

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

Programs:

The 2023 Summer Reading program registrations started on June 26th. Summer Reading check ins and programs began on July 10th. So far there are approximately 300 kids registered.

We are offering 8 weekly programs. There is something for all ages, from the Kind Kids Club, a club where kids do a weekly project for an organization in our community, to Let's Move Together, a fun stories, music, yoga and movement program. Of course, our popular therapy dogs are here twice a week and there are clubs, classes and special events each week until the 18th of August.

In June and early July, we offered Kids and Clay, a hand building pottery class for kids ages 6 – 10. It was a great success. 32 kids made some remarkable fish and snail pieces. The classes were held here at the library and the instructor, Tara Derick, took the pieces to her pottery shed to fire them and then returned the pieces to the library. The kids were so excited to pick up their creations.

Other:

In February we started a huge weeding project in the children's area. By June we had weeded all of the nonfiction and biographies and are just beginning the easy fiction collection. The project will be on hold throughout the summer and will resume in September.