

Kidsplace Newsletter

October Was Teen Read Month

For “Teen Read Month,” participants were given a challenge. They were asked to do 5 of the 10 challenges listed below. Since it was during the month of October we went with a Spoooooky Halloween theme. Teens were asked to:

- 1.) Read a book that had some type of candy on the cover.
- 2.) Read a book that had a witch in it.
- 3.) Read a book about ghouls and goblins
- 4.) Read a book with an orange, yellow or black cover.
- 5.) Read a book about a haunted house.
- 6.) Read a mystery.
- 7.) Read a book about zombies.
- 8.) Read a book about vampires.
- 9.) Read a book with a friend.
- 10.) Join the teen book discussion.

For those who completed the challenge, their name was entered in a giveaway. The winners were selected at random. Teens were asked to do a written summary or tell a Kidsplace staff person verbally about their book. The prizes were \$10.00 gift certificates from Taylor’s Books and More.

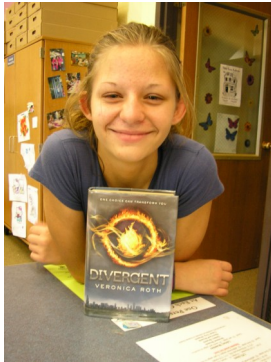
Teen Book Discussion

During the month of October there was a “Teen Book Discussion” that took place on the 3rd floor of the library every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.. The book selected for the discussion was, *Divergent* by Veronica Roth. This book was similar to *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins. In *Divergent*, societies were divided into factions, with each faction dedicated to the cultivation of a particular virtue. The Candors were honest, the Abnegation were selfless, Dauntless were brave, Amity were peaceful and the Erudite were intelligent. On a certain day every year, all sixteen year olds had to select the faction they would devote the rest of their lives to. This could possibly mean leaving their family as they knew it, for the rest of their lives.

This was a great book to read, giving teens the opportunity to think about their own lives. It was thought provoking, as to what their most important virtues are.



Teen Book Discussion (cont.)



Carley Hart, who is one of our most avid book readers had this to say about the book, *Divergent*: In my opinion, this book is epic—it is better than *Hunger Games*. It has the truth about humanity and about how humans act. I think for myself I would choose to be a Divergent because I feel I am bits and pieces of all the factions but most of all I see myself as being a leader, being brave, and being honest.

Carley states that she needs to read the next book in the series (*Insurgent*) and wanted to know when the third book in the trilogy comes out. It was hard breaking the news to her that the third book would not be published until the fall of 2013.

Teen and Tween Game Night

Teen/Tween game night continues to be a big hit on Tuesdays after school. They have expressed their appreciation to the library for having such a nice variety of games to choose from. This is a competitive group who usually lean more towards the games that require partners. Then, let the tournaments begin! It is amazing to see how the group creates the rules together and ensures that they are being followed. It offers this age group a safe place to relax and socialize with their peers.

Karate For Kids

Adams Karate from 470 Marshall Street was our special guest on Saturday, October 13th at 11:00 a.m.. Lloyd Adams graciously volunteered to come and share information with children about the basics of Karate. He began the program by talking with the children about respect, expressing that in order to be respected, one must first respect others. Lloyd also talked to the children about the importance of respecting their body. They learned some warm-up exercises, learned proper stances, and how to apply correct kicks and punches.

There were teens and tweens that were watching but chose not to participate at that time. However, after the program was over, they showed their interest by going up and talking to Lloyd about Karate and the classes he offers. Lloyd was an amazing presenter. He was extremely patient with the children and treated them with the same respect he expected from them.



This was an event that we will need to try again someday, due to the fact that it brought a lot of fathers in. The activities that Lloyd showed the children are activities that dads can do at home with their children. The main key to the whole program was respect. What greater gift can a father teach his child.



“Dogs On The Go”

Members of the "Dogs On The Go" 4-H Club joined us in Kidsplace on Saturday, October 20th at 1:00 p.m.. They covered dog obedience, agility & service dogs. The families that attended received a special treat when they learned how they could train their dogs to do tricks at home.



Beads N' Braids @ the Library

Local volunteers, Cara Bynum and Fatinah Pearson, will be presenting, how to make cornrows while intertwining beads. This event will be held on Saturday, November 17th at 11:00 a.m.. After the demonstration our guest speakers will be on hand to supervise parents as they braid their child's hair. Children will have the opportunity to learn how to braid with various colors of yarn.

You will see pictures of the amazing transformations in our December newsletter.

Halloween Spooktacular

Laptime Story Time took on a new look in Kidsplace on Halloween day. The children dressed up in their Halloween costumes and joined in the fall festivities.



Pumpkin Art Show

The Branch District Library's Coldwater branch invited area youth to participate in a "Pumpkin Art Show" to help celebrate fall. Participants were asked to purchase and decorate their pumpkin at home. Then they were to bring it to the 3rd floor of the library in Kidsplace for display, no later than Wednesday, October 24th at 5:00 p.m.. Judging was done on Thursday, October 25th.

The categories to be judged were: most colorful, most original, best dressed, happiest, saddest, scariest, biggest, smallest, and most likely to be noticed in a pumpkin patch.



Polar Express In Its 12th Year @the BDL

Kidsplace is celebrating their 12th year with the reading of the "The Polar Express." Once again we will be riding the Little River Railroad train at 29 W. Park Avenue ~ Coldwater, MI. This event will take place on December 15th with registration beginning on Monday, November 26th. Santa and the conductor are awaiting the special occasion.

