

## **Youth Services | Library Advisory Board Report**

The McKinney Public Library System continues to experience a growing number of patrons visiting the library and attending library programs, especially with our youth programs. Youth programming reached an attendance high of 1,279 participants attending 79 youth programs in April.

Beanstack will transition to the summer reading platform for all ages on May 19th. Everyone can begin logging minutes for summer reading starting on June 6th.

Our youth outreach initiative began in April, targeting all schools within the McKinney city limits. So far, we have been able to promote our summer programming at 30 of the 39 public school open house events, morning announcements, class visits, assemblies, and more. We attended 7 of these school events in the month of April and reached out to 1,980 kids. The Library has also provided bookmarks, posters, calendars, and registration tutorials to the public, charter, preschools, day camps, and many other child care organizations to promote upcoming programming events; the summer reading program and our library resources. These outreach efforts will certainly help us meet our participation goal of 5,000 reading log participants. Compared to 2015's number of 1,600 youth participants for our Summer Reading Program.

On Thursday May, 26 and Friday May 27, the Perot Museum will have its Tech Truck visiting our library locations. Thursday at Hall and Friday at JIG.

We will continue our favorite infant and preschooler programs this summer alongside our special family, school age and teens programs. These special events will begin with a return of the Truck Rodeo kickoff event on Tuesday, June, 7 at both locations. The City has helped us arrange for many of the big service trucks and vehicles to be displayed at each library's parking lot so families can view and tour within (depending on the vehicle).

The Summer Reading Program received donated reading incentives totaling approximately \$20,000 in value. This investment demonstrates that the local businesses, partners, and agencies value reading through the summer.

Joel Bangilan, our new Youth Services Coordinator, grew up in Houston. He started his career as a paraprofessional Children's services staff member. It was there that his love for children using the library started and grew. He received his Master's Degree in Library Science from UNT. The program was a distance program in which professors visited Houston. His first time setting foot on the Denton campus was on graduation day. He worked for Houston Public for 13 years. In 2007, he accepted a Branch Services Coordinator position in San Antonio. He worked on supervising 9 locations and special projects such as Spanish language services, bookmobiles and outreach, low-vision initiatives, adult programming, and coordination with other departments for projects like VITA, Affordable Care Act registration, and computer literacy. He enjoys comic books, gardening, flag football, and choral singing. Give him a karaoke mic and he can blow the house down!