

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2018
EARLY LITERACY PROGRAM
CURRENT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES/OUTREACH

July Events:

- Blankets and Books has been well attended each Tuesday, is bringing in all age groups. The older children have been reading to the younger attendees, with much enthusiasm by all.
- Alexandra Appel will be absent from our program until mid August, as she is traveling this summer. We will resume special crafts and activities on Tuesdays Fridays when she returns.
- My Place Daycare has been attending our Thursday Story Time with approximately 20 children, ranging in age from 1-3. Their feedback has been very positive, and the children have been enjoying the activities.
- Julie Morris has been in attendance during the Blankets and Books series at the park. She has helped with reading stories, providing snacks and sharing resources with parents.
- The school calendars for Watkins Glen and Odessa-Montour school districts have been reviewed for days off, and returning and new organizations have been contacted to begin scheduling fall and winter month events.
- New promotional material continues to be created by the library staff for weekly story times, as well as special events. New venues to distribute these materials have been explored and given material. This effort will continue, as well as regular updates on the website and our Facebook page.

Upcoming Events:

- Our Blankets and Books Series runs from June until the end of August. This is our special summer event, and is popular among families who regularly attend.
- Alexandra Appel will return to the program in August.

Ongoing Children's Programs

Toddler Story-Time: Tuesday Mornings (Blankets and Books Series June – August)

A program designed for Toddlers approximately 1 to 3 years of age. Music and the reading of stories are appropriate for this group.

Infant Lap Time: Thursday Mornings

A program designed for newborns to approximately 1 year of age including music, stories and information sharing with new parents.

Preschool Story-Time: Friday Mornings

Designed for ages three and older, this story hour focuses on school preparedness by reading and the use of literacy skills. We have started a monthly craft with this group as well as the incorporation of a felt board.

Song and Story: Second Friday of the Month

A local performer runs this program for our preschool group once a month. A theme is chosen and encourages child participation in songs, rhyming and storytelling.