



New Brighton Library Youthworker Report Term Four & Holidays 2014/2015

Youthworkers



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Purpose

To provide relational support to the many children and young people in New Brighton Library. Helping to keep the library a safe and fun place with proactive engagement, organising activities, pre-empting conflict and providing avenues of further community links.

Key Statistics

Total Number of Shifts: **104**

Total Number of Youth Work Hours: **276**

Total Number of Young People actively engaged with during school term: **665**

Total Number of Young People actively engaged with during school holidays: **168**

833 Young People actively engaged with!

Examples of Key Activities during Term time

Craft Club - every Tuesday; Jelly Worms, Edible Snowmen, Ice Cream Cone Christmas Trees, Easy Christmas Hearts, Oreo Snowmen or Reindeer

Other Library Activities: Monopoly Deal, Mine Craft, Digi Club, Online Games, Pinterest, Wii, Card games, Phone games, Board Games, Basketball, Beach Games, Paper Darts, Origami, Spoons



Some Feedback from Youthworkers on Timesheets



- “Good to see the kids getting together to play a game together on their own accord without even knowing each other.”
- “Had a great conversation with 2 lads about jobs...they also opened up about their occasional drug use...helped them discover other alternatives to drug use.”
- “Kids are encouraging each other in their team tournaments instead of putting each other down.”
- “Was able to teach kids that hard work pays off by

having wee competitions!”

- “A great time to get outside and play some football. The young people had some good fun then chilled and played last card.”
- “Paper planes are still cool with the young people. Relieved!”
- “Three new kids from the other side of town made friends with our local kids through Fifa.”
- “Molly’s first day as my apprentice and she did really well and enjoyed it.”



- “Played the laughing game at the beginning which set the positive atmosphere for the rest of the day.”
- “Had a really good relational time with “I” and “M”.
- “Great welcoming vibes initiated by youth workers!”
- “Lots of little kids today with their parents....grabbed

some crayons and paper!”

- “Had a great talk to some of our young people about goals of travelling overseas.”



- “Great having the librarians playing with us.”
- “It’s good to invest in meaningful conversations with these kids!”



January 2015 Holiday Activities

This holiday programme was new in the sense that I was able to bring on a junior leader for the first time since I took over running it. This provided an exciting opportunity both for me; to extend the same opportunity for growth and development I received, and for the leader themselves; to step out and into something new and challenging. I had a different leader each week; both girls were great and helped out wherever they could and got amongst the activities. This was great to see!



All of week one's activities went really well. The highlight of this week for me was the sandcastle competition. This event had a higher number than previous competitions, and the children all really engaged with the activity. Many parents came out and got alongside and /or supported their children, which was great to see. I love providing parents the opportunity to engage in a stress-free environment which I guess is a rarity to some of these families. The magician did a great job at engaging with and entertaining both the younger and older audience on the Friday and the jewellery making is always popular.

Numbers were slightly higher in the second week and the activities all ran smoothly. 'Outdoor Art' went well and it was also really great to have "Pipe-line Games" and make use of the facilities the library already has readily available all the time. Fimo clay jewellery was recognised as an 'old classic' and many parents loved being able to teach and show their children something that they did at the same age but had forgotten about. The highlight for this week however, was the pony party. It was brilliant weather and a real treat for both the parents and the children who all walked away grinning ear-to-ear.



Kelsi Henderson

Coordinator

168 Young People actively engaged with these activities!

New Brighton Library Holiday Activities January 2015



Monday 12th Jan

Wearable Arts

Tuesday 13th Jan

Sports

Wednesday 14th Jan

Jewellery Making

Thursday 15th Jan

Sand Castle Competition

Friday 16th Jan

Magician

Monday 19th Jan

Out-door Art

Tuesday 20th Jan

Cookie Decorating

Wednesday 21st Jan

Pipeline Games

Thursday 22nd Jan

Clay Pendants

Friday 23rd Jan

Pet Day



Note: Children under 10
must be supervised by
caregiver

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