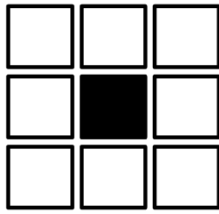
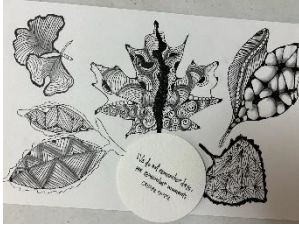


Family Zentangle Event
9/19/23



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Teens Try It Tuesday Event
10/03/23



Library Events/Programming Highlights

- The 2023 Summer Reading Program themed *All Together Now* has officially ended and the final statistics are listed at the end of this report.

Staff Highlights

- Jessica Volkens added an addition Toddler Laptime storytime to the Fall schedule every Wednesday to accommodate the larger crowds that have been attending.

Other

City of Zeeland 2023 Strategic Action Plan, HML Action Step #5

- Create New Workstation in Workroom:

Ben Kiewiet, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, has installed a new adjustable desktop for the workspace addition in the workroom. Other furniture including a file cabinet and credenza to match existing furniture in workroom will be arriving soon. Target date for completion is December 2023.

HML Strategic Planning Project Update

- The Strategic Planning Team met with the consultant, Amanda Standerfer, via Zoom to plan the staff retreat activities for the "Dreaming" phase of the planning process. This will occur during the Staff Development day when Amanda S. will be in person to lead the activities. This will complete Phase II of the planning process.

Looking Forward

- The Library will be providing an outdoor storytime for Pumpkinfest on Friday October 6th.
- The Library will hold a Staff Development Day on Monday October 9th and the building will be closed to the public.
- The NEA Big Read Lakeshore title for adults, *Homegoing*, by Yaa Gyasi will be given away beginning October 18 while supplies last.

HML by the Numbers – September 2023

	September		
	2023	2022	% Change
Visitors	7,953	7,271	9%
Curbside Delivery	15	17	-12%
Digital Downloads	4,860	4,063	20%
Physical Items (Circulation)	26,566	24,704	8%
Computer Sessions	318	270	18%

Children's Programs:

- 10 programs – 373 participants

Adult Programs:

- 2 programs - 45 participants

Outreach Programs:

- 0 program – 0 participants