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Date: November 13, 2023
 To: RCPL Board of Trustees
 From: Aly Quinn, Events Coordinator
 Re: Events 3rd Quarter Statistics

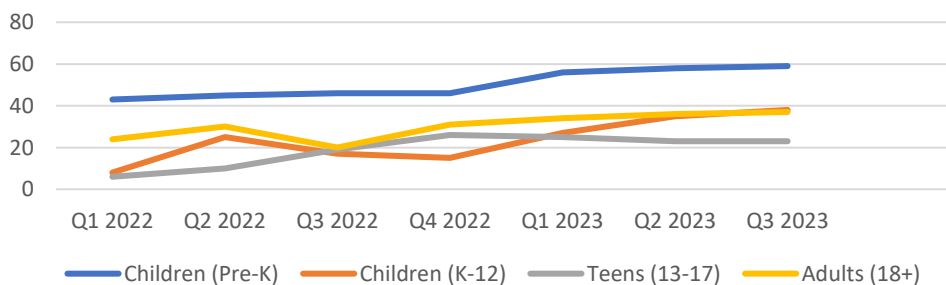
	Number of events	Attendance	Attendance per event
Children (Pre-K)	59	2308	39
Children (K-12)	38	1932	51
Teens (13-17)	23	181	8
Adults (18+)	37	577	16
Total	157	4998	32

The Summer Reading Challenge is an important initiative that helps children and teens retain knowledge and reading skills for the upcoming school year; over 1,300 children and 121 teens participated this year. Many of the children’s events focused on building and growing early literacy skills such as play, letter recognition, and familiarity with books. In addition, the library’s early literacy, STEM-based activities, and focus on developing creativity have been prioritized in order to support formal education.

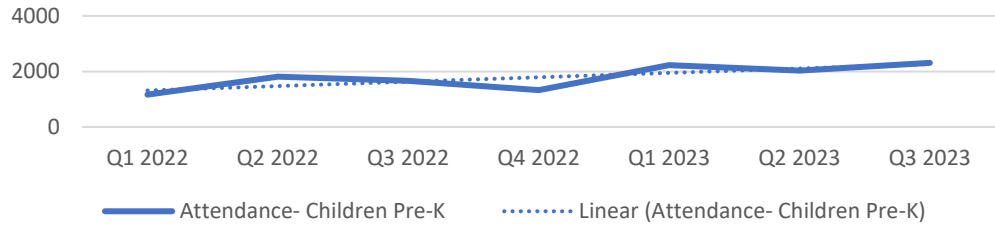
Story times were held at Pop-Up locations to bring early literacy resources to people who might not be able to access the library otherwise; this program will be continued with the bookmobile. The Teen Advisory Board was discontinued as a formal structure but transitioned to use of engaging surveys and one-on-one conversations to seek input from teens.

A back-to-school party promoted library services for the upcoming school year and attracted more than 700 participants. Other events featured collaborations with the SD State Library, the SD Humanities Council, local Lakota tribe members, musicians and performers, Custer State Park rangers, local authors and illustrators, Pennington County Master Gardeners, and others. These community connections are vital to achieving the library’s strategic plan and to connect community members with relevant and local resources.

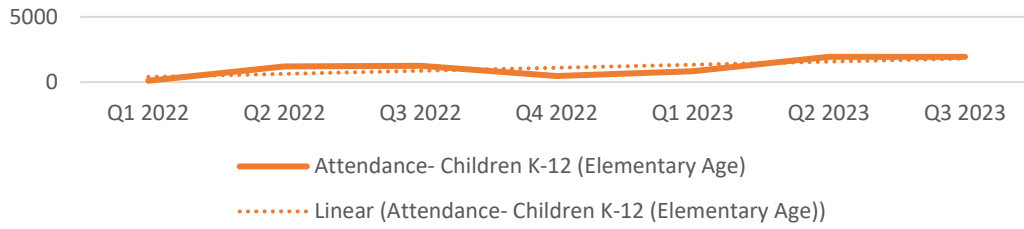
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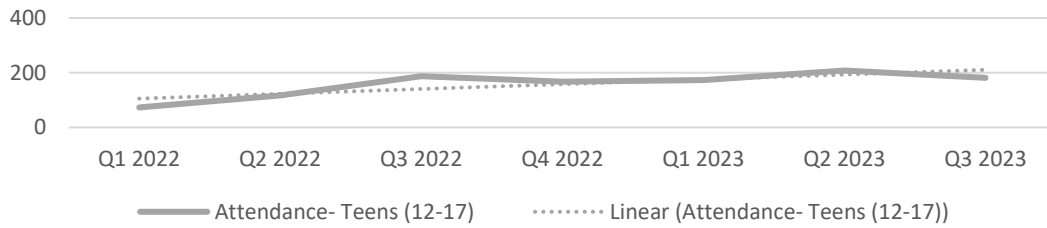
Attendance- Children Pre-K



Attendance- Children K-12 (Elementary Age)



Attendance- Teens (12-17)



Attendance- Adults (18+)

