



Executive Summary: (*Arrowhead Library System*)

Reporting Time Period: July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

Total Number of Programs Held: 155

Total Attendance: 6,648

Total Number of Partnerships: 25

In-Kind Staff and Partnership Contributions: \$345,454.34

The amount of staff time necessary to present each program varies, but local library directors estimated that between 5 – 12 hours are required from staff for each program.

Program Highlights:

Briefly describe two to three programs sponsored locally which can be used as exemplary examples in a statewide report. Please list outstanding outcomes, partnerships, unique locations, great stories, quotes, etc. If you have promotional materials and photographs, feel free to attach them, too.

Program 1 – Event Passes – Concerts

Outstanding Outcomes

There were 645 attendees at four separate events. A total of 168 of those had not attended an event at that venue previously.

From the Marble/Taconite preschool teacher: “We were very excited for this opportunity for the children to attend a live performance as when we asked them, prior, on average 1-2 children out of four preschool classrooms had ever attend a theater event. A lot of them had gone to a movie or watched movies at their houses but very few had any idea what to expect. As we sat in the theater [Reif Center] awaiting the opening of the curtain one child asked, where is the movie?”

Partnerships

The Reif Center, the Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra (DSSO), and the Grand Rapids Area Male Chorus.

All partners held seats for the library patrons who checked out tickets with no guarantee, the ticket holders would actually show up for the program or that the venue would be paid for all the seats being held. The Reif Center provided a bus to bring preschool children from the Marble School to the afternoon play.

Unique Locations

Reif Center, Grand Rapids, Minnesota

Great Stories/Quotes

A library director reported: The family came into the library and said, “Thanks and the kids just loved the play [Beauty and the Beast] and want to go to more plays now.”

“Another family came in [to the library] so the little girls could tell me all about it [Beauty and the Beast]. It was so cute. The little girl (age 2) was so excited telling me [the library director] about it. She was imitating some of the characters. She was very entertaining.”

From a Mail-a-Book patron: “Thank you for the tickets to Beauty & the Beast @ the Reif. It was a wonderful family outing & we thought it was so good & enjoyable!...We really should utilize the Reif more since we live so close.

From a Mail-a-Book patron: “Thank you for the opportunity for me & my children to attend the play ‘Beauty & the Beast’. It was an experience that we will all never forget & one that we wouldn’t have been able to do without your generous gift of free tickets. Thank you again for your kindness.”

From a preschool teacher: “The picture will always stay in my mind as I looked all the way down the 2 aisles from the middle of the theater to the edge filled with 4-5 year olds, I saw them sitting on the edge of their seats or sitting on the lap of their teacher, whispering questions about the story in their ear. It was a priceless moment that has impacted all of their lives with a positive experience. If you saw the things we see in the classroom, the children in this theater would look drastically different. The children in the theater were engaged, interested and the wheels were turning in their brains—something that all teachers strive for everyday but is difficult to achieve. I hope to give them that opportunity again because I feel that theater opens their eyes to more of the world. Thank you again for the opportunity to share this with these children. We are grateful!”

Program 2 – Dance and Music

Outstanding Outcomes

For this program there were a total of 1,204 children and teens, and 823 adults that participated in dancing and music. Dance and music sessions were held in 12 schools, and at 5 public libraries. There were two community dances held, as well as two dance and music sessions held in senior residences. It was noted that 50% of the students had not participated in folk dancing or maypoling in the past, and that 76 people attended the 4 Music to You programs that were held in public libraries.

Partnerships

Arrowhead Regional Arts Council and the Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra (DSSO).

The Arrowhead Regional Arts Council provided the contact information for the folk dancer. The DSSO arranged with the symphony members to present the concerts at the library. As a result of the DSSO partnership, the DSSO sent 2 Music to You programs to the Two Harbors Public Library as part of an Arts Tour Grant the DSSO received.

Unique Locations

Lakewood Health Center, Baudette, Minnesota
ARC Residence, Baudette, Minnesota
Northhouse Folk School, Grand Marais, Minnesota

Great Stories

It was observed that the older students helped the younger students focus on learning the new dances.

Adults at the ARC residence in Baudette shared some of their stories that highlighted the growth of culture in our lives today.

One person who heard them at Eveleth said he was going to go over to the Gilbert Library to listen to them again.

Quotes

Quote from the DSSO, "I could not think of a better community gathering place than the Two Harbors Public Library for the Music to You performances..."

From the Maypole program with the 1st graders at International Falls School:

“Our daughter-in-law, Lisa, is a first grade teacher here in the Falls. Today they had Terrance Smith, funded by legacy funds, do a maypole event and music for the first graders. Lisa said it was wonderful. The kids were so joyful that it brought tears to her eyes. I think it's important to make memories like this for our children.”

“We loved learning that every day in May is May Day.”

“I need to learn to be more flexible with my child.”

At the Music to You programs, everyone seemed to really enjoy them. Comments included:

“What a wonderful program.”

“How fortunate we were to listen to this great music.”

Program 3 – Authors and Illustrators – Jamie Ford (Author)

Outstanding Outcomes

A total of 642 people attended the Jamie Ford presentation in 3 locations.

Partnerships

Duluth Library Foundation

The Duluth Library Foundation paid the lodging and travel expenses for Jamie Ford.

Unique Locations

Duluth Marshall School Auditorium

Great Stories

A woman who moved here several years ago invited her former book group members from the North Shore to come to Virginia for this event. They had discussed this book when it first came out and talked about how wonderful it was to be able to see the author and hear his answers to many of the questions they had at their meeting. The group hasn't been able to be together for a few years and they said it was great to have such an opportunity to not only hear the author but to spur them into a mini-reunion.

A woman talked about her experience living in Los Angeles while her neighbors were being sent to the internment camps and said that reading this book and hearing the author speak brought back many memories from her childhood.

A new member of our Friends group said that she had been battling depression for a long time. She has had an easier time since joining the Friends and attending all these "wonderful events" for our community. She has attended almost all the events and says that just knowing she's going to the library to attend a program makes her day feel brighter.

	Annual Budget	Reporting Period Total Expenses	Partner Financial Support	
			Actual \$\$	In Kind
Administration (2.5% max)				
Staff	\$5,499.30	\$10,414.96		
Overhead	\$5,499.30	\$1,624.66		
Statewide Initiative Participation	\$43,994.00	\$43,944.40		
Multi-Regional Programs				
Region-wide Programs	\$384,951.40			
Local Programs				
Subgrant Program				
Regional Public Library System Total	\$439,944.00	\$56,034.02	\$0.00	\$0.00

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