

Report to the Board
Kathy O'Malley Children's Department
November 2022

Programs:

All children's programs are going well. Halloween week was a lot of fun. There were a lot of kids and everyone enjoyed the programs and the cider and donuts. Thanks Friends.

The Pumpkin Patch Petting Zoo was also a lot of fun. We decorated pumpkins, had a story about safety and some safety tips from Officer Ian from OPD and petted and fed some adorable animals from Sundance Kids Farms. The weather was super nice for the middle of October. I think that contributed to the huge number of people who attended. There were over 350 attendees. I had to make 2 pumpkin runs to Miller's. We ran out of pumpkins (80) in the first 40 minutes. It was hectic, but in the end only 3 kids were unable to decorate a pumpkin. They picked some cool prizes left over from summer reading and they were fine with that.

The book vending machine continues to be a big hit and a great incentive for kids. Kids are getting tokens for reading so many books per week depending on their age, reading out loud with the dogs, attending programs and doing nice things. They can also get a token for birthdays or other special days.

In December story times and Investigation Stations will be on holiday hiatus. Programs will resume in January.

Cris Johnson will be here on December 10th to perform his Christmas Show.