Report to the Board  
Children’s Department  
December 2024

Children’s programs November/December 2024

11/16 Let’s Talk Turkey

Total Attendance 80

12/7 Breakfast with Santa/Teddy Bear Workshop

Total Attendance 68

We are trying out a new program in December.

The Fun Club is a program for kids age 5-10. It will be a laid-back event with crafts, games and snacks for kids at that in between age between story times and older kid activities.

If the program seems popular and well attended, we will try to work it into our regular schedule.

The library has been awarded a $5000 grant through the John Henry Eldred Jr. Foundation to be used to promote literacy in low-income households through book ownership. The money will be used to buy books to fill our book vending machine.

These funds will allow us to invest in high-engagement titles to boost literacy for all kids. Having a cool book of their own will get kids and families excited about book ownership and change the perception of reading from a boring school assignment to a fun, rewarding activity.

The book vending machine was donated to us. It is the first thing patrons see upon entering the library and kids love getting a token and choosing a book from the machine.

The price of books has doubled in the last few years. A new paperback from Scholastic is between $3.00 and $5.00. This grant will provide an opportunity to keep the machine filled with new, high interest books for all ages.