

## Adult Services March Board Report

### Trainings:

Leah Dresser, Beth Munk, and Marie Kaufmann hosted a webinar for other libraries about Cortex kits, STEAM programming, children's Cortex programming, and STEAM kits on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Beth Munk and Leah Dresser hosted a painting workshop on February 25<sup>th</sup> at the Kendallville Library for the NAEYC DAWN conference, which is a daycare provider conference. We shared our experiences with painting with families and how easy it would be for daycares to host painting classes for their children and families. Here is the finished product:



### Collection:

We are totally finished relabeling nonfiction with the exception of History books, which should be finished in the next week or so. Anita Brown, Bonnie DeCamp, and Teresa Boszor have been amazing in their efforts to make sure we complete this project by our deadline. The goal is to have our collection in great shape when many other libraries and librarians visit us at district in April.

Weeding fiction and short stories is next on the agenda. The ultimate goal is to have the adult area make sense. Currently, large print books are in various places and the flow of mysteries, inspirational, westerns, and science fiction is confusing to patrons and staff alike.

I found some updated spring art prints so those are available for checkout and are on display and we will try to purchase a few new art prints each season.



There has been chatter about video games in collections on various listservs so that will be something to discuss in the upcoming weeks amongst teen, children, and adult services. Since we have made our book kits available, they have been in high demand to other libraries. In addition, patrons are now allowed to check out magazines as soon as they are released instead of waiting a month as per the old policy. The magazines are flying off the shelves.

#### Reference:

The amount of ASK KPL sessions being scheduled is steady. Cheryl has been working with patrons to get them started on genealogy and ancestry. Lee Ann has been working with patrons on various tech questions. I want to point out that the majority of our reference tallies are time consuming. It takes time to teach people how to use the microfilm reader and how to start a family tree. In addition, helping adult patrons with technology questions usually takes anywhere from fifteen minutes to an hour

depending on skill level. The quantity may not seem that high, but the quality of these interactions is extremely worthwhile. "Do you have this book?" is a simple and welcomed query.

#### Programming:

I'm adding even more adult programming both at Limberlost and Kendallville and the response has been positive on the surveys turned in. Movement and art programs have been extremely popular. I would still love to incorporate more science programming.

Winter reading wrapped up on February 28<sup>th</sup> and the winners of Kindle Fires at Limberlost and Kendallville have been called.

Summer reading programs are mostly scheduled. Now we just need to finalize community prizes and the voting process.