

WLA – PIG ZOOM Meet up

April 28th, 2022

Attendees:

Amelia Gilbert – Carbon County

Becka Evans – Carbon County

Jo Wohl – Carbon County

Carrie Pardee – Natrona County

Sarah Neubauer – Natrona County

Mynda Camphouse – Laramie County

Leah Shlachter – Teton County

Johanna Tuttle – Campbell County

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

Amelia from Carbon County shared:

Youth Adventure Club (this is a Dungeons and Dragons group for ages 11-14). Participation numbers ranges from 6-8 kids every week. This game teaches: self-expression, communication skills, working as a team, artistic expression, empathy, strategy, it can help build self-esteem, THE LIST GOES ON AND ON! This group is facilitated by Amelia and Will Lassitor (community volunteer for this group). For more info on this group please reach out to Amelia.

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LEGO Club. Rawlins library reached out to the community for LEGO donations and got roughly 200lbs of LEGOs donated! They were able to purchase small and medium containers and send one to each of their 8 library branches. Each branch is now hosting LEGO Club multiples times a week. This group is relatively passive, there is some guidance, help, or supplies that may be needed but this activity is simple and easy for any size library to do. Set up tables, at each seat leave a LEGO board and a cup filled with random LEGO pieces. You can have a theme (build something that goes fast) OR let it be FREE BUILD. The participants vary from 2 year old all the

way to adults. When finished, the library leaves the LEGO builds on display until the next LEGO Club meetup.

Art Club. Held x2 a month. They do things like: paint Hummingbird feeders (purchased at the dollar store), make paper octopus (chain paper together for legs, color head on paper, attach everything with tape or staples), paint mini canvases (purchased at the dollar store). This group needs a staff member constantly rotating so the art supplies don't go EVERYWHERE. Set up tables, cover them in plastic sheets (dollar store table clothes), set out supplies, and let the participants get creative! They can take the projects right away OR leave them to dry and be displayed in the library.

A Killer Book Club: This is not a "traditional" book club. Each month instead of a book, you pick a suspect. The group members all read or listen to their own picks that are about the suspect. During the meeting you map out the suspects life. Trying to figure out what happened to make this person do the horrible things they did.

Carrie and Sarah from Natrona County shared:

Writer's Block. They work with their local community college writing group/writing department instructors. They come to the library to run structured meetings with the participants. This is a great example of a community partnership! The library provides the supplies and the space, the college provides the knowhow. There is a list of rules for the group participants, things like "Don't write anything that you feel uncomfortable sharing with the group", "Be kind to each other", "Don't be critical of each other's writing", things like that. During the last meeting each participant was given a bag of random things (everyday objects: qtips, small bird, buckle, ect.) you write a story using the object, and then you share it with the group.

Tiny Art Show, these were Take&Make kits. They made 160 kits and they were gone in the first 2 weeks! There was the option of bringing the art back to be displayed in the library, and some participants did. There was no theme they had to follow, it was whatever inspired them. This is a great way connect the art world to the library.

Mynda from Laramie County shared:

The Egg Drop Challenge, this is an all age event. Each team gets a limited number of supplies to create a structure that will make drag or resistance or buffer the egg. They then drop the eggs over the balcony and see if their structure worked to keep the egg intact. For participating you get a button! If the egg stays intact you get a button that says "Eggcellent!", if it breaks your button says "All Cracked Up!".

Ukrainian Pansky Eggs, this was a Teen workshop. Using a contact for a local artist they were able to partner and run this program to teach this craft.

Brown Bag Book Club. This is a tween book club that will start up again in the Fall. Grades 4 – 6. 1 book a month, the group meets 2x a month. Read half the book, 1st discussion is midmonth, read the rest of the book, 2nd discussion at the end of the month.

Summer Reading Event: Ocean Explorer Club. 2 groups: Kindergarten – 2nd grade and 3rd grade - 6th grade. STEM focused, looking at different parts of the ocean, different sea creatures

LARP Group: Tweens and Teens group. Live Action Role Playing. Similar to a D+D group, this game teaches: self-expression, communication skills, working as a team, artistic expression, empathy, strategy, it can help build self-esteem, THE LIST GOES ON AND ON!

StoryWalk: Set up around the outside of the library, Story time will be walking while reading.

Leah from Teton County shared:

Making Connections, this is an adult program, 2 part series partnered with the Safety Network (local nonprofit group). Part 1 was reading a book (*All About Love* by Bell Hooks) and having a discussion. Part 2 is an event called Speed Dating for Friends. Playing a game called *Where should we begin?* created by Esther Perel (author, relationship expert). This program is attempting to combat loneliness by providing a platform to meet people in a healthy and meaningful way. Super exciting news! Esther Perel reached out to the Teton County Library after she heard they were using her game for their program!

Outdoor Story 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.

Swap Meet: 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).

Teton Writer's Show Case: Similar to a TedX style. 2 events planned. 3 authors per event, each one talks for 20 minutes. Patrons get exposed to multiple author of different genres and writing styles.

Grand Teton Music Festival: They hold a family concert at the library. Multiple performers come.

Johanna from Campbell County shared:

Community Connection Fair, partnering with multiple local nonprofit groups. Getting these groups acquainted with each other so that each group knows about the services and resources the others provide. This was also helpful for the groups to see what services were being duplicated, or what services were not being offered. The hope for this event is that the community resources are better able to support each other and the needs of the community.

MakerSpace Video Recording Studio, walk through program to teach video editing. Johanna is learning video editing through the LinkedInLearning app and using the equipment available in their MakerSpace. She will be doing a presentation for the Chamber of Commerce to hopefully be better able to reach the small businesses in her community so they can come learn how to use the services to promote their business.

Read for your House: Still a program in the plans. Using Beanstack or Read squared. Have patrons take the online test to find out what Harry Potter House they would be in. Throughout the Summer update which house is reading more. At the end of SRP, the house with the more read will win "The House Cup", it will be displayed in the library.

Harry Potter Escape Room: Partnering with the local college they will be using their developed HP room in the library.