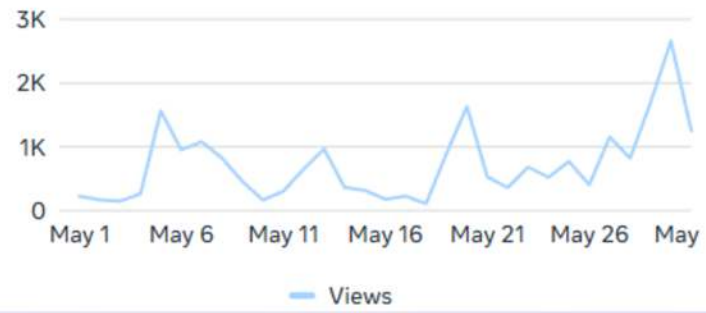

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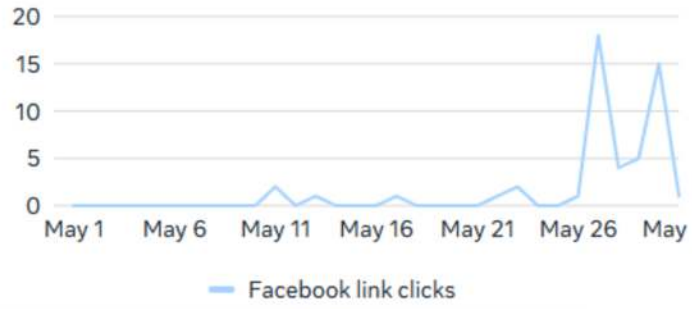

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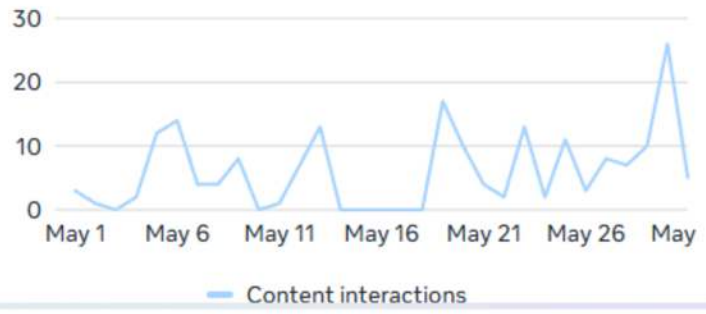

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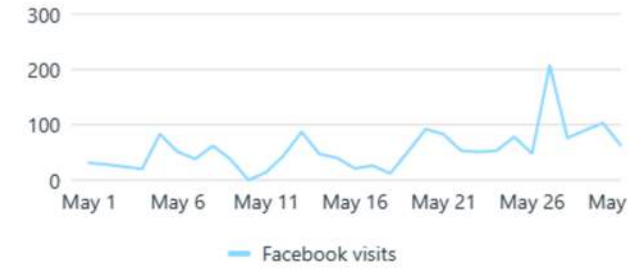

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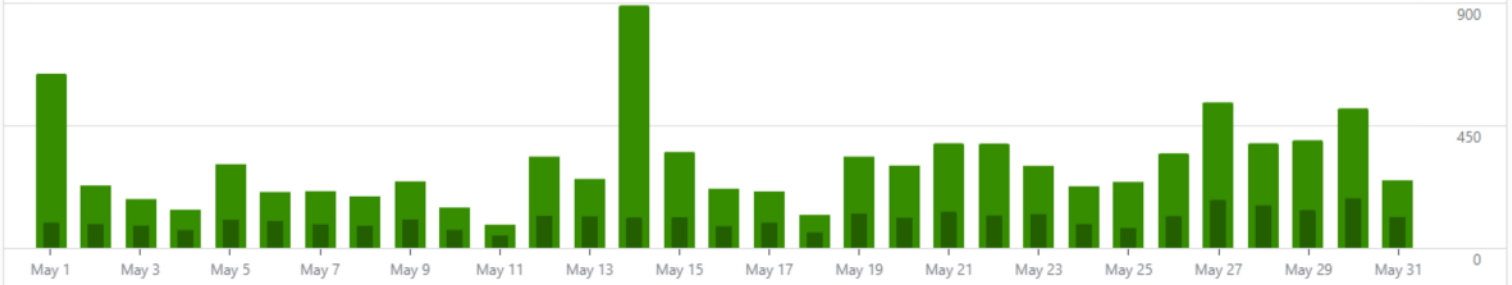

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MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT

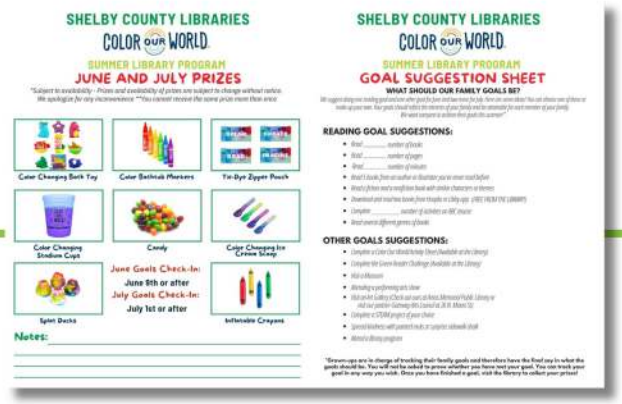
I CREATED 3 FLYERS FOR ADULT PROGRAMMING AND 1 FOR TEEN PROGRAMING FOR THE UPCOMING SLP.

IN THE MONTH OF MAY FOR CANVA I HAD:

- 58 DESIGNS CREATED
- 119 DESIGNS PUBLISHED
- 27 LINKS SHARED
- 337 DESIGNS VIEWED

130+
ONLINE EVENTS ADDED

-Cassandra
DIRECTOR OF MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT



SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM 2025

IN THE MONTH OF MAY, I COMPLETED THE MATERIALS FOR THE SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM, INCLUDING:

- THE YOUTH PROGRAM GOAL SHEET
- GOAL COVER SHEETS (WHICH OUTLINE THE YOUTH PROGRAM PRIZES AND GOAL SUGGESTIONS)
- EVENT CALENDARS FOR ALL LOCATIONS
- SLP THEME THANK YOU CARDS
- SLP BOOKMARKS FOR JACKSON CENTER AND FT. LORAMIE
- FAIR FAMILY PREVIEW DAY AD
- PUNCH CARDS FOR THE ADULT SLP
- RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE YOUTH PRIZES
- BK ROOT BEER COUPONS

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