***Programming Report, March 2025***

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| **February 2025 Stats** | | |  | **March 2025 Stats** | | |
| February 19 | Team B, Teen DnD | 7 |  | March 1 | Knit and Crochet | 6 |
| February 20 | Adult Trivia | 0 |  | March 4 | OTAB Meeting | 4 |
| February 21 | Teen Jackbox Games | 1 |  | March 5 | Teen Anime Club | 1 |
| February 24 | Brown Bag Book Club | 12 |  | March 7 | Teen Jackbox Games | 10 |
| February 25 | Teen Anime Club | 6 |  | March 10 | Artist Reception, S. Goodwin | 21 |
|  |  |  |  | March 11 | Adult DnD | 3 |
|  |  |  |  | March 12 | Teen DnD, Team A vs Team B | 10 |
|  |  |  |  | March 13 | OTAB Art Club | 3 |
|  |  |  |  | March 13 | Seed Starting w/ S. Pikulski  (Cornell Cooperative Ext.) | 11 |
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Teen Programs still struggle with attendance, mostly on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Cathy, Ellie, and I learned that a few of our most regular teens have gotten roles in various theater productions throughout the city this spring, with practices beginning around 4:30 and ending around 6. We’re planning to shift Anime Club and Gaming Club—the two programs most affected attendance-wise—to run earlier starting in April to see if this better fits the teens’ schedules. We also ran a joint Teen DnD program, bringing both Team A and Team B together to compete for in-game prizes (items for their characters in their next DnD meetings) as well as large, silly grand prize. Apparently, a nearly-four-foot tall bunny Peep plushie is a hot comodity to teens! All teen players who attended had a blast, and it gave me some great feedback on prize ideas for this year’s summer reading as well as different ways to run DnD events for our teens

Adult programs were also a mixed bag. With zero sign-ups and both of us recovering from the flu, Samantha and I cancelled Adult Trivia in February. We are offering it in April, but this time we’re advertising it as “registration requested” and that people can compete either in teams or as individuals. We’re hoping that will lower the barrier to entry and get a few people out to give this program a try. On the plus side, the seed starting class offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension Aprentice Gardener Stephanie Pikulski was well attended.

Our upcoming National Library Week (NLW) also proves to be exciting. I’ll once again be raffling off baskets in the library: as in previous years, patrons can fill out a slip each day they use the library during NLW. OTAB will once again host a Duck Hunt for additional raffle tickets. They (under my supervision) will hide 17 ducks throughout the library spelling out this NLW’s theme (“Drawn to the Library”). Patrons of all ages will be encouraged to find the ducks, decode the message, and return their sheet to a service desk to earn an additional, blue duck raffle ticket. Both the raffle and the Duck Hunt will begin on Monday, April 7 and run through Saturday, April 12th. I will draw the winners before closing on April 12th and patrons will have a week to come pick up their prizes. Amy is also running a Peeps Diorama contest. Patrons can pick up directions starting Monday, March 17th and have until April 4th to return their completed dioramas to the library. Judging will occur throughout National Library Week. Amy sent out surveys about our first Book Boxes, which will be distributed during National Library Week. Starting March 31st, we also are encouraging patrons to fill out cards at services desks about why they love their library—the people, the place, the services, etc.

Finally, Stephi Goodwin (a local artist) has her very first gallery exhibit with us this month. Her opening reception on March 10th was very well attended with more than 20 attendees. Interest in exhibiting in our gallery has increased in recent months, mostly (seemingly) from previous artists encouraging other artist friends to reach out about exhibiting.

