

Summary of Youth Services

January 2026

Collection Development:

- ❖ Completed inventory of board books, picture books, juvenile nonfiction, biographies, graphic novels, audiobooks, DVDs, early readers, and juvenile fiction. Anticipate completion of YA fiction and YA nonfiction by February 6th.
- ❖ Determined average age of each section:
 - Board Books: 19 years (goal= 3 years)
 - Picture Books: 15.5 years (goal= 5 years)
 - Early Readers: 19 years (goal= 8 years)
 - DVD: 16 years (goal= 12-15 years)
 - Audiobooks: 20 years (goal= 12-15 years)
 - Junior nonfiction: 22 years (goal= 10 years)
 - Biographies: 17.5 years (goal= 12-15 years)
 - Junior fiction: 14.5 years (goal= 10-12 years)
- ❖ In general, the collection is outdated and needs updating, particularly in regards to nonfiction and audiobooks

Outreach:

- ❖ Conducted meetings with Essex Elementary School librarian, Valley Regional High School librarian, and Essex Library teen and children librarians. Received positive results in particular with Valley Regional High School, and anticipate working well with the librarian on outreach to teens.
 - Discussed possible programming ideas such as a research night in March, a summer reading book club, and possibly shadowing the Essex Library children's librarian on storytimes.
- ❖ Reached out to the middle school librarian but have not heard back. I will reach back out this week to follow up.
- ❖ Met w/ Kate (Sugar) and Rob (Tri-Town Youth Services) to introduce myself

Programming:

- ❖ Confirmed Music w/ Ms. Jessica for the rest of winter (Wednesday, January 28th, then switching to the fourth Thursday of the month at 9:30am for February and March)
- ❖ Built survey to give out to families in hopes of collecting data on best days/times. Also plan to start a weekly homework club (for preteens and teens- anticipated Tuesdays or Wednesdays) as well as a weekly storytime (anticipated Thursdays for February).
- ❖ Considering future purchases to help assist programming such as a switch (gaming console)