

Discussion Questions:

1. Which performers have you brought into your library recently? Would you recommend to other libraries?

responses

Tom Pease - musician, fun, goofy, awesome

other librarians -

NEW Zoo (zoomobile)

Jim Lenz - science guy

Grandpa Fred - Fred Turk

Jeff McMullen - magic, motivational speaker, clown college

Stuart Stotts -like Tom Pease

Jeff ? - Bubble guy

dr. kickbutt - music

Miller and Mike - clowns with clown music

David Stokes - animals, friends with Tom Pease, work together

Mobile van - science theme stands

2. What do you think are the biggest incentives for children and parents to participate in your library's summer reading program?

responses

Biggest incentive is prizes for a competition of type or reward system- book bucks based on number of days of reading

Swim passes for local pools in GB

Moved away from plastic things and more to books as giveaways

Making a fuss about summer reading

Play money , ie library lira

Movie passes for # of reading hours

3. What types of early literacy programs is your library offering? What success have you had?

responses

Storytimes,

Babyspace play areas
drop-in free play times
1000 books before Kindergarten
Therapy dog reading times
Literacy trail - born to read (United Way)
Jump start - babygarten curriculum
Labeling items in play area
Come play with me - literacy program for teen parents
Edible garden at GB Central
Seed bags - 0-4 years, toys and corresponding books
Babies Bloom - 100 before the age of one. Five library visits, per 25 books. sponsored by Packers Foundation

4. What programs are you doing outside of your library?

Responses

Schools don't visit due to budget and busing - doing more outreach, at the schools.
Outreach to Senior Centers
Having a health nurse come to story time
Science activities at the schools in summer
Host an early developmental screening, combined with book fair
Take boxes of books to summer school and check out to kids- circ info handwritten on paper, loss of materials is expected.
YMCA and hospital do the lunch event - meals
Purchase book sale books for handout, some come back, some don't
Tricycle with books and promotional materials, like and ice cream vendor

5. How do you go about collaborating with community organizations?

Responses

Works with Spanish students to provide bilingual story time
UW students translating library brochures
Birth to Three,
Reach Out and Read
Police Liaison tells misbehaving kids to go to the library
Providing books to Senior Centers - large print and audiobooks
UW Extension - Parent Resource Coordinator - visit library before it is open
Build on existing relationships

Or...contact anyone and everyone

Food shelter - flyers go in bags of donated items

Know your audience

Bilingual - English speakers practice Spanish and vice versa

Domestic Violence shelter -safe relationships info

Investing Early - coalition of community organizations

Songs from Rob Reid Session

Other stuff to add