

Report to the Board

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After-school programs:

In September, to kick off the after-school programs, we hosted five LEGO clubs. Those had pretty steady numbers throughout the month, ranging from 5-10 kids each time.

October began our regularly scheduled program, with each week being a different activity. For our LEGO club, we had 10 kids. The STEAM activity was making monster slime, and we had 18 participants, including all the parents who also wanted to make their own slime. I'm hoping we can keep numbers up throughout the rest of the month, with the movie and the Halloween craft, and even beyond into other months.

Teen programs:

The teen-led improvisation class is going well, with 7-8 teens coming to both classes so far. The teen hosting the class is doing a great job of getting everyone involved!

Our Dungeons and Dragons programs are always growing, with more and more teens simply wanting to hang out and watch the process. It's very neat to see so many kids get involved with these programs. We are also still hosting Rainbow Alliance with a craft or two, and Anime Club with a fun movie or show to watch.

We seem to have a pretty tight-knit group of core teenagers who come to nearly every program. It's very nice to have a base group who we know will always show up. We've also had a bunch of them ask about hosting another hide and seek event, which I am planning on doing in January. It's difficult to host too many of them too quickly, but we are trying our best to accommodate everyone!

Adult programs:

September's craft programs went super well, with 12 people coming to one and 19 to the other. We are hoping to get some more people involved in our Brown Bag Book Club, but I am definitely optimistic about it!

We tried to keep adult programs in a spooky theme this month to go along with Halloween. Our first tarot card reading program saw 15 people in attendance. We had a psychic/medium get an audience of 15 as well. We are expecting a big crowd at the Eric Jones pumpkin carving program once again. Our haunted house crafting program has gotten a lot of great engagement on Facebook!

I also wanted to mention that just a few weeks ago, I experienced my first query about the videophone for deaf and hard-of-hearing folks. There was a group of ASL speakers that asked me to show them how

to use the technology. It is really intuitive to use and they were able to chat with a friend of theirs using ASL! It was really great to watch, and the group was very appreciative of the service. It's a completely free app that we have access to now, and we already had the technology in-house to use it!