

Report to the Board
Kathy O'Malley Children's Department
April 2023

Programs:

Story Times, Investigation Stations and Reading Can Be Ruff Winter/Spring session will end this week. Then there will be a two week break before we continue again in May for 4 weeks.

Special Events and Clubs:

April 1st we hosted Easter with the Jeffers. There was a magic show, a craft, an easter egg hunt, baby chicks, ducks and bunnies and a visit from the Easter Bunny. It was great program and literally hundreds of people came out to attend. There was no way to really count, but the people counter reported over 900. It was a little crowded.

The week of April 3rd – 7th was Golden Rule Week and once again we partnered with the Olean Charter for Compassion to celebrate the city-wide Week of Kindness. Kids submitted pictures of kind acts which were displayed all week. Each child received a “bag of kindness” and a book machine token. 57 kids participated. Kindness was the theme for all programs and story times that week.

We had 17 kids submit stories and illustrations in the Promising Young Writers Club. We sent their submissions off to the publisher and hope to be getting the finished hardcover books back any day now.

We are celebrating their success with an author reception/meet and greet on April 22nd.

May 2nd we will host Story Time with Percy, Delilah and Halley. Percy the miniature horse and our special therapy dogs will join us for story time, crafts, snacks and photos.