

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

**Programs:**

Programs went well through May. No programs were scheduled in June. The elementary schools have been bringing their classes to the library to hear about the summer reading program and getting a tour of the library. So far 14 visits have been scheduled.

The school district has approved the distribution of Summer Reading flyers. I will take them to the schools to be distributed the last week of classes.

The annual Summer Reading kick-off carnival will be held on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be carnival games, balloon animals, face painting and a magic show.

Registration for summer programs begins on June 26<sup>th</sup> with programs beginning the week of July 10<sup>th</sup>.

We are offering our regular programs and story times as well as some new additions.

Kids and Clay: Hand- Building is a single session program for kids ages 6-10. There will be four sessions total. They will learn how to take raw clay, form it and make it into something really cool like a Pout Pout Fish kitchen scrubby holder, wind chimes or pressed flower plaque.

The classes will be taught by local artisan Tara Dedrick. She will glaze and fire the children's pieces at her pottery shed and return them to the library for pick up.

Tara donates 100% of her pottery sales to Olean missionary Cari Matejka's Literacy of Love organization in Uganda.

The Kind Kids Club will meet weekly to celebrate kindness, unity and working together, the theme of this year's Summer Reading program: All Together Now.

Each week the club will do or create something wonderful for a community organization.

The Summer Reading program will work as it has in the past. Kids will read and log their titles and time spent reading in a folder. They check in their folder and earn Kid Cash to buy prizes.

Some of our special events will include the Super Amy Variety and Magic show, offered through our long-time contributors Charlie and Checkers.

The Omnipresent Puppet Theater will present Puss in Boots.

Cris Johnson's "Yes I Can" Magic Show

The ArtMobile

