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Kid Summer Winners

by Julie Kennett

Our Childrens Department had a whopping 368 kids participate in Summer Reading this year! We gave away 30 weekly prizes and three major Grand Prizes at the Grand Finale Carnival on July 31st.



Jak Keyser, age 9, won 4 tickets to Kings Island, donated by Kings Island. Tyler McCarty, age 5, and Aislee Gillum, age 7, won 2 Kindle Fire tablets given by Abdo Publishing. Gemma Ricci, age 7, and Evan Harrison, age 4, each won a Bicycle!

Congratulations to our winners and to everyone who enjoyed a summer of reading and coming to the Library! Have fun at the fair and we'll see you in September.

Community Garden

by Caitlyn Clark and Warren Richards

This was our first year for a garden plot at the Bish Discovery Center on Ohio Street. We planted Cinderella Pumpkins, Long Island Dill, Rosie Basil and Cherokee Purple Tomatoes. Caitlyn started the seeds in February and has been going out to the plot with Warren to maintain them. We've already started harvesting the pumpkins and dill for our Growing Harvest Seed Library.

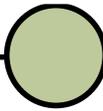
The tomatoes are coming along beautifully and have yet to turn their characteristic burgundy color. All of the seeds came from our very own Growing Harvest Seed Library and will be available for patrons to take soon.

Growing Harvest opened in May 2014 when we started with 25 members and 100 seed packets purchased from Baker's Creek Heirloom Seeds. We now have 350 varieties of seeds available for borrowing and 173 registered members. We have gained 3 new donators this year: Companion Seeds, Rural King's Livingston Seeds, and Bish Discovery Center.



Other donators provide over 1000 seed packets a year such as Baker's, Seed Saver's Exchange, Hudson Valley Seed Library, and many more, not counting locally grown seeds returned by members.

We go through an average of 10 cards a month. This means that we run out of approximately 10 varieties of our most popular seeds per month.



Splendor in the Grass at Third Floor Film Series

by David Nilsen

The Library's Third Floor Film Series will screen the 1961 coming of age drama *Splendor in the Grass* in August. The film was directed by Elia Kazan and starred Natalie Wood and Warren Beatty.



Splendor in the Grass features Natalie Wood in one of her finest dramatic roles as she plays a teen girl in the 1920s wrestling with her emerging desires for her boyfriend, played by Warren Beatty in his film debut, and the moral strictures of their time. The film is a moving examination of the familial tensions and the sexism underlying the moral expectations placed upon young men and women.

Join us on Tuesday August 6 at 6:30 p.m. as we screen *Splendor in the Grass*. Free popcorn, candy, and soft drinks will be provided, and David Nilsen will lead a brief discussion after the film. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. We hope to see you there!

Adult Summer Winners

by Deb Cameron

This year's Adult Summer Reading had a record-breaking 350 adults participating with almost 1300 library books checked out! Many thanks to everyone who made it such a huge success.



Congratulations to our grand prize winners Suzie Carrington and Stephanie Leper! Suzie won two 9-day fair passes and Stephanie the 40" TV.

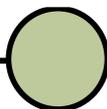
Now we're preparing a great line-up of programs for fall. Stay tuned for more info!

News from the Young Adult Department

by Amanda Olson

For most kids ages 11 to 18, summer is a time to recover from school and extra-curricular activities. But for the teens and tweens who participated in GPL's Summer Reading Program, it was a time to use their reading skills in an attempt to win some awesome prizes!

Over the course of the 8-week program, 302 slips were turned in, each representing a book, manga, or comic book that had been read by one of 39 local readers. 13-year-old Lily Mowery was the top reader this summer, reading a total of 40 books! (next page)



News from the Young Adult Department cont.

I'm extremely proud of all of the hard work our local teens put in this summer. Anyone who chooses to read when they aren't required to is a winner in my book.

Each week one lucky winner was awarded a prize of a library tote filled with reading-related goodies; they were Scotty Ritchie, 14; Shelby Fennig, 12; Eric Johnson, 12; Coleman McNulty, 11; Carson Figel, 13; Noah Curtner, 12; Lily Mowery, 13; and Caleb Burton, 11. At the end three grand prizes were awarded: Addie Gathard, 12, won the Fair Prize Package; Stormie Hester, 17, won the Tastes of Broadway Prize Package; and Gavin Moody, 11, was the third prize winner with a Kindle Fire and Amazon gift card.



There have also been some changes to the YA Room. To help readers find their favorite series, the Collections area was doubled in size! Now YA's can easily find some of the more recognizable series such as Harry Potter and Percy Jackson alongside some of the lesser-knowns like Alex Rider and The Last Apprentice.

Another addition is the Recommendation Station. Each brochure features a popular genre and is packed with book and author suggestions. Hopefully this will help get books into the hands of anyone who may be too shy to ask for assistance or who is exploring a genre outside their comfort zone. Some of the genres are Fantasy, Romance, and LGBTQ+. There's even a brochure to help readers transition to YA from the Children's Department. Stop by and check us out!

