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Outreach, Projects & Visits

- ◆ We were invited to visit Camp Panawok at the George Washington School campus, which we did every Monday in July, reading stories to a few groups each week. We also donated over a hundred discarded picture books for the campers to use and then take home.
- ◆ Some summer camps and summer schools also stopped in The Trove over the vacation. We connected with them for an initial visit with a storytime.
- ◆ Once again, the passport program with the White Plains Public Schools was a success. Many families came in up to the opening of school to get their passport stamped. The summer reading lists were not changed for the elementary schools, but the middle schools had new lists. Each sixth, seventh and eighth grader had to read the same book for their grade. This was difficult when there are over 500 students in each grade. The holds system was used all summer long. Our displays of the graded summer reading list books were very popular and useful.

Programs

- ◆ The Summer Reading Game is our main program, and this year's super hero themed game was very successful. Children register after they have read some books. They put a figure they decorate on our bulletin board and then they receive a book bag. Each time they come in the Trove to report on a book, they were able to select a prize and then got their passports stamped. Our volunteer squad and summer workers ran the program. 550 children joined the reading game.
- ◆ The volunteers also ran the Book Buddies program three days a week for three weeks. Teens practiced reading with kids in elementary school.
- ◆ The teen volunteers are a program as well - training and scheduling them takes staff time but is a good experience for teens to young to get a job. They also help us with all the summer programs.
- ◆ The Evanced part of the summer reading program for older kids was not as successful as we would like. If kids report three books online, they get invited to a pizza party at Uno Chicago Grill.
- ◆ Staff kept up all our core programs and then tried their hand at some super hero crafts and activities. We had guessing games and special displays and activities throughout the summer.
- ◆ Terry Rabideau organized a Chocolate Tournament week at the end of the summer, and we all contributed with programs on the theme. Raquel Cavalcanti and Tata Cañuelas presented a bilingual storytime with lots of treats, Bonnie Grant had a chocolate Jeopardy game, Rosemary Rasmussen added a Spanish chocolate rhyme to her puppet show, and Terry ran some fun trivia games.

Staff

- ◆ We received four summer workers through the Youth Bureau and they were very helpful with all our summer programs.
- ◆ We also worked with the Maintenance Dept and had their summer workers do some much needed cleaning of bookcases and furniture in the Trove.
- ◆ Goodbye to our part time clerk Heide Klug and hello to Alexandra Serra.