

Report to the Board

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After-school programs are still a big hit on Thursday afternoons. Our April Pokemon club had 15 people in attendance! I learned from one of the parents that the kids have been banned from trading cards at school, so the library is basically the only place they are still allowed to do it.

Movie programs have been replaced with Bingo. The first session had 22 people in attendance! I have decided to host a STEAM program based off something I learned in a workshop recently, paper circuits! I bought all the supplies for the kids to create their own circuits with copper tape, lithium batteries, and tiny LED lights. They will be allowed to create whatever they like with these! The training I attended was in Dunkirk and there were many other librarians from CCLS participating. We all worked together to create so many cool paper circuits!

Teen programs are still doing quite well also. Cherish is doing a great job with our Dungeons and Dragons clubs, as well as the Anime and Gaming clubs. The kids are always excited for Wednesday evenings so they can sit and play together in the Gallery.

Our most recent OTAB meeting included 8 different teens that were very excited to help us out during the budget vote in May. They will be helping create some different Harry Potter-themed crafts, as May 2nd is the anniversary of the Battle of Hogwarts in the *Harry Potter* books. These teens love helping out however they can, whether it's through teaching crafts, serving snacks, or just helping in general. It's so nice to have a dedicated group to call on! I also had the help of a couple OTAB kids to create a scavenger hunt throughout National Library Week, so keep your eyes peeled for that!

We are hosting Sophie LaBelle, a Canadian author, at the end of April! She is a comic book artist who focuses on identity and how to find yourself as a teenager. She will be presenting for the teens, who will hopefully look up to her as a good role model.

The evening book club has been renamed to the Night Owls Book Club. The first meeting had 2 members, and the second had 3. We are reading the same books as the Brown Bag club, just a little later. Hopefully word will spread and we will continue growing!

Brown Bag saw 2 new members this month! We are definitely spreading throughout the community. One of our members told me that the club has been going on for about 20 years now, and it's very nice to continue the tradition with new and old members alike. I've gotten a lot of compliments about the books I've picked and how well the program is run. People really seem to enjoy showing up and giving their opinion, even if they didn't like the book!

The local Dungeon Master of our Adult D&D group is interested in continuing to host the sessions for us, with a small fee. He is doing great with the community, attracting people we've never even seen at the library! He meets once a month with his group and continues their forays into the world of D&D.

Lastly, our craft programs have continued to exceed our expectations in numbers. We always have a very long waiting list, and Amy has been hosting 2 different classes each month to try and keep up with the demand! We are very thankful to have received the O'Connell Grant money to help with the costs of the materials. People are still demanding we host these programs, and we are still able to deliver!