

Staying Together July 7 Notes: Summer Reading

- Looking back to mid-April: What were your plans and expectations? Have those plans and expectations changed? How?
- What partnerships have you formed in your community? (distribution of information, take and make, donations, etc).
- How are storytimes evolving?
- Thinking about summer programs with limited services, what activities are causing some stress? What are boosting your spirits?

- **Dominic-APL**
 - Summer reading is going differently. Promoting Beanstack and posting videos on YouTube page, take and go kits. Can't wait to have people around again. About what we anticipated... Covid will be around for a long time, Beanstack will be a long term solution. Planning social distancing activities for outside. Hit and miss for local businesses donating for summer reading prizes, different. People are happy that the library is up and running, not a lot of kids inside building so coordinating with schools and parents... odd. No kids at parks. Continued curbside pick up requests. Park & Rec is seeing some of the same things as library (pool closed, summer baseball still happening but ball fields are empty, no group sports).
- **Brandon-Withee**
- **Erica-Three Lakes**
 - Beanstack has been a lifesaver/sanity saver as an option. Makes it feel like we are doing something. People are jumping on it. Told staff to focus on Beanstack in April, thinking Covid would be longterm and town shut down in-person events. Easier to focus online. Added activities once Beanstack was up and running. Take & make and scavenger hunt with a picture on Facebook. Rock with hidden code hidden at spot and finders can add that in Beanstack for a special badge. Reader's Advisory online.
- **Pam- Gilman**
 - One person signed up for Summer Reading. Slow! No beanstack. Have a teacher doing summer reading. Displays for hobbies. Wondering if he should quit. (Suggested that he shouldn't).
- **Heidi-Tomahawk**
 - Beanstack is going well. Very glad that we have that to help out with everything. Parents using paper tracker to help log in beanstack too. Dragon book project by Annette. Dragons hidden around town. Continuing to give adult coloring/crossword pages. Ask at checkout and curbside. Partner with Kinship doing summer packs: a bag of related things (mental health journaling/writing activity, decorate a kite) given by UW-Extension and Hospital. Handing out to parents and kids. School literature in Tomahawk area talked about keeping kids at home and within a small circle of friends rather than going out and about with everyone. Constant message from schools.
- **Janay- Neillsville**

- Kathy W.: using Beanstack but not all children and parents are. No individual goals this year. All local businesses are still donating. Hoping kiddos return the sheets. Virtual storytimes and craft available on Thursday. Created 4th of July craft day. Crafts go FAST always accompanied by a treat! Still contemplating having an in-person gathering in a huge space in parking lot. Daycare crowds are big participants. This summer there is no deadline to sign up for program.
 - Jenny-Abbotsford
 - Raising monarchs again, putting on FB as well. Working with summer school. 4k usually walked down but library can serve entire class in-person. Contacted by a middle school and 4K teacher asking for library program. 4k sent kits as they were not equipped for a virtual visit. Sending Breakout EDU / Escape room kit to middle schoolers with a planned activity. Middle school is a new collaboration! Take & make kits are going well. Some participation in Beanstack but not too many. Doing virtual concert for a summer performer. Virtual trivia was a bust. No ideas too far in advance.
 - Peggy- Minocqua
 - summer reading going well. We offer three activities each week, we have a theme, and host a virtual program like beanstalk yoga, then the kids planted a bean plant, at our outside garden, and then a take home craft. in a sense it is more relaxing because we don't have the huge numbers of people to manage in the library for in person programming. We are also doing a storywalk downtown, and we have connected with the downtown businesses and purchasing gift certificates from them. Hanging more posters around town which is new for us and making sure we get all our events to the chamber so strengthening that partnership.
 - Virginia-Rhineland
 - Just opened. Went mostly virtual with craft kits by request. Not allowing kids in building. A lot of virtual contact and communication with adults. Lots of virtual programs and interactive posts. Virtual performers. Usually do a book club but may simply give book club choices away for free. Got a Dollar General Grant for 2020 to create a YA Advisory board.
 - Teresa-Loyal
 - Beanstack and paper reading program started July 1. Have a family signed up on Beanstack. Have an intro letter for summer reading: writing down the name to see if the person is on Beanstack and also still provide prizes to non-Beanstack participants. Good way to keep in touch but more work. Usually get ice cream to root beer stand and pizza hut so those are going well. Storytimes are not offered, a stressor. Wanting to do more of that but staffing is not available. Overwhelming and huge disappointment. Take & Makes is the goal going forward.
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- Youth checkin notes: virtual performers
 - Rhineland dollar general grant
 - Teresa loyal- storytime alternatives