



Light Up Storytime & Crafts

30 Adults, 29 Children, 6 Youth

Total Participants: 65

It worked out well, offering stories at the top of the hour from 1 - 5 pm and crafts in between. It was a small trickle at first but consistently more busy but always manageable, which was more relaxed for families and us. Having Sabrina help till six was also essential to the flow of things. The crafts were beaded candy canes, beaded snowmen and wreaths. There were also small festive colouring pages that could be mounted on cardstock to do or take home. We served cookies and cocoa, and there was a draw to win a festive holiday story. I had some extra wooden beads, so I made take-away kits that went fast.

Outcomes:

- Increases library visibility. Lots of families popping in we don't regularly see. Including out-of-town people.
- Celebrating with community
- Families appreciated having a warm-up place to come in between the craft faire or starting the scavenger hunt
- Families engaged in the activities together and socialized.

Festive Sing-Along

29 Adults, 14 Children

Total Participants: 43

The Festive Sing a Long is an informal opportunity to gather and sing joyful holiday songs with the accompaniment of Gail on the piano. We held this event at St. Andrews Heritage Hall. From 2 to 2:45, we invited families with children. The children enjoyed being able to choose their favourite songs; 45 minutes was the perfect amount of time. We served various cookies and refreshments, and adults began arriving around 3 pm. At around 3:20, we started. Each person had a turn to pick their favourites to sing from the songbook Gail, and I created together and had spiral bound.

Outcomes:

- Community event to get in a festive spirit

