

Working with Family and Youth Resource Centers

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How this partnership came to be

- Took my current position in May 2015 (former teacher)
- Noticed a lack of school involvement in library resources, programming and purchasing materials.
- Wanted to reach out and see how we could create a stronger relationship between the public library and our public schools.
- It didn't happen overnight, but magic was created when it did happen!

How we met

- University of Kentucky Family and Consumer Services Council Meeting
- Myself and 2 FYRC Director's serve on this council.
- If your county has an FCS agent, this is a great council to be on and meet not only FYRC people, but community people also working with kids.
- I introduced myself and from there a partnership was formed!

How our partnership has grown

- Summit Elementary- Wildcat Camp; enrichment programming
- South Ashland Family Resource Center- Weekly outreach visits
- Boyd County Middle School- 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant community partner (2016-17 school year)
- Ashland Family Resource Center- 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant (begins 2017-18 school year)
- Fairview Family Youth Resource Center- our library programming is on their school calendar online
- Drop Your Drawers- Kids (new) underwear donated by patrons and given to FYRC across the county
- Summer Reading- All students across all 3 districts receive summer reading registration sheets and flyers through the FYRC Directors.

How are services has changed

- More outreach
- Pushing online resources such as Tumblebooks, TrueFlix, BookFlix and databases
- Ordering books to fit the needs (school projects, special interest, whole class reading the same book)
- More money spent on printing materials
- More conversation and communication between us and the public schools (main goal!)

How we want to move forward

- Continue outreach to the centers that have preschools.
- Use them as our entryway into schools we still can't get in.
- Invite them to a round table meeting at our public library to discuss what they still would like to see us do for students across Boyd County.
- Create a monthly newsletter specifically for FYRC Directors, teachers, school librarians and principals with their input on items to include.
- Become a partner in education with the FYRC and schools across the county.