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Levy County Public Library Summer Program sees phenomenal success



Ninja Turtle and Wonder Woman are superheroes at the Luther Callaway Public Library in Chiefland on Friday (June 16) as the Levy County Public Library Summer Reading Program completes its first week. Levy County Public Library Youth Services Coordinator Jenny Rodgers and Assistant Jennifer Becker are the people helping children learn this summer with a theme of 'Build A Better World.'

Story and Photos

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LEVY COUNTY -- Wrapping up the first of seven weeks of entertainment, education, fun and food, the Levy County Public Library System on Friday (June 16) provided about 80 children with a chance to hear from Wonder Woman at the Luther Callaway Public Library in Chiefland.



Parents, grandparent, guardians and other helpers assist children in the craft area as other children listen to Wonder Woman speak to them about helping others.

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Of those 80 children, 51 were from a Chiefland daycare.

Joining Wonder Woman at the library in Chiefland was Ninja Turtle.

The summer reading programs in Levy County's five different public libraries are at 10 a.m. each day, and the programs rotate from library to library. There is an ad on the Calendar Page with information about the programs.

The overall theme in the programs being presented this summer in the reading program by Levy County Public Library Youth Services Coordinator Jenny Rodgers and Assistant Jennifer Becker is "Build A Better World."

Youth Services Assistant Jennifer Becker sports the Super Librarian logo on her shirt, as well as (below) wears the Super Librarian cape.

The first week which featured superheroes opened at Williston Public Library in Monday with Wonder Woman and Spiderman. Thirty children and a number of parents, grandparents and guardians enjoyed that day.

On Tuesday, Wonder Woman was joined by Batman at the Bronson Public Library. Fifty-six children participated in that summer reading program.

On Wednesday, Wonder Woman was joined by Captain America to the delight of 71 children at the Cedar Key Public Library.

On Thursday, Wonder Woman was joined by Iron Man as 10 children participated in the summer reading program at A.F.



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Knotts Public Library in Yankeetown.



Beth McWilliams and her daughter Pearl McWilliams are seen with crafts at the Luther Callaway Public Library in Chiefland.



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Some of the sets of material children received are seen here.

On Friday, the summer reading program concluded at the Luther Callaway Public Library in Chiefland as it will each week.

Each program includes special guest presenters, a fun craft, a take home goody bag, and a lunch.

All of the performers this year are from Capes & Tiaras of Gainesville.

This year, the Levy County Public Library System has partnered with the Summer Break Spot and Levy County Public Schools to provide each child who is younger than 18 years old with a free lunch to be enjoyed in the library after each program.

The lunch provided at Chiefland on Friday was peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, Cheetos, mozzarella sticks, mixed berry applesauce, blueberry juice and chocolate milk.

There was a non-peanut option for children who are allergic to peanuts.

Children listened to the superheroes read to them, and then explain how to make the world a better place. They said some of the things that make a superhero good are honesty, reading and helping others.

The crafts on this day were relatively simple sticker applications.

The goody bags for children included superhero temporary tattoos; superhero coloring sheets; a Build A Better World bookmark; and a coupon for a hamburger at McDonald's.

The program next week (June 19-23) is Royal Manners.

The presenters are from Project Princess, which is a group that visits children hospitals. Among the things children will have the opportunity to learn are how a princess lives and there will be tips on how to practice good manners.

The performers scheduled for the different Public libraries follows (although characters are subject to change): Monday – Williston, Elsa and Anna; Tuesday – Bronson, Belle and Rapunzel; Wednesday – Cedar Key, Tiana and Moana; Thursday – A.F. Knotts (Yankeetown), Elena and Sophia; and Friday – Luther Callaway (Chiefland), Cinderella and Snow White.