

FRIENDS GRANTS PROGRAM SUMMARIES

July 1st 2020 – June 30th 2021

Tween Classes and Events

Maker Quest Camp 2020

This August we tried a new spin on Maker Quest by turning it into a week-long camp where participants met for one hour per day for a week. Families picked up their box of activities and materials for the week prior to the start date. The K-6th grade students were full of excitement each day as we met via Zoom and led them through STEAM themed projects. Together we made things like foam, sparkling fairy potions, dragon eggs, pop-sockets, kites, yarn turtles, and more. Friends' Funds were used to purchase the special supplies for the activity boxes.

Here is some of the feedback from parents:

"You ladies do a wonderful job! Materials & activities were awesome! I thoroughly appreciate you & all your hard work!"

"It was very well organized and easy to prepare for as a parent. Good interaction between librarians and kids. Always knew how messy it would get in advance so could set technology up in an area that could handle the mess."

Maker Quest - Take and Make – February 2021

February's Maker Quest Take & Make and Show & Tell programs were full of heart! The kindergarten - 2nd grade crowd used science and art skills to make some fizzing heart art with baking soda, food coloring, and watercolor paper hearts. The 3rd-6th grade kids used science and engineering to make a working heart pump model. It was a challenging month for them, but they were so happy when they got it working! Thank you to our Friends for making another successful month possible!

Maker Quest - Take and Make – March 2021

Our Maker Quest crew had a lot of fun with engineering in March! The K-2nd grade group constructed a leprechaun trap complete with ribbon weaving through berry baskets and use of coin/gem treasure as bait. Our 3rd-6th graders made their own adorable bird marionettes. Measuring and attaching the strings so they all worked well together was the biggest challenge of this project. Both groups picked up their supplies at the library and crafted their projects at home. We then offered a Show & Tell program via Zoom, where participants showed us what they made and talked about the challenges and successes of their projects.

George Book Club 2021

In coordination with Fox Cities Reads, APL offered a 4th-6th grade book club program for the book George by Alex Gino. Participants received their own copy of the book to keep. Our club met for two weeks, reading half of the book before our first session and

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finishing it before the last. We discussed summaries, vocabulary, setting, book-to-life connections, favorite parts, and predictions. As an added bonus, Nick Ross from Diverse and Resilient joined us for both sessions. The club learned a lot together while having fun and open discussions.