

Children's Report August 2017

Haley has resigned and will be working on finishing her degree and has taken a position at the Allen Country library as well. We have hired Brittney Stilley to replace her and are also looking for another qualified individual to help with all the programming in the children's department.

Our play area has transformed again. We now have a great Apple orchard that will encourage children to count, sort, write, talk, sing and play.

Beth has been to sit on the Indiana Library Federation ballot for American Library Association Counselor position. This would mean that she would be on the Indiana Library Federation Board of Directors and represent Indiana at council meetings 2x a year at ALA Midwinter and Annual. The Indiana Library Federation would cover some of the cost of attending this conference.

School and outreach visits are scheduled and it's going to be a busy year. We're working on restructuring our Word Up program but also plan to kick that back off in October.

The collection is constantly being adjusted as new materials are added and old are removed. We're also adding a number of temporary collections to help teachers and parents embrace the Maker spirit. These kits are simple items that kids can build and create with, but the real benefit comes in activity cards and writing prompts that are included in each kit.

Beth is looking forward to getting new staff in place and comfortable so she can focus on making what we do better.