

Youth Services @OCPL

Presentation for Library Board

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Overview



Barratt & Sabrina pose in an 80s photobooth

Who We Are

Barratt Miller

Youth Services Librarian (1 FTE)
MSLIS, University of Illinois at Urbana-
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Sabrina Tusing

Library Assistant III (0.8 FTE)
MLIS, San Jose State University

16 on-call Library Assistant I's

who have some experience working with youth, have completed basic reference & readers' advisory training, and attend bimonthly professional development trainings

Overview

Responsibilities

We provide library services to youth from birth through high school graduation.

- Help children (age 0-12), teens (age 13-18), families, and educators **find books and information** in the library
- **Plan and provide events** for children, teens, and families—including weekly storytimes and the annual Summer Reading Program
- Run the **Teen Advisory Group**, a leadership and volunteer program for teens in grades 7-12
- **Select books** for the children's and teen collections
- **Visit schools** and other community organizations serving children, teens, and families—and host visits to the library
- **Serve on local committees** to improve resource-sharing services for youth and families

Overview

By the Numbers

By June 30, 2019 our staff will have...

- Answered over **2,500 questions** about books and information in the Children's Room
- Planned and provided **275+ programs** attended by over **10,000 people**
- Trained and supervised **9 teen volunteers** who provided over **350 hours of service**
- Purchased over **3,500 books** for children and teens
- Hosted **20 first grade field trips** for about **600 students**
- Served on **5 local committees**: LINCC KidsComm, YAComm, & EquityComm, Clackamas County Early Childhood Committee, and OCSD Library Media Assistants

Events



A girl holds up a collage of a monster surrounded by hearts

Every Week

Storytime

- 2** Toddler Time sessions for 12-36 mo.
- 2** Music & Movement sessions for 0-5
- 1** Baby Signs session for 6-24 mo.
- 1** Preschool Connection session for 3-5

Art Lab

- 1** process-based art session on early release day for all ages—including caregivers and adults with developmental disabilities

About 200 people attend these 7 events each week

Events



A girl hugs a black Newfoundland dog at Read to the Dogs

Every Month

LEGO Lab

On the 2nd Saturday of every month, kids have an hour to build LEGO creations using open-ended prompts. Their builds are displayed in the Children's Room for the next month.

Read to the Dogs

On the 1st Friday and 3rd Saturday of every month, therapy dogs Oakley and Igmu visit the library. They listen and provide reassurance to young readers.

Events



Two girls look at the albino python they're holding between them.

Families

One Saturday each month, we offer a special program for families. Our most popular 2018-19 events have been:

Steve's Creature Feature

reptile show

Alexander, Master of Marvels

magic show

Storybook Ballet

storytime and ballet class

Events

Young Teens



Four tween girls stand in a semi-circle holding felted cakes

On the 3rd Saturday of each month, we offer a hands-on maker class for young teens age 10-14. Some popular 2018-19 events have been:

LED Holiday Cards

using coin cell batteries, mini LEDs, and copper tape to make a paper electrical circuit

Needle Felted Cakes

using needles and wool roving to make miniature desserts

Volunteers

TAG



A collage of four middle school student volunteers

Our **Teen Advisory Group** is 9 students in grades 7-12 who:

Volunteer 1 hour each week at the library shelving and working on other projects as assigned

- *Helps teens develop job readiness skills*

Attend a monthly planning meeting where they help us develop events for teens and select prizes for Summer Reading

- *Helps teens develop leadership skills*

Outreach



A class of 30 first graders stands in the lobby during their tour

Field Trips

Every* 1st grade classroom from OCSD elementary schools will visit the library by the end of the school year!

