

March 31st [2022] meet up minutes:

Members present:

Amelia Gilbert - Carbon County Library System

Leah Shlachter - Teton County Library System

Introduced ourselves and what Wyoming community we live and work in.

Amelia discussed a partnership that the library (Carbon County) made with a local childcare facility to put on a Literacy Night event! They had a really good turn-out for both our Spanish parent group and English parent group! They also did a live streaming of the events. They talked to the parents about the importance of reading to their kids, and also HOW to do your own story time. During the talks they had the kids out in the hall playing LEGOs with some volunteers, and at the end of the talks they brought the kids in and did story time! The childcare facility paid for the pizza for everyone, and the library provided goodie bags with books (easy books they weeded from the library), bookmarks, and library info (events / groups).

They also discussed some really cool groups that Teton County has going on! These were the takeaways from Leah's descriptions.

- Story-Telling Slam: In this group you pick a theme, and give each participant 5 minutes to tell a story (real or fictional) based on the theme. Leah said this started as a really small group and now it is so big that they hold this group in a larger facility!
- Swap Meet: In this series they have local (city, county, state) officials come and speak. They pick a topic to talk about and have an open discussion with the attendees. It's very laid back, meant to be an easy back and forth conversation to get to know the person running for the elected position. No recordings, so that the conversation stays organic and easy (not as straight laced and scripted as a typical election discussion / debate).
- Great Discussions: Pick a theme / topic, send an article to the group to read before the meeting, at the meeting watch a video (interview, news, etc.). Everyone discusses. Learn new things, see someone else's perspective.
- Speed Dating for Friends: As adults it can be really hard to meet people and make friends. This event helps to match you up with like-minded and similar people!

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