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Outreach, Projects & Visits

- ◆ The Summer Reading Game was the focus of our activities for July & August. The theme, Fizz, Bang, Read! highlighted science, and we held some fun science programs.
- ◆ The other focus was the summer reading and lists assigned by the White Plains Public Schools. We stamped the reading passports given out by the teachers, and gave away hundreds more to those who lost or forget theirs, as well as to children from other schools. Over 700 children joined the reading game, and this cooperation with the schools has been very successful over the years. 180 kids registered and wrote book reports online for the Evance summer reading. Those who entered 3 books were invited to a pizza party - thanks, Uno!
- ◆ We displayed the books from the suggested reading lists from Kindergarten through middle school. Extra copies of titles on the list were ordered.
- ◆ Thanks to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring the prizes for the reading game. The children really enjoyed picking out their rewards from our intriguing display.
- ◆ Some day camps came for visits over the summer, and Bits-N-Pieces camp borrowed science books for the summer.

Programs

- ◆ Thanks to the Foundation for the outside programmers who spiced up the summer. Magic Jim opened the summer and the Hudson Valley Llamas were a treat. Puppets To Go and Robert the Guitar Guy also visited for our Wednesday Night Is Family Night series.
- ◆ The Trove staff presented their usual wonderful programs during the summer, and then everyone tried something different. Tata Cañuelas told stories as a change from reading books aloud, and also gave a fun lesson on optical illusions. Bonnie Grant made clay robots, Raquel Cavalcanti taught popcorn science. Terry Rabideau held a rocket science lab, Deb Gaffey had activities around the five senses and Rosemary Rasmussen led two Scratch series with help from Austin Olney.
- ◆ We still had the Parent/Child Connection Mother Goose Time, Toddler Fun, Time for Twos & Threes, Stories & Stuff, Silly Sing Along, K2 Club and a special summer Act It Out. Of course, our pet therapy visitors still came all summer for Who Let The Dogs In.
- ◆ The teen volunteers ran Reading Buddies and our Reading Coach worked with the children, too.
- ◆ All the staff designed guessing games and displays to keep children occupied with fun activities. Terry's StoryWalk was a big hit and the author of Bone By Bone contacted us to thank us for choosing her book. Raquel arranged the display of rocks and shells to be counted. Tata made coloring pages and activity sheets. Bonnie got little stuffed monsters for us to hide and the kids to find.

Staff

- ◆ We had four wonderful summer workers through the Youth Bureau for six weeks. Then our teen volunteers really made it possible to have a wonderful reading game with all the children who came in to tell us about their books.