



New Brighton Library Youthworker Report Term Two 2014

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: **52**

Total Number of Youthwork Hours: **174.5**

Total Number of Young People actively engaged with during school term: **384**

Total Number of Young People actively engaged with during school holidays: **272**



656 Young People actively engaged with!

Examples of Key Activities during Term time

Craft Club - every Tuesday; Sewing, Digiclub, Computer games, Monopoly Deal, Handwarmers, Lego Heads, Lego Stationery Holder...

Other; Monopoly Deal, Mine Craft, Charades, Digi Club, Making birthday cards, online games, Pinterest, Wii, Card games, Phone games, board games, basketball, beach games, just chatting ...



Some Feedback from Youthworkers on Timesheets

- “Finished our movie (at Digiclub) and was great to see how creative the kids were.”
- “Young people corrected each other when someone swears.”
- “Awesome day full of loud laughs and full of fun.”
- “Harry* had his birthday so I got a group and we had lunch.”
- “Cool to see lots of yp - had heaps of laughter!”
- “Managed to tell one of the boys all about the YAT programme he can come too.”
- “Epic day! Got some hot chips and played Bball!”
- “Really connected with Larry* from CNB through playing computer games – And beating him!”

July Holiday Activities Report

The holiday activities are growing in success as regular children keep coming back and new ones continue to find out about it. We interacted with 262 young people over the 2 week period – even more if we count the official figures for the Mindball activity that was organised by the Library!

This program started on a high, working alongside Kidz Fest for Mindball and drawing in 283 people of all ages to participate and have a go. This was a fantastic activity as there really was no age barrier! This activity was by far the most popular, with cookie decorating having the second-highest numbers and sitting on 40 children. As usual with cookie decorating, there was a big rush at the start when the majority of people are there, but this was short lived and within 20minutes many people had moved on. Those who were left and those who came late formed a nice sized group which allowed for more hands on interaction from me which I really enjoyed!



The poster for 'New Brighton Library Holiday Activities July 2014' features a blue and yellow starburst with the word 'Free!' and a green starburst with '2 PM Daily'. It lists activities for each day from July 7th to 18th, including Mindball, Cookie Decorating, Nerf Day, Simple Sewing, Puppet Show, Uno Mania, Mosaics, Photo Challenge, Jewellery Making, and Cheapskates Skate Skool. The poster also includes images of a Nerf gun, a puppet show, a photo challenge, and a child on a skateboard. Logos for YouthAlive Trust and Christchurch City Council are at the bottom.

New Brighton Library
Holiday Activities
July 2014

Free!

2 PM Daily

Monday 7th July
Mindball

Tuesday 8th July
Cookie Decorating

Wednesday 9th July
Nerf Day

Thursday 10th July
Simple Sewing

Friday 11th July
Puppet Show

Monday 14th July
Uno Mania

Tuesday 15th July
Mosaics

Wednesday 16th July
Photo Challenge

Thursday 17th July
Jewellery Making

Friday 18th July
Cheapskates Skate Skool

Note: Children must be supervised by caregiver

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Other popular activities included the Puppet show with 35 people, Nerf day and the Photo Challenge, both with 30 participants and Simple Sewing, Mosaics and Jewelry Making which all had between 20-25 kids. All three of these activities were really good, as they all provided opportunity to teach new skills to kids who otherwise may not have the opportunity to learn them. Parents mentioned using the activities at home with their children, or at their local play-center/ kindergarten.



There were potential risks with the mosaics and sewing, but this was avoided by ensuring parental supervision for younger children, having first aid on-hand, using thick and slightly blunter needles and giving clear warnings of the risks for people to be aware of.

The Cheap Skates activity was cancelled due to wet weather and for those who



were in the library we opened up the pipe-line allowing kids to get games without a library card under my supervision and played card and board games. Overall the holiday program was a real success though; it gave parents a 'break' in the sense that they were able to take a back-seat in the activity, and gave children and youth some stimulation away from computers and a break from boredom.

Week 1

Week 2

<i>Mindball (Library Organised Activity - 283 took part in the activity)</i>	40	Uno Mania	15
Cookie Decorating	40	Mosaics	25
Nerf Day	30	Photo Challenge	30
Simple Sewing	25	Jewellery Making	23
Puppet Show	35	Cheapskates Skate Skool	9

