Youth Services Department Report – June 5, 2019

A **Hip Hop Dance Class** for ages 10 and uptook place in the Craig Room taught by an instructor from Kristen Samson’s BKS Dance. She has offered to hold another class here during the summer.

Thirty-one **Kindergarten** students walked over from the North Hampton School in three groups to have a tour of the library, listen to a story time, and receive their new library cards. I mailed welcome letters (explaining our youth policies) with the library brochure to each of the parents.

**Summer Reading Program**

I am in the process of doing visits for each grade at the North Hampton School to promote the summer reading program. Grade 8 came to the library for an orientation about the program and all of the services the library has to offer.

I completed my visits to area businesses for donations towards final gift basket raffles and incentive prizes. We received gift certificates from Pioneer Boardshop, Drum Center of Portsmouth, Gus’ Bike Shop, Airfield Café, Shaws, Luv 2 Play, Atlantic Karate Training Center, King Kone (Sagamore Golf) and The Beach Plum.

The **Winnicunnet Teen Librarian Coop** currently consists of the Hampton Lane Teen Librarian Stacy Mazur and myself. Stacy and I met to cross-promote our summer reading program offerings, and to brainstorm on a future combined book clubs for teens. We jointly presented our SRP programs at the Winnicunnet High School to all 800 students. Our presentation was facilitated by the WHS librarian, Linda Osborne.

I have acquired an account for **Universe Sandbox**, a space simulator game for tweens and teens. It is a physics-based exploration game using gravit, climate, collision and material interactions on an intergalactic scale. The program is being loaded onto the teen room laptop.

Cynthia Swank of the Friends of the NHPL requested that I find teens interested in coming to a **Focus Group** meeting to tell us and the Friends what kinds of things they want from their library. I have two teens signed up so far.

Our **Display of the Month** in the Pre-teen area is “first books in series” and showcases the first of popular series runs. The 2019-2020 **Great Stone Face** **Book Award** nominees have been named (targets grades 4 to 5). We have purchased copies of all the books and I am promoting them at the last meetings of the Opus Scopus Book Club.