

## Report to the Board

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Kids' after-school programs are doing well still during the final month of school. The last LEGO club saw 15 kids! We will be continuing the festivities throughout summer reading, but with a weekly theme that corresponds to the theme of All Together Now. We will be watching a movie weekly that helps support those themes as well.

The teens are getting a little rowdier with school ending. They come to the library earlier in the day and hang out until the teen room opens. For now, we think it's best to keep it open its current hours to ensure that the teens have somewhere safe to congregate throughout the week. If numbers turn down, we can look at potentially limiting the teen room hours.

We hosted the first Jackbox Games tournament in a while at the beginning of June and 15 teens showed up. We played on the big screen in the Art Gallery and they had tons of fun playing! Their answers are always creative (and kept library-appropriate).

Wednesday nights are always busy with the teens because of our D&D programs, or gaming and anime clubs. Cherish does a great job attracting the kids with various tournaments and contests to keep them coming back. We found out that we can connect 8 controllers to our Nintendo Switch in order to have 8 people play at once! It's tons of fun. Those programs are nice because we have been seeing a lot of teens that we don't normally see in the teen room.

At our most recent OTAB meeting, the teens helped me decide what sort of prizes to buy for the summer reading incentives. We decided on a variety of smaller prizes, like we did last year, and a handful of bigger gift cards to give away as the final prizes. Everyone seemed appeased by that decision, and it always helps make my and Cherish's lives a little easier!

I had 4 teens help out during the Summer Kick-off Carnival. They were all amazingly helpful and kind during the carnival event, aiding kids with games and making sure everything ran smoothly. It is so nice to see them being helpful in the community!

The teens and I also worked together to create the display seen in the lobby's display case. I made a puzzle out of foam board and gave them free reign to design it as they pleased. It really showcases the "All Together Now" theme quite nicely.

Adult program attendance is remaining quite steady, even with the recent ending of newsletter mailings. Amy's craft class had 12 people last week, and while she was hoping for more, there is another one scheduled later this month. These two classes are canvas crafts, which Amy is hoping to turn into a Gallery exhibit in July during Summer Reading. People are creating their own versions of "All Together Now" which they know will be displayed. It's going very well so far.

The faux ice cream sundae craft had to be postponed due to illness but we have rescheduled it and we are hoping to get just as many people as before!

My book clubs are dwindling a little because of the summer months, but I am confident that the numbers will pick back up in the fall after everyone is back from their vacations and trips.

We have lots of exciting programs and events scheduled for the summer, like a few author visits, clay crafts, meditation sessions, and a classical guitar concert. It is setting up to be a wonderful summer for the library!