

**Programming Report, August 2024**  
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August 2024 Stats		
August 13	Adult DnD	12
August 16	Teen Amazing Race	18*
August 16	Teen Summer Reading Prize Party	21
August 19	Brown Bag Book Club	10
August 21	Teen Anime Club	3
August 27	Author Visit: R. Leslie Howe	3
August 28	Teen DnD, Team B	9
August 29	Night Owls Book Club	1

August 2024 Stats		
September 03	OTAB September Meeting	4
September 04	Teen Gaming Club	11
September 05	OTAB Pride Club	8
September 07	Adult Knit and Crochet Club	4
September 11	Teen DnD, Team A	10
September 16	Brown Bag Book Club	8

\* 18 participants and 2 teen volunteers

Our Teen Amazing Race on August 16 was an amazing success. We had a full house with 18 teens as well as two recent high school graduates who came specifically to volunteer. Staff members, LJ Martin from CCLS, and I set up stations around the library for the six teams of 3 teens to visit and complete challenges. Each station was themed around a country, and each team had to complete the challenge at each station to earn points, an item to prove they'd succeeded (that they had to carry the remainder of the event) and their team's next clue about their new destination. Portugal, for example, featured local sword fighting instructor Wayne Wellburn, who challenged the teams to a 3v1 duel against him. Once they earned enough points against him, he awarded them a rose and their team's next envelope. Our teen volunteers were "Border Patrol" for the day: if they caught the teams breaking a library rule, endangering themselves or others, or deliberately sabotaging another group, they first got a warning. Repeat offences were a fine paid to the volunteers from the team's play money. The team with the most points won, with their points coming from the challenges they completed, the amount of play money they had left over at their final check-in, and points awarded for the quickest teams.

To say the teens loved it would be an understatement; they were begging for this program to run next year before they'd even finished! I hope to run it again in the future, with a few changes to stations to keep it fresh. Thanks so much to Sheryl, Kathy, and Chad for lending me staff for the day, to Chad for printing our trophies, for the staff who helped (Melody, Emma, Bella, Judy, Kari, Kait, Heather, Paige, and Sheryl), to LJ for all her assistance and for judging the final submissions, to my teen volunteers (Oliver and Gaaron) for helping be extra eyes on everyone, and to Heather for running for snacks to entertain the kids when they finished faster than we expected. I attached some of the pictures I was able to get during the event.

We went directly into the Teen Summer Reading prize party after our Amazing Race ended. 21 teens attended. We raffled off the remaining prizes from our Teen Summer Reading prize options, then raffled off the two grand prizes: a 40 oz Stanley cup with gift cards inside and a Meta Quest 2 gaming system. The teens were far, far more excited about the cup than the gaming system, so, if they remain popular, Stanleys with fun things inside may just be the grand prize next year! We had a record-breaking turn out for the program this year: our final count for sign-ups ended up being 47 instead of 51 (a few took logs but never properly registered or participated, so I subtracted them for final counts), and they earned a total of 2,126 tickets from titles read, hours read, and Teen SRP programs attended. By my best math, this came out to about 600 total hours read between the 25 or so teens who turned in logs. I'm not entirely sure how such excellent numbers happened (word of mouth and prizes they were excited about are my best guesses from the feedback our teens have provided), but I could not be happier.

Teen programs in September, so far, have had decent attendance, with the teen room's attendance hours rebounding with the start of school. OTAB is excitedly preparing for three larger programs: a costume/Halloween party in October, Friendsgiving in November, and the annual teen holiday party in December. We're also offering a crafty clay day later this week. Four teens were moved from Team A to Team B as of the start of September, upping Team A's

attendance to 10 teens for the month. In turn, Team B has had 3 more teens express interest in attending. These are great numbers on paper, though it does make running a tabletop RPG a little tricky as six players is the usual “sweet spot” for fun, comfortable game play.

Adult programs are also going well. Night Owls is officially paused due to only having one attendee for months now. Knit and Crochet restarted this month with four attendees. Adult DnD, to my continued surprise, is holding strong with ten attendees after a very, very slow start this year. If the group continues to stay large, two participants have offered to run a second table for gameplay in the same room. This would allow for even more players to attend. Brown Bag is also doing well with 8-10 attendees each month.

Finally, our exhibit this month features art created during Amy’s “Paint the Town” program. Attendees—both from community and some OPL staff members—painted over black and white recreations of photographs taken around our city, creating a unique view of our city from the eyes of each artist. Thank you to Amy for creating such a wonderful program, to the participating artists for their hard work, and to photographers like Lanna Waterman and Jim Cook for sharing their work with us to create this program.



1 "Finding" Greek Gods



4 The dedicated "Border Patrol" volunteers



2 Green Team checks their next clue in "Japan"



5 France, Mexico, and Greenland



3 Example of the tie-dyed team shirts



6 Recreating "Starry Night" in France and decorating masks in Mexico



# Teen Programs

## September 2024

**Sep 03**

OTAB Sept. Meeting

4:30 pm -- 5:00 pm

**Sep 04**

Teen Gaming Club

4:30 pm -- 5:45 pm

**Sep 05**

OTAB Pride Club

4:00 pm -- 5:00 pm

**Sep 11**

Teen DnD, Team A

6:00 pm -- 8:30 pm

**Sep 18**

Teen Anime Club

4:30 pm -- 5:45 pm

**Sep 20**

Crafty Clay Day

3:30 pm -- 5:30 pm

**Sep 25**

Teen DnD, Team B

4:30 pm -- 5:45 pm

**Sep 27**

Teen Jackbox Games

1:00 pm -- 2:30 pm

Teen programs in a bubble require REGISTRATION to attend  
You can use the QR code on the next page or contact Cherish to register