



Library: Fairport Public Library

Title of Program or Event: Library Card Day

Age level: all ages

Description of Activity: Celebrate National Library Week! Get a library card! Have your picture taken with your new library card and sign a giant library card. The library's Mice (stars of *Mouse Count*) will get their library cards at 3:45 p.m. Juggler at 3 p.m.

Objectives / Goals: To encourage children to get a library card so that they will become regular library users.

Suggested setting: Children's Room

Time required: 2 hrs. (Saturday, April 24, 2-4 p.m.)

Materials and Staff needed: signs; library card applications; stickers; library cards; giant library card; markers for signing the card; cards for Mice; coloring sheet; digital camera; permission slip; volunteers

Advanced Preparation: design flier (add that family needs to bring identification to verify their mailing address); press release; permission slips; invite local author, Ellen Walsh, writer and illustrator of *Mouse Paint* and *Mouse Count*.

Procedure:

3:00 p.m. Juggler

3:45 p.m. Mice (puppets) get cards

on-going from 2 p.m.: fill out library card applications; get card at the circulation desk and a sticker; return to the Children's Room to sign the giant card and have photograph taken of the child. (Families could call the library if they wanted a copy of the photograph for the child's scrapbook.)

Modifications:

Changed the Mice getting library cards to time slot following the juggler. Held a drawing for children to be selected to give the Mice their cards. Also added an "Arthur's Library Card" coloring sheet. If library policy dictated that a child had to sign the library card or to be in a certain grade, the policy might need to be flexible for children who can not write or who are in ungraded settings.

Evaluation:

The program was very successful! More than 21 people attended, six of whom had developmental disabilities. A display of the photographs of the day's events was later made in the Children's Room.