

SCLS Youth Services Check-in meeting notes

Sept 19, 2023

1:00 - 2:00 pm

[Meeting Recording](#)

Discussion topics:

1. Discussion

- a. PDS - Bethany: Question about August storytimes: when do others take a summer break?
 - i. VER - summer sessions end in August, with one-off themed programs happening
 - ii. STP - takes off May & August
 - iii. MCM takes August off
 - iv. Other librarians indicated that they focus on school visits in May and take August off from presenting programs to take a break and to plan for fall and winter programs.
- b. Summer prizes
 - i. VER: themed multiple items in baskets and big ticket items
 1. Dogman plushie, squish-mallows
 2. \$40 per prize
 - ii. MCM - approx \$20 per prize
 - iii. STP - mostly prize books for meeting 1st & final milestones
 1. Earn tickets towards gift certificates for local businesses
 2. Gave 500+ prize books away this summer
 - iv. CSP - only gives out prize books
 1. Several years ago they decided to stop grand door prizes because only a few kids were happy and 250 other participants were sad & disappointed.
 2. Orders from Books for School, approx \$2 each/kids choose the titles they want
 3. CBR does the same thing - free book or small prize for each participant
 - v. Does anyone give out passes to water parks or other places? Do you typically do that as a family of four? Is it inhibiting for big families if they get it and can't all financially go?
 1. VER:
 - a. local hotel donates a pool party for some prize winners
 - b. VIP pizza party donated by ultimate frisbee team
 - i. Sponsors are thanked in big ways on the library's social media: results in publicity for partners
- c. Summer Library Program share-out
 - i. Many libraries had record registration and completion rates.

1. Good participation at events, but some libraries experienced lower reading participation
 - a. CSP purchased the record books from Beanstack
 - b. Some families find that logging time/books read is cumbersome
- ii. What do you want to remember for next year's planning?
 1. CBR: thinking about extending deadline to mid-August
 - a. Many libraries went to Aug. 9, 11, 15...
 - b. VER's deadline was Aug 31st
 2. CSP: brought a magician to the school visits in May and it was very successful
 - a. The Magician is autistic and included information about autism into the performance; students with autism connected with the magician afterward
 - b. NGL brought a performer to the school visits, too.
 3. School partnerships are successful
- iii. MCM stopped using electronic logging in 2022
 1. Partnered with local elementary schools to register participants
 2. Bingo card logging
- iv. VER: Activities in Beanstack were ok, but parents found logging reading to be cumbersome. Reading tracking was done on paper. There was an increase in participation. A lot of families were happy to not have to track reading in Beanstack
- v. BLV: used bookmarks for logging reading
- d. Program ideas for the upcoming season
 - i. VER: Halloween slime program(using leftover glue from previous programs)
 1. Dino-ember scavenger hunt
 2. T-Rex tea party
 - ii. STP: Cat party storytime
 1. Activity: Dig through shredded paper in a box for tootsie rolls
 2. Request for kids book club: creating a book club for youth of all ages rather than different clubs for different ages
 - a. Choosing one book and letting families decide who wants to participate
 - b. More of a citywide read: Reading Mr. Lemoncello's Library
 - c. It's a book celebration for people to come together after they've all read the same book
 - d. Power is in the parents' hands to determine if a child is mature enough to participate
- e. SCLS will place a Puppet order this fall
- f. Reminder: Spend 2023 YS Literacy funds by 10/31/23

2. Upcoming youth services events

- a. [Sept - Dec 2023 YS events](#)

3. Recent archived Continuing Education recordings

- a. [SCLS webinar recordings](#)
- b. [CCBC Shorts webinar recordings archive](#)