Summer Activities 2020

The 2020 Summer Reading program theme was “Imagine Your Story!” It started on Monday, June 15th and ended on Saturday, August 15th. We used the online Demco product “Wandoo Reader’ to keep track of the participants minutes read and rewards earned. We had 101 youth, ages 1 – 17, register for the program. Of the 101 youths registered, around 94 logged minutes, and 64 finished the program. Finishing the program means that a child, in the Birth thru Fifth Grade program logged a minimum of 300 minutes. A teen, grade 6th thru 12th needed to log 480 minutes to complete the program. A total of 63,639 minutes was read.

Book Review forms were also offered through Wandoo Reader. This year, we had 14 reviews posted online as opposed to 74 book review last year. If you posted a book review online, everyone in your program was able to view it.

You could set up challenges in Wandoo Reader also. Both programs had 10 online challenges. If the child finished a challenge, they earned a Brag Tag. Challenges included uploading a picture of that child reading, reading a blue book, reading a book with a one-word title, and reading in bed or a bedtime story. The teens also had two paper challenges that were added to their goody bags they picked up at the beginning of the program.

We had Take Home Crafts this summer that went along with the Summer Reading theme of Imagine Your Story. We had a craft each week for the youth and we had a craft each week for the teens. Crafts included a fairy house kit, lava lamp, crown, shield, sword, and gnome kit.

On Monday evening, July 20nd, Dynamic Schools Assemblies presented a YouTube program for all ages called “Rockin’ Fairy Tales”. The link to this program was posted on our library website and shared thru our Facebook page. We left it up about two weeks or so and it showed about 140 views. The Friends of the Flat Rock Public Library were very generous and sponsored this program.

 We had 3 prizes for Grand prizes – Jan Friend, a member of the Friends donated $100 to purchase a prize of our choice which was an electric scooter. We purchased an $80 AMC Theatre gift card and $80 worth of Legos.

Summer Storytime

So, no storytime this summer. We started a program called “Phone a Story”. You can call into our regular library phone number and select option 4 to listen to a daytime story or a nighttime story. The stories are available for a week and then we change them. The daytime story on the Phone a Story line went along with the Summer Reading theme (mostly) and the listeners were encouraged to get a Take Home craft from the library. Marcia Younglove and Bridgette Gering helped cut and bag the crafts. Phone a Story stats are: 6/13/20-6/30/20 – 65 calls and 7/1/20-7/31/20 61 calls. We are continuing with Phone a Story. The Take Home crafts will be available again in the Fall.

Thank you, Connie Biccum

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