



decided to throw an extra story time in on some weekends so working families don't miss out. This particular story time's theme was about the colors of the rainbow. We read three books total. We read, "Lemons Are Not Red" by Laura Vaccaro Seeger, "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" by Bill Martin Jr., and "Freight Train" by Donald Crews. Each book involved identifying an array of colors. I took my time and had the participants guess/identify the colors with me, teaching them what each color looks like and how to pronounce each one properly (we learned how to pronounce "violet" together!). In between each story, we took a break to do a song and dance. I find it best to alternate between book and song so the participants are not sitting for too long. It keeps the little ones' attention longer and gives them the chance to walk around if need be. Our first song was, "The Wheels on the Bus," then "Head Shoulders Knees and Toes," and finally we ended with a game of freeze dance. "The Wheels on the Bus" and "Head Shoulders Knees and Toes" teach children how to follow directions, learn the different parts of the body, and develop movement and coordination skills. A game of freeze dance teaches static and dynamic balance, concentration, and how to follow directions. All of these songs teach children lifelong skills to help them in and out of the classroom. For a group this young, it teaches them necessary skills for when they start school such as sitting still, following teachers' directions, and climbing stairs. After the story time and songs, we did a watercolor paint craft. Participants were encouraged to follow the sample I had made. Everyone was given a coloring sheet of a fish in the ocean. We discussed what color the water should be, what color the sand should be, etc. Most of the participants followed my sample very well, while others went a more creative route and made the water purple or the sand black. The craft encouraged creativity, taught patience with the watercolors, taught what happens when you mix certain colors, and taught them the colors of different common items (water is blue, grass is green, etc.). There was a total of 26 people who attended this program. Because of its popular demand and high attendance, more weekend story times and crafts will be held in August and September. A weekly toddler story time and craft will again be held every Wednesday starting in September.

From Brittani LaJuett: Continuing with our STEAM at SoZo grant, this month I brought Cubelets to the SoZo Teen Center for an hour of spirited competition. Cubelets are essentially magnetic cube components that each do a different task and can be combined to build robots. The rounds involved building a robot that can turn corners and then racing them, creating drag race robots, adding LEGOs to the Cubelets to create the coolest looking robot, and then creating demolition derby robots (as you can imagine, they really got into this round). It was really fun to see the teens so determined to build a robot that could turn corners and cheer on their robots as they destroyed the other competitors. 4 teens attended the program and the 3 adults at SoZo also wandered over to build a robot. Next month, the Cubelets will be used to draw pictures followed by delving into the world of Makey Makeys the following month. Looking further ahead, this grant technically ends in October when I present on the STEAM at SoZo project at their annual meeting; however, I will continue monthly STEAM based outreach with SoZo for the foreseeable future.

**Miscellaneous:** New internet routers and connectors have been installed throughout the building as part of the NCLS broadband upgrades. This will greatly improve speed and bandwidth for patrons using the internet while visiting the library and for staff working.

In the month of July Farmer's Market book sales have totaled \$2365 which is a \$2082 increase from last year (most likely due to having really nice weather in the month of July).

The annual report to the community is completed. Thank you to Ashley Pickett for designing it.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Building & Grounds:** No report. Mr. Caughlin did comment about the status for repairing the fountains. Mrs. Renzi-Falge stated that the city did evaluate the repair and they will be getting official estimates. The board asked Mrs. Carr to please research prior financials regarding the repairs completed on the fountains. Mr. Caughlin also stated that he will be planning a committee meeting.
- **Finance & Investment Committee:** No report.
- **Friends Committee and Liaison report:** Mrs. Lavarney reported that the Friends are preparing for the book sale in October, and appreciates the assistance with getting posters and bookmarks ready. Rande Richardson from NNYCF will be attending the next Friends meeting to best utilize their fund for the library. She is also wanting Matt Corey from NCLS to attend their meeting in November or December in regards to how be a more efficient Friends group. There is a possibility of a potential children's book author talk in late winter, early spring. Otherwise, they are just looking forward to helping with the makers space.
- **Policy Committee:** No report.
- **Marketing Committee:** No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Makers Space Questionnaire:** Mrs. Renzi-Falge provided an example questionnaire to the board with the meeting materials. The actual questionnaire will be an online format. There will be print copies available as well. There are funds available in the promotions budget to hopefully get good feedback from the community. The librarians are looking for any additional suggestions from the board that they might have. The librarians are going to be designing flyers and bookmarks with QR codes, etc. The window to launch is the end of August, and run the survey the entire month of September, and maybe October (4-6 weeks).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Grant opportunity from Jane E. Deline local philanthropist foundation:** Mrs. Renzi-Falge stated that she learned of a grant from Mrs. Evans that Kathy Burns-Quencer is offering a private grant through the Deline Foundation for not for profits. Mr. Caughlin stated that he spoke with her personally and that she would be willing to consider it for the maker's space.

In additional conversation regarding this opportunity, the board agrees that the maker space will definitely benefit from this grant opportunity, and that Ms. Deline would have supported this project. Mrs. Renzi-Falge will be reaching out to learn about the next steps in the process.

**TASK REVIEW:**

- Mrs. Renzi-Falge will be looking into the grant.
- Completing the questionnaire for the makers space.
- Mr. Caughlin will be planning a buildings and ground committee meeting and will review the financials for the fountain.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Mr. DiFabion motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Mrs. Weir seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm in the South Reading Room at the Flower Memorial Library.

Andrea Carr, Recording Secretary