

Children's Report  
July 2017

June came and went before we even knew it--Summer seems to be off to a great start. We were able to offer some unique and special programs, including two wonderful cultural experiences with African and Indian Dance troupes from Chicago and Cincinnati joining us. Our Art Camp was so popular it's made us rethink how we do summer programming. We're struggling to know when to conduct our larger programs and maybe we've solved our own issues with focusing on mini-camps all summer.

I returned from ALA and have a ton of ideas. I attend a variety of sessions in hopes of finding a nugget in each one--sometimes I'm lucky and hit a session that really gets my mind flowing and other times it's literally a nugget. I attended a session put together by a library in Canada and WOW! I took so many notes and was able to walk away with things I can put into practice right away.

Word Up is taking a break after our July sessions and we will then try a new approach. Our goal with this program is to reach families of preschool (and younger) students who will probably not go to preschool. Our hope is to demonstrate various pre-literacy skills and then give families the books and equipment needed to round out their literacy toolbox, leaving them better prepared for school.

Letters went out to teachers to allow us to get an idea of what they're looking for this next school year. We're hoping to still be able to offer extension science, technology and stem activities, as well as try some new things.