

## Magic, Music, Raptors, and Robots!

This July, our community was united in a celebration of learning and discovery through a series of unforgettable events at the Library. Everybody's Theater Company enchanted 650 attendees with an outdoor performance of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, a comedy filled with drama, love, magic, and humor. The Musical Instrument Petting Zoo was a hit, with 344 participants exploring various instruments and discovering their musical talents. The Raptory brought the wonders of birds of prey to 151 attendees, featuring live birds and fascinating talks about raptors and their conservation. Young tech enthusiasts showcased their skills in a thrilling Battle of the Bots, where participants built obstacle courses and coded robots to navigate them. With a focus on hands-on learning, developing a love of reading and learning, and fostering community connections, these events sparked curiosity, creativity, and a sense of wonder among their participants.



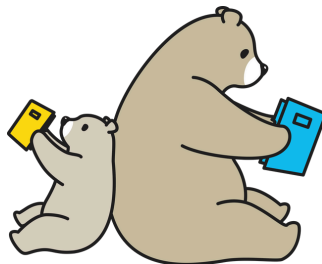
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## Summer Reading at a Glance



**497,859**  
Minutes Read



**347**  
Readers of  
All Ages



**963**  
Activities  
Completed



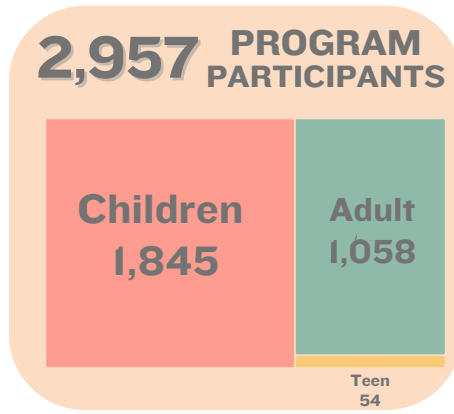
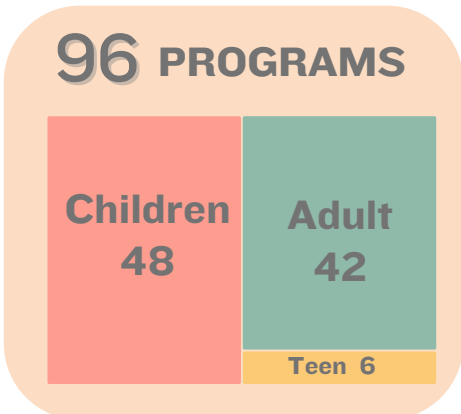
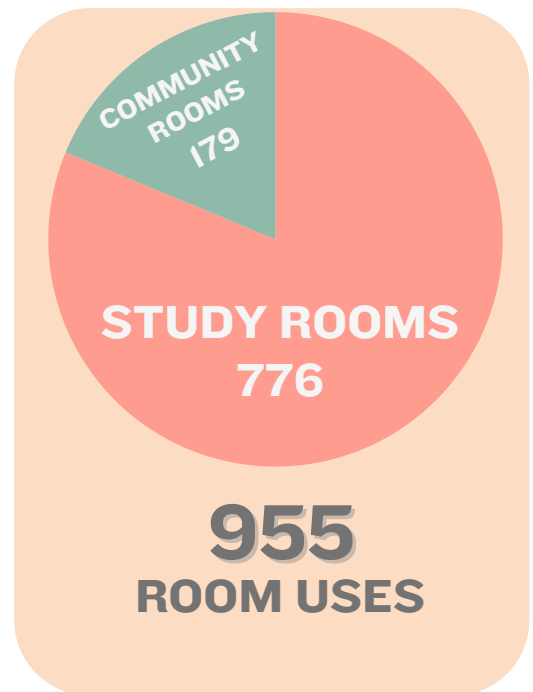
**603**  
Reviews Written

## BOOKS & MATERIALS

**41,563** TOTAL ITEMS CHECKED OUT



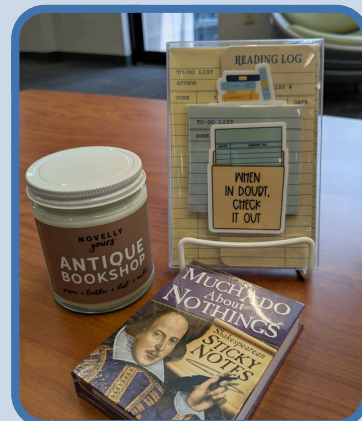
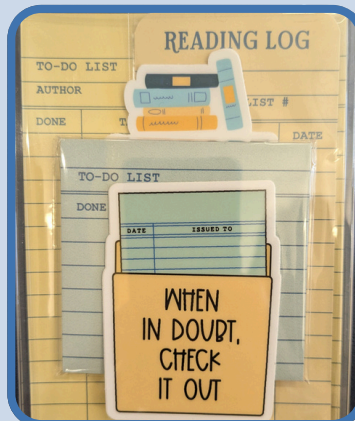
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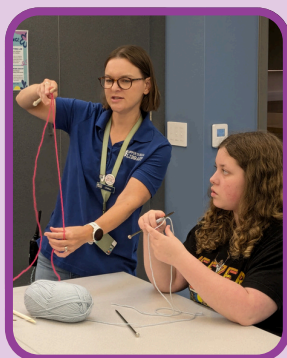
## The Friends Shop: A Booklover's Paradise

Recently refreshed, the Friends Shop is now a greater haven for book enthusiasts than ever before. Among our gently used books, exquisite costume jewelry, and bookish delights, visitors find the perfect gift for every reader in their lives—no matter their age! Plus, every purchase supports the mission and programs of our Library, making the Friends Shop a vital source of revenue that helps keep our community thriving! Check it out today!



## Big Screen Stories for Little Ones

For the past several years, we've brought the joy of distinguished authors to our community through our subscription with the Library Speakers Consortium. This month, our younger patrons were treated to a series of inspiring virtual talks from award-winning children's authors, including Kate DiCamillo (*Mercy Watson* series and *Because of Winn-Dixie*) and Dan Santat (*The Adventures of Beekle* and *A First Time for Everything*). These engaging talks were screened in the Shanis Auditorium, followed by fun crafts and book activities, and every attendee received a unique brag tag.



## Teens Knit Up New Skills

Librarians Lindsay Cummings and Vicki Aller recently shared their knitting expertise with a group of enthusiastic teens. During two sessions, participants not only learned the basics of knitting but also left with their own patterns to continue their crafting at home. Lindsay and Vicki's hands-on instruction and passion for knitting provided the teens with valuable skills and creative inspiration.

## A Hike of Tales and Trails!

Nothing beats sunshine and stories, as some 3rd to 5th graders discovered on a recent Story Hike with Children's Librarian Shannon Collins. From the Library, the group ventured to the nearby Camphill Athletic Complex, where they enjoyed a mix of relaxing stories and invigorating games in the great outdoors.

