

2023 Year In Review - Henderson County Public Library

A busy year of programs and outreach in our community!

- January 1 to February 28 Adult **Winter Reading Program**
- January 10 to 30 **LEGO Challenge**
- January 21 Retirement Party for Anita Smith, Library Director
- February 1 Director & Staff – West Central Elementary – **World Read Aloud Day**
- February 1 to 28 **Blind Date with a Book**
- *February **Yoga Classes for Ladies**, Donna Painter, Be Still Yoga
- March 1 – 19 **Pot O’Gold**, Unwrap a Bit of Gold and Read a Treasure! Reading program for children
- March 2 Headstart Preschool came to the library for storytime & craft
- *March 11 **Instant Pot 101** with Donna Painter
- March 14 John Mabon from Birth to 5 Illinois came for storytime and did a sensory activity with the kids
- March 19 – April 30 Reading with My Peeps! **Teen/Adult Reading Program**
- March 21 **Fancy Nancy Tea Party** held at The Barn at Fairview Acres
- April 3 & 4 Main Library & Director’s Office received a fresh coat of paint
- *April 8 **Air Fryer 101** with Donna Painter
- April 11-15 Spring Freewill Donation **Book Sale**
- April 24 Cherry Simmons painted a mural in the Children’s area
- *May 4 **Instant Pot 101** with Donna Painter
- May 9 Director Presented at Kindergarten Transition Parent Night at West Central Elementary
- May 16 Storytime picnic held at the Library
- May 17 West Central Kindergarten visited the Library on their field trip
- May 30 to July 21 **Summer Reading**, Read a Book to Find Your Voice
- June 3 Library Director held Storytime at Stronghurst Park for the Stronghurst Booster Club Fun Day
- June 8 **Outdoor Summer Olympics**
- *June 10 **Herbs: How to Use Them** with Donna Painter
- June 27 Anna Sharp, Dairy - Ag In the Classroom
- June 29 **Tie Dye T-shirts**
- July 5 John Mabon from Birth to 5 Illinois came to storytime and made Galaxy Jars with the kids to take home
- July 11 **Stepping Stones**
- July 12 The Library provided 60 bags for Summer Fest Storytime sponsored by the ROE at Stronghurst Park
- July 15 Summer Reading Party at the Library
- July 19-21 Library Staff painted and moved shelves in the Genealogy Room
- July 22 **Essential Oils** with Donna Painter
- August 2 MTC Communications installed security cameras outside the library

- August 5 Beautify Biggsville's Rock, Roll, & Revive Our Parks, the Library took Bookmobile to Reid Park & passed out candy
- August 10 Director Lambert met with Katie Whalen, from Newspapers.com on Zoom. Digitizing the newspapers will take a couple months. Once all newspapers are digitized we will have free access to the archive on any computers in the library
- August 12 **1000 Books Before Kindergarten** Party
- September 1 Launched **Mango Languages**, language learning app
- September 4 to October 21 Fall in Love with Reading, **Adult Reading Program**
- September 6 Director attended the West Central Elementary School Summer Reading Ice Cream hosted by Principal Mrs. Lafary
- September 16 The Library set up a table at the Stronghurst Fall Festival
- September 17 Decorated a 2 Poles in Oquawka for Schuyler Street Stroll
- September 16-23 Freewill Donation **Book Sale**
- September 21 Staff spoke to the West Central Pre-K parents about 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, and Dolly Parton Imagination Library program
- September 23 **Yoga for Kids**, Donna Painter, Be Still Yoga
- *September/October **Chair Yoga Classes for Ladies**, Donna Painter, Be Still Yoga
- *October 5 & 6 Escape Room West Central Middle School
- October 13 Staff took Bookmobile to West Central Elementary School Trunk-or-Treat Fall Festival and handed out candy
- October 21 Fall on Biggsville, Library took Bookmobile & passed out candy
- November 4 Storytime with Galesburg Author Janet Pogue Tolle
- November 8 World War II in Europe Program by Ute Chamberlin, Ph. D., WIU
- November 16 Family Read Night Storytime
- November 17 The Library set up a table at Stronghurst Christmas Walk
- November 30 & December 1, 2 In House **Gingerbread House Decorating Days**
- December 2 Bookmobile, Director & Staff in Oquawka Lighted Parade
- December 9 **Breakfast with Santa**
- December 14 Windblown Beads by Wendy Allaman

Storytime was held every Tuesday with ROE #33 reading and providing activities once monthly April through December

Movies were shown throughout the year for adults & kids

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