Library Tour

Includes the opportunity to go behind-the-scenes and feed Bruno, our AMH machine

Storytime

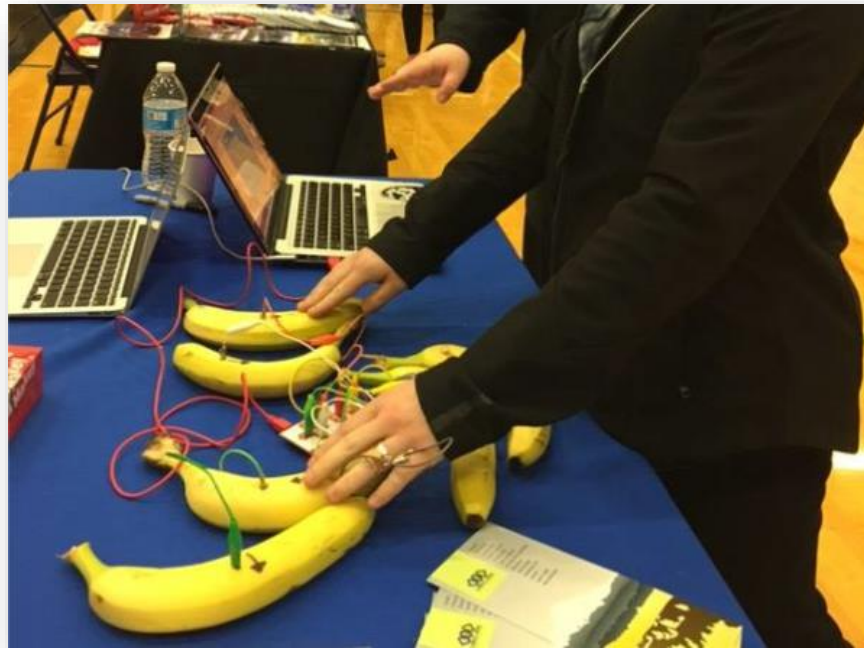
Four stories about friendship that introduce students to the four easy reader levels in the library

Children's Room

Time to look at books, play, and explore the Children's Room

*Gaffney Lane is doing kindergarten visits this year instead

Outreach



A teen experiments with a MaKey MaKey banana piano

Schools

In the last two months, we've visited...

Family Focus Forum

Shared library resources during the lunch break at OCSD annual parenting conference

Bingo for Books at Jennings Lodge

Gave free Spanish books to students at dual language schools' family night

OCSD Equity Conference & County Equity Cohort

Made book recommendations and showed teachers & social how to find diverse books for their classrooms

Head Start Classrooms

Storytimes for two Head Start Classrooms in OC

High School Career Expo

Shared career resources with Clackamas County teens

Teacher Open House

Hosted over 30 elementary school teachers on a planning day with free coffee, pastries, and a chance to sign up for Educator Cards

Collection



LGBTQ+ collection on its first day on the shelves

Teen LGBTQ+

Our newest collection highlights **fiction and nonfiction books for & about LGBTQ+ youth.**

Funded by the **Library Foundation**

Developed with **input from teens** at The Living Room: A Safe Haven for GLBTQQ Youth in Clackamas County

- *TLR meets every Wednesday at the church across the street from the library*

Makes LGBTQ+ books **easier to find**

All fiction books have **a second copy in Teen Fiction** for youth who may not be safe taking home a book with a rainbow unicorn sticker

Coming Up



A child dressed as Max, wearing a white wolf suit and crown

Spring Break

This year's Spring Break theme is
Where the Wild Things Are.

Photo booth in lobby all week.

Storywalk—with one page of the book *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak posted in the windows of 19 different downtown businesses—all week.

Wild Things Paper Bag Puppets for Art Lab on March 27.

Wild Rumpus on March 28.

Coming Up

May the Fourth



A girl dressed as Rey duels a Storm Trooper with her pool noodle lightsaber

Our annual **Star Wars Day** party will be held on Saturday, May 4.

Meet Storm Troopers and other Star Wars characters

Build a light saber out of pool noodles and duck tape

Play games, win prizes, and **enjoy other Star Wars themed activities**

Over 500 people attended in 2018

Coming Up

Summer Reading



Some of the prize books being sorted in the Community Room

Runs **June 1-September 1, 2019**

We expect **2,850 youth**—500 wiggle worms, 2,000 kids, and 350 teens—to register in 2019.

We hope to visit **schoolwide assemblies** at all public elementary schools and middle/high **school libraries** to promote the program.

Each kid who signs up gets a **free book to keep** and a packet of coupons donated by local businesses.

Coming Up

Summer Reading



Kids watch and assist taiko drummers in front of the Carnegie

In addition to our weekly storytimes and Art Labs, we'll be offering special events:

Family Concerts every Wednesday morning in the Library Park

Young teen maker programs every Friday afternoon

Weekly **teen cooking classes** and monthly **teen movies**

Partner with school district to support **Free Summer Food Site** in Tot Park

Nearly 4,500 people attended events last summer

Wrap-Up

Questions?

General Questions

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