

Outreach Services

Youth Outreach – Deborah Cumberledge

Currently, there are 884 children in the Adams County Imagination Library program. Of that number, 18 children graduated this month and 40 children received a welcome book. I also processed 49 registrations for the program.

Since spring, the two daycares I delivered to have closed their doors. One daycare provider retired, and the other person found a better job elsewhere.

I contacted one of the teachers at the Adams County Christian School this month about receiving an altered version of Outreach services. Instead of our setting up the books carts and letting the children pick out their own books like we did in the past, I asked if we could drop off crates of preselected books at the office for each class. She thanked me for reaching out and said they would like to receive books for the K-4th grades. We plan to restart deliveries there in November.

This month I've been creating storytime kits for patrons to check out. Julia McCane-Knox mentioned at a programming meeting that the Brown County Libraries were doing a similar program, so I offered to get one going for us. We're calling our program Storytime to Go. These kits consist of 4 books, a song, an action/ counting rhyme, an activity suggestion, a craft idea, and a worksheet. I've created 12 storytime kits. The plan is for each branch to receive 3 kits and rotate their kits with the other branches on a monthly basis.

Adult Outreach – Destiny Vanderpool

One homebound patron teared up as I brought her books for the first time in 6 months, she said how thankful she was to have the deliveries happening again. Another patron couldn't thank us enough for bringing her books, saying she would be crawling up the walls without books to keep her busy.

A new patron at The Adams County Manor has signed up for Outreach services, which is great. It has been a wonderful first month in my new position. The patrons are all so sweet and appreciative of what we do, and it's a very gratifying experience to see how much library services mean to people. Deborah has been so so sweet and helpful as I try to grow into this position! I'm grateful to be where I am.