

### April 2021 Youth Services News submitted by Aldona Pilmanis

The arrival of Spring brought new hope for better days, as by now almost all of the Youth Services Staff have been fully vaccinated. We are still being cautious, of course, but there is an underlying and persistent hum of positivity in the air as we slowly move towards normalcy. Some of our favorite little patrons returned to the Children's Room this month with big smiles and high fives and brought a new, vibrant energy with them. We are starting to remember what it felt like to hear the little ones chattering and laughing as they look at books and when we ask them questions about their day. We have been serving our patrons behind the scenes for so long now, that to be able to interact directly with them- even with masks and social distancing- is exciting and uplifting.

Most of this month was spent on our summer program planning. I think we have a really good range of virtual and a few in-person offerings for the different age groups, and almost all of them coincide with the theme, Tails and Tales. We hope to do a few "Story Times to Go" in the park as well, in addition to an in-person Meet and Greet with the Summit School goats, Scout and Sawyer. Our craft kit programs remain our most popular events, and we will be doing several of those in addition to our usual morning story times.

I am happy to say that we will be meeting with the school librarians in a couple of weeks! We have not been in regular contact with them since before the pandemic hit and it will be great to catch up with them and to hear how they are all coping. We traditionally met with them at least twice a year to discuss summer reading plans and to keep that line of communication open. It will be great to get back into that routine. Our great relationship with the public school librarians is special and rare- most librarians I have spoken to do not have that connection. It takes a bit of effort, but it is so worth it!

Here is a photo of Arlo Curtis with his decorated umbrella from my "April Showers" Craft and Story Time. His mom, Ashley sent me an email thanking the library for our excellent children's programs! 😊



<b>Children's Virtual Programs April 2021</b>			
Program Title	Date	# of kids	# of adults
Toddler Time	4/9	10	7
Toddler Time	4/16	10	7
Toddler Time	4/23	9	6
Toddler Time	4/30	8	6
Zumbini	4/8	19	16
Zumbini	4/15	18	16
Zumbini	4/22	15	11
Zumbini	4/29	18	16
Preschool Story Time	4/6	11	8
Preschool Story Time	4/13	11	5
Preschool Story Time	4/20	9	6
Preschool Story Time	4/27	12	6
Folktales on Fridays	4/9	2	3
Folktales on Fridays	4/16	7	5
Folktales on Fridays	4/23	2	4
Folktales on Fridays	4/30	6	4
Poetry Share	4/7	1	1
April Showers	4/13	15	16
Diversity Book Club- El Deafo	4/18	6	7
Earth Day Celebration	4/22	12	13
Family Cooking Workshop- Savory	4/28	22	22
		223	185
<b>Total Virtual Programs: 21</b>			
<b>Total Attendance Virtual: 408</b>			
<b>Total Passive Programs: 1*</b>			
<b>Total Attendance Passive: 124</b>			
*Handed out scratch art bookmarks for National Library Week			
<b>Browse and Borrow Appointments: 60</b>			
<b>Instagram- Total followers: 1,225 Total Likes for April: 496</b>			
<b>YouTube: Total followers: 141 Total Views for April: 497</b>			