

Tour of Granton Library

- Kay led a library-wide tour.
- Highlights in the children's area include a large space with tables and chairs, a big screen TV for sharing/presenting, and a newly created flexible story time seating area. A new section of science-based reading materials for younger children is now available.
- Granton is considering adding a Library of Things collection and is currently working through possibilities of where to house it.
- Granton has a variety of STEAM to Go and Stay Sharp kits available from Penworthy for programming or patron checkout. They are available in the catalog.

Early Literacy Text Services

- Participants discussed early literacy text services, such as TALK and Bright by Text.
- Participants felt they could likely promote a service like this and may have some families interested in it. It sounds easy to implement.
- They were concerned that the service may not count towards any metrics, such as circulation. There was also unease about the cost, as it involves an annual subscription and the fluctuating cost of text messages.
- At Loyal Library, printed copies of the [DEMCO monthly activity calendar](#) are currently shared with patrons. There are separate calendars for early literacy and children.
- The group discussed the idea of creating a system-level calendar that each library could customize and use as needed.
- [DayByDay Ohio](#) offers an online calendar with a new literacy activity daily.

Program Planning with AI (Artificial Intelligence)

- The group discussed these AI tools: MagicSchool, Goblin Tools, Microsoft Copilot, and Canva Image Creator.
- Some participants have used AI tools for writing assistance, while others have not tried any AI tools yet.
- The discussion emphasized the importance of keeping private information out of AI tools, verifying the accuracy of information returned by AI, and being aware that sometimes AI generates false information.
- At the annual youth services workshop, there will be a demonstration of how to use AI to help plan a program.

Summer Reflections

- Participants shared highlights from their summer.
- Program ideas shared included Zoozort, Raptor Education Group, community scavenger hunt, stuffed animal sleepover, scavenger hunt at the library, Library Olympics, and jigsaw puzzle competition.
- Participants were reminded of the [Youth Performer Booking sheet](#).

Upcoming Dates for Youth Services Staff

- YSIE Get-togethers
 - September 10, 1-2p, Virtual with IFLS youth services staff
- WVLS Youth Services annual workshop
 - October 2, 9a-3p, TB Scott Free Library in Merrill

Other Networking Opportunities & Resources

- [YSIE Facebook group](#)
- [Youth Services Shout-Out: YSS blog](#)
- [ALSC blog](#) (Association for Library Service to Children)

- [YALSA blog](#) (Young Adult Library Services Association)