

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

SUMMER READING CLUB WRAP UP



We made a big splash with books at the Smyrna Public Library this summer. Some of our successes include

PROGRAMS

Children attended 110 programs that were offered during the months of June and July.

Thanks to Friends of Smyrna Library, we had entertainers at both our June and July family story time programs. The Glass Harp in June and Puppeteers in July entertained more than 200 people total.

Both our Toddler Time programs were full with a total of 24 children plus parent/care giver attending on Friday mornings.

We offered two groups for two-year olds: A new Twos (24 to 30 months) and a Big Twos for children ages 2 1/2 to 3.

Elementary school age children met each Wednesday night and participated in everything from making duct-tape flip flops to a Mad Hatters' Tea Party.

More than 400 challenge sheets were completed over the course of the summer including such activities as poetry writing, word searches and book reviews.

A special event story time included a Father's Day (June 17) donuts with dad where each child was provided with a painting kit to paint a tie for their dads; Harry Potter's birthday party on July 15;

and The Georgia Museum of Art class on July 29.

READING INCENTIVES:

Three major contests found great numbers of participants:

40 people participated in the Keep Smyrna Beautiful Recycled Art Contest.

80 entries were received for the Simply Ducky Photo Contest

16 stories were written for the Whale of a Tale Writing Contest.

Children between the ages of three and twelve kept reading logs each week to earn reading prizes. Though this number is down from the prior year, more children actually completed the reading log each week to earn prizes.

HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS

Eighteen high school students worked as youth volunteers. Local sponsors including: Friends of Smyrna Library, Kiwanis Golden K, Marble Slab Creamery, Dairy Queen, Smyrna Parks and Recreation, Quida B. Davis, Gift Baskets, Steak-n-Shake, Library Patron, Karen Lightsey, and Planet Me made it possible to distribute fun incentives to the participants. Chris Schwab once again lent his graphic talents to give us great artwork for our material.

Hats off to everyone who made this summer a possibility and so much fun.

