

## **Outcomes of the Arts and Cultural Heritage Projects in the Arrowhead Library System**

### ***Folk Dance Program with Terrence Smith***

Duluth Folk Dancer and Caller, Terrence Smith, presented programs of participatory folk dancing, brief historical examples of the dances, especially from the Laura Ingalls Wilder books, and music at 9 public libraries, 3 schools, 5 community centers, 2 child cares, 1 ECFE event, and 1 senior center.

#### **Outcome:**

One little boy at the Duluth Public Library Toddler Storytime actively participated with the group for the first time in over a year. According to the library staff, it took a lot of persuasion to get him to come to storytime, and, once he was there, he would hide under the furniture and behind posts. At the folk dance program with Terrence Smith, he hid behind the post in the beginning, but as Terrence Smith strummed his guitar and led the group in song, the boy, who has many life challenges, moved from behind a post to the center of the dance circle and began moving to the rhythm of the music. A young mother reached out a finger to him inviting him to her and her baby as they danced to another tune. As a testament to the magic in the room, he joined her with a happy smiling face and no hesitation.

### ***Perpich Center for the Arts Students Perform at Local Libraries***

Students attending the Perpich Center for the Arts in the Twin Cities provided a music program or an art display/program at their local public library in Duluth, Grand Marais, International Falls, and Grand Rapids.

#### **Outcomes:**

The International Falls librarian observed that the experience “helped us connect with our kids.” This event was attended by a Northland Art Society member who was excited about the chance to see what “youngsters” are up to these days. At the same event, the student’s extended family who had not seen her for several years were glad to see what she was doing and to talk with her about her plans

### ***Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra “Music to You” Program***

The DSSO is holding musical programs at 11 Arrowhead Library System Libraries and 1 school.

#### **Outcomes:**

At the Chisholm Public Library, one boy learned what a harp is and how it sounds. He had never seen a harp. A few people attended the program at the Ely Public Library who had never been to the library before.

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### ***Library and Museum/Events Pass Program***

The first event was the Reif Center in Grand Rapids' program of "Tales of a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Nothing." The venue held 500 seats for the Arrowhead Library System. Of the 439 tickets picked up at public libraries, 321 people attended the production. The museum and events have agreed to charge ALS for only the number of actual attendees.

#### **Outcome:**

One 4-year old child of a Grand Rapids Areal Library patron, was so taken with the main character, Fudge, that he has renamed himself Fudge. The family is watching carefully to see that he doesn't eat the pet turtle. The child's older brother is glad someone wrote a story about what a pain it is to be the older brother of a kid like Fudge.

Of the museum passes, the ***Great Lakes Aquarium***, the ***Duluth Depot*** , and the ***Split Rock Lighthouse Historic Site*** are the most popular. We had 1,000 tickets at 18 libraries in the region and are having to increase the numbers of tickets available at the libraries.

#### **Outcome:**

Aurora Public Library reports a local resident came into the library to get a library card because he wanted to check out tickets to the Aquarium so he could take his young daughter on a father-daughter outing. Hurrah! Hopefully he'll put the card to additional use as well.

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