

Walden Community Library Programs and Events Planning Meeting

March 7, 2024 at the Walden Community Library

Attendees: Martha Bissell, Allison Gulka, Marie Blodgett, Melody Gamble, Tammy Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 PM.

We discussed the summer reading program, and brainstormed program and events for the summer and beyond. We discussed developing an event planning form to keep logistics and responsibilities organized, and also collecting program feedback through evaluations and post-program debriefing.

The following family events are tentatively slated to happen during the following months:

April: Solar Eclipse Gathering (4/8), Soup and Sandwich Saturday (4/20)

May: Puzzle Challenge (5/11), Vermont Humanities Book Discussion start, Community Yard Sale (5/25 or 5/26)

June: Kickoff BBQ, Summer Reading Program Start

July: Sundae Sunday (July 21), Potluck and Square Dance

August: Pie and Ice Cream Social

September: Movie Night

October: Fall Foliage Open House, Lend-a-Costume, Trunk-or-Treat

November: Crockpot Saturday

December: Cookie swap

Our full brainstorm of program and events ideas are listed below. Some are more likely to happen than others, depending on grant funding and interest. Some will definitely happen, but specific dates have not yet been determined. The library will publicize programs and events as they become finalized.

Programs and Events Brainstorm:

Kids Events (One-time):

- Murphy the Dog visits the library
- Game Warden visit to Steam Mill Brook
- Firetruck/Touch a Truck
- Fishing (Fish and Game Equipment)
- CLiF Presenter (pending grant acceptance)

Trunk or Treat
Costume Exchange (Lend-a-Costume)
Modern Times Puppet show (June 22 pending funding)
Movie Night
Tie Dye

Kids Programs (Ongoing):

Storytime (Mondays)
Summer Reading Program
Mural Project
NEKCA Van Visits
Crafternoon

Adult/Family/All Age Events (One-Time):

Cheevers Falls Hike
Solar Eclipse (April 8)
Kickoff BBQ
Pie and Ice Cream Social
Cookie Swap
Community Yard Sale
Potluck and/or Dance
Puzzle Challenge
Fall Foliage Open House

Adult/Family/All Ages Programs (Ongoing):

Pickup Sports
Book Discussion (VT Humanities)
Potlucks
Coffee Hour
Quilt Classes

Resources:

Scavenger Hunt (self-guided)
Story Walk

We also discussed ways to reach more people, in addition to using flyers and Front Porch Forum. There was some discussion about a bulk mailing postcard, which we decided to look into further.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.