Summer Reading Partnership

A Story of Cooperation Between Boone County Schools and Public Library
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“You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me.” -- C.S. Lewis

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“Those who don’t believe in magic will never find it.” -- Roald Dahl
Partnering with Schools

Partnership opportunities

• Summer Reading Programs
• One Book, One Summer (OBOS)
• AR testing site
• Other Summer Programs
Summer Afternoon – summer afternoon:

To me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language. - Henry James
Boone County - by the numbers

- More youth registered – 9788
- More youth reached goal one – 3433
- More youth reached goal two – 2526
- More youth participation at child care and summer camps – 3,297
- We saw an increase in overall registered number for people birth to adults – 171% (from previous year)
# Summer Reading 2015 Completion Results

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<th>Programs</th>
<th>Registered 2013</th>
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SR Challenges with Boone County Schools – Why We Partnered

- 14 elementary schools in Boone county
- Each school with their own SR program
- Coordination becomes impossible
- Families overwhelmed and confused
Meeting With the Principals

• In September 2014, we invited the elementary public school principals to meet with us
• We proposed ONE combined Summer Reading program
• We asked – “What do you want to measure?”
  • Minutes read
  • Pages read
  • Books read
2015 Boone County Summer Reading Program

• Summer Reading began MAY 9TH.
  – Read anything you like!
  – Record the time you spend reading
  – 2015 theme: “What’s Your Superpower?”

• Ended AUGUST 28 after school began
New Idea – Register in the schools

• Register students in the school before it lets out for summer
• Assign each school a BCPL rep for each of the 14 public elementary schools
School Support

• BCPL ran and sent periodic reports of student participation for the schools
• Staff participated in summer check-in events at several schools
• Offered to distribute prizes at schools in the Fall
2015 BC Summer Reading Results

• Schools were ranked based on
  – the number of total minutes read
  – the number of minutes read per enrolled student
  – the number of minutes read per registered student

• The winning school did not register in school, but sent their students to the library
  – They received a travelling trophy from the district
# 2015 BC Summer Reading Results

## School Stats Sorted by Number of Overall Minutes Read

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<tr>
<th>Schools</th>
<th>Enrolled At School*</th>
<th>Registered for SR</th>
<th>Percent Registered</th>
<th># Reached Goal 1 (5 hr)</th>
<th>% Registered Reached Goal 1</th>
<th># Reached Goal 2 (10 hrs)</th>
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* This data was provided by the district office

**Note: All reading totals are self-reported.

Erpenbeck got 100% of their students to register at the library and they had the highest average of minutes read per student enrolled at their school.
What is the desired outcome of a SR program?

• Our goal is to see NO loss in reading level from the Spring 15 STAR test compared to the Fall 15 STAR test
• We will determine a baseline based on this year’s statistics
Measurement & Analysis

Measurement: Compare Spring/Fall STAR tests

Analysis of these actions:
• Registering for SR
• Reading 5 hours (goal one)
• Reading 10 hours (goal two)
One Book, One Summer (OBOS)

- First summer was 2014
- Modeled from “One Book, One Community”
- Feedback from schools was to pick one book for each grade
OBOS - 2014

- This was the first step towards our partnership
- Some schools provided books for their students
- The library purchased 75 copies of each title
OBOS - 2015

• What did we do differently?
  – We invited/involved the librarians and PTO parent representatives
  – Monthly meetings with school librarians, parents, & library staff
  – Selection and voting stages

The results were fantastic!
ONE BOOK ONE SUMMER

Read the book everyone is reading!

- **Kindergarten**: *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin & John Archambault
- **First Grade**: *Hi! Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold
- **Second Grade**: *Mercy Watson Fights Crime* by Kate DiCamillo
- **Third Grade**: *Stink #1 The Incredible Shrinking Kid* by Megan McDonald
- **Fourth Grade**: *I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic* by Lauren Tarshis
- **Fifth Grade**: *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library* by Chris Grabenstein

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Another Partnership Opportunity
AR Testing site

• Summer 2013
  – testing site for June/July
  – technical issues

• Summer 2014
  – tech wise it went smoothly
  – issues with points

• Summer 2015
OTHER SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAMS

• Storytime in the park
• Read With a Teen
Goal of Summer Reading

“To encourage the reading of high interest materials, promote further learning, and reduce summer slide.”

--- Lisa Sensale Yazdian Ph.D.
Suggestions/Tips for your library

• Reach out to your schools

• Try One Book One Summer

• Don’t be Afraid

“The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.”

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What’s Next for BCPL School Partnering?

• Using the joint BC schools/library Outcome results, we will tweak the SR programs.
• Register in schools? Start and end date?
• Adjust and/or change reading goals?
• How to target GAP groups?
• Expand to private/parochial/independent schools?
• Add a preschool title to the OBOS program?
Questions?
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