

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2018

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAM  
CURRENT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES/OUTREACH

*August Events:*

- Blankets and Books has concluded at the end of this month, and has been a great success. The program had a mix of ages each week, and the older kids read to the younger ones, with much enthusiasm. It is being looked forward to for next year. been well attended each Tuesday, is bringing in all age groups. The older children have been
- Alexandra Appel has returned to the library, and has resumed her work providing special crafts and activities every Tuesday and Friday.
- 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 continues to help with the Blankets and Books series at the park. She has helped with reading stories, providing snacks and sharing resources with parents.
- An upcoming schedule for the fall and early winter has been finalized. Monthly special guests will include Tanglewood, Corning Science and Discovery Center, and the Ithaca Toy Library.
- 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 upcoming fall and early winter schedule has been finalized and will continue to be advertised in advance of each month's special event.

*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.