

Children's Programming Updates

Program Reach – Teresa has been excited to welcome a toddler from the UK to her Monday morning storytimes. Hmong Language class continues to draw families from across the country with a mother from Cincinnati, Ohio staying after class to share how impressed she is that our library offers Hmong language classes. She said it's great that kids from all over the place can join in the learning.

Backyard Groove Feedback

- "We really enjoyed the Backyard Grooves program! Nathan hasn't made his Ghanaian bracelet yet, but he can't wait to. He was amazed to see the pictures of a preschool classroom in Ghana. Thank you for helping open up his world! He knows where Africa is, but to be able to connect that to other people and cultures is really eye opening for him. 😊"

Bouncing Beats Feedback answering the question, "What was the highlight of the program for you and your family?"

- Both kids loved everything about the program. They really enjoyed learning to drum! Both kids would sing the songs they learned from class for a long time (even now!).
- The goodbye song! See you later...both of them Ada and Evan sing it all the time!
- Live Music!
- Nani playing and dancing
- Energy level! All of these backyard grooves have been so well prepared, but Nani's energy was so very contagious (even through zoom, which is honestly even more impressive)

Fun with Books & All Star Readers Feedback: Below is an excerpt from a patron letter. The letter was accompanied by a video of the child reading one of the books she received from the program. She is a new reader and was doing a great job. The mom went on to ask Pa Ja for advice on what books her child should read next and Pa Ja created a Book Pack for her.

Hello Miss Pa Ja, Good morning

I am thankful to you for sharing the reading books along with star reader program, books are really amazing and helpful.

She really enjoys the books that u give along with the All Star reader program

I am Sharing the picture of the book and her video enjoying reading.

Girls Who Code – The girls are working hard and learning a lot. While the girls learn coding basics, we are also focusing on each of them finding and/or sharing their own unique voice. We have just started brainstorming on a final project that reflects a change they would like to see in

the world. Some of the ideas they're working on are: an educational bee pollination game, an interactive endangered animal page, and a positive affirmation phone reminder.

Graphic Novel Book Club – This club has been utilizing the graphic novels available through Hoopla & has a very devoted following. Attendees are given three options for each club and usually say they want to read them all instead of having to choose one. They are excited to discover which graphic novels have been made into shows, and then they can't wait to read the graphic novel and then watch the show and compare.

Kids Cooking Series Feedback

- We are gluten free, so we loved your suggestions on how to make things gluten free!! Please run this class again! My girls would love to attend again!
- Loved it and can't wait for the baking class.
- We are excited for these (baking classes)! The cooking ones you guys did in Feb were great too.
- We thoroughly enjoyed this! My daughter looked forward to it every week. I think the nature of having grades 2 to 6 and different levels of experience, made it a bit easy/review for my daughter. However, she did learn new recipes and enjoyed the aspect of making something completely on her own.

Maker Quest – In February, patrons were tasked with making a working heart pump model. It was not an easy project! One participant was so happy when she completed it that she created a video for us that showed how it worked while she described what happens with the blood in our body. Another participant was excited enough about hers that she decided to share it with her entire class!

March Field Trip Teacher Feedback

- Thank you so very much for coming. It was absolutely perfect. We loved every second of it. You were great. We enjoyed the stories and songs.

Yoga Storytime Feedback

- "Nathan loves your Yoga Storytime as well! The visual you do with the expanding ball has helped him understand deep breathing and it's brilliant. "