

summer SPOTLIGHT

June 1-August 26, 2023

Spotlight on events & activities...

The library's doors were open wide this summer to welcome kids, teens, and families into summer arts workshops, STEM programs, storytimes, and more.

Families also enjoyed bi-weekly To Go activity packets, Family Fun Spots, self-directed programs, and paper or online reading challenges.

MELSA contributed funds for summer programs and activities through their youth allocation (\$14,250). Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund (Legacy) contributed \$14,290 for arts, history, and more. The Prior Lake Rotary contributed \$2,500 for Readmobile to expand visits to summer school and childcare programs, including funding a Spanish-speaking aide to enhance outreach and programs to Spanish-speaking families.

5482



youth attended
270 **in-person**
programs in the
library or in the
community

6231



To Go packets
distributed with
STEM, art, and
literacy activities for
ages 0-18

2628



kids received books,
snacks, and activities
at 62 **Readmobile/**
Outreach visits (non-
OSSRP).

2681

kids in child-care and
summer school programs
participated in **OSSRP (Off-
Site Summer Reading
Program)**

45+



partnerships with local organizations provided funding, activities, programs, and venues: Allina, Prior Lake Rotary, Canterbury, Mi Casa, Shakopee Community Assistance, First Book, Mayo Falcon Program, MELSA, Scott County Historical Society, 4-H, Siders Foundation, JAF, Matter, city parks, housing communities, schools, child care programs, local artists, & more.

Survey says...

My child increased a skill or knowledge because of a

To Go kit:

Agree or Strongly Agree: **84% (64/76)**

The kids enjoyed the robot hand activity, because they realized a hand had many moving pieces (all the bones and joints involved in making hand gestures and completing daily activities when they cut the straw into smaller pieces (bones of each finger).

She loved painting the fan. She could do it however she wanted. :) Most of her school art projects are not like that.

The log cabin activity was a huge hit! Our 4 year old could do it mostly independently and he loved learning the history piece.

Felt storyboard kit [baby]. Practiced names of shapes in English and Spanish... She enjoyed being able to physically hold each shape and even put them on her and her dad's clothing!

Because my child participated in library summer activities, they:

Learned something new about something that interests them: **56% (54/91)**

Chose and read books they liked: **85% (77/91)**

Had fun: **85% (77/91)**

Maintained or improved skills needed for school: **59% (54/91)**

We did the mason jar craft day. It was so neat! We loved how it allowed us to interact with a variety of people and that it was free.

Staff: mom came to us in tears because she was so thankful [for the escape room]. Her daughter's friend was recovering from a serious illness and they hadn't seen each other in four months because she was immuno-compromised. The mom was so glad that the girls could do a fun activity together without any other people.

Creative theme and fun stations! It kept my kids busy for an hour!

Library summer activities helped my child be more ready for school in the fall:

Agree or Strongly Agree: **91% (72/79)**

Loved the summer reading program, coloring in the hour-glasses was very motivating for them and they read a lot more as a result.

My child improved reading levels over the summer and was motivated by the reading program

This made a huge difference in our Childs life

We love the summer reading logs/challenges! Our kids look forward to picking out their own book to keep as a reward after they've completed their goals!

The origami was something new that they hadn't done before.