

Peaslee Neighborhood Center Summer 2025 Newsletter





Summer Programs!

PEASLEE KIDS

Our Peaslee Kids program for ages 6-10 grew this year. To meet the needs of neighborhood families, Peaslee added a new classroom to serve more kids. Since the students expanded their time with **gardening, nature, & outdoor adventures**, their classrooms were called the **Peas** and **Karrots**. They also participated in weekly **art, percussion, yoga, and swim lessons**. Each week the kids focused on different themes such as identity, empathy and inclusion, community, leadership, and more! Together they engaged in story sharing, dancing, writing, and learning ASL. To support each child's growth, they practiced using a **daily emotions chart** and shared **positive affirmations** with one another.



AGENTS OF CHANGE

Agents of Change youth, ages 11-15, engaged in weekly **yoga and art sessions** and **pool trips**. They also worked every week with the staff of **Rothenberg Rooftop Garden** to plant and harvest 20 pounds of produce! While learning about climate change and environmental justice, Agents discussed overconsumption, and visited the American Sign Museum to examine the role advertising can play in consumerism. They also enjoyed field trips to the Cincinnati Fire Museum, Weston Art Gallery, Kings Island, Camp Ernst, and their overnight camping trip.

Special THANKS to program partners:

Civic Garden Center, GrandAce (hip-hop), Hamilton County Youth Employment Program, Julie Klear (art), Longbottom Bird Rescue, Miami University, Baba Charles Miller (percussion), Nature Nextdoor, Rothenberg Rooftop Garden, Soapbox Tees, SwimSafe, Yoga Done Fun, University of Cincinnati, Xavier University, YMCA Camp Ernst, & our amazing parents & volunteers!



What fills our
bucket...



70
campers!



Yoga!



Field Day!



Art with Ms. Julie!



Great American Ballpark!

720 Positive
affirmations!



Nature Nextdoor!

825 minutes
of reading!



Book Club!

2,415
minutes at
the Pool!



Swimming at Ziegler pool!



YMCA Camp Ernst!

4,684 meals
& snacks
provided!

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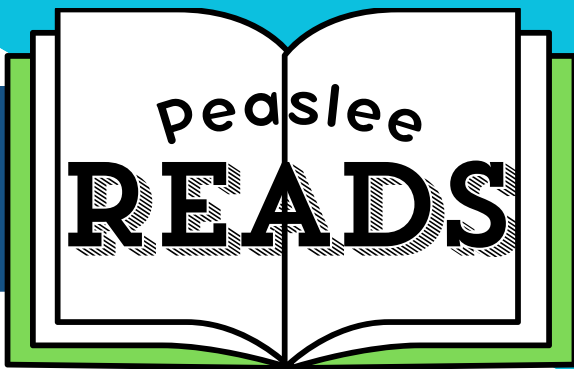


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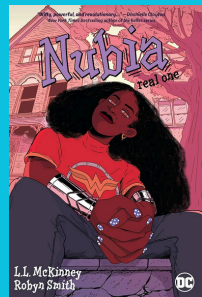
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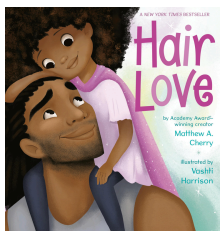


Nubia: Real One by L.L. McKinney

Nubia: Real One is a story about the twin sister of Wonder Woman who wants to keep her friends safe while also keeping her powers secret. While trying to conceal her identity, she is navigating and overcoming the different forms of discrimination surrounding her as a young black woman.

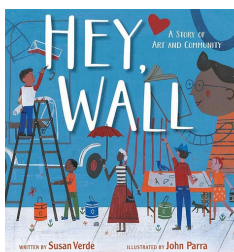


Hair Love by Matthew A. Cherry



At the beginning of camp, Peaslee Kids read **Hair Love**, a story about a young girl and her father who share a special bond as they learn to style her hair together. This book celebrates important themes such as self-love, family, and representation.

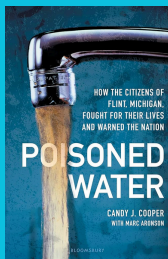
Hey, Wall by Susan Verde



Peaslee Kids read **Hey, Wall** which is a story about a young boy who channels his creative expression by transforming a bare and empty wall in his neighborhood into beautiful artwork. This story taught the kids about the importance of community and the joy of creativity.

Poisoned Water by Candy J. Cooper

The Agents of Change read **Poisoned Water**, which is a novel about the context and consequences of Flint, MI lead water crisis. This book not only sheds light on the aftermath and how the citizens suffered but also how many historic inequities led to this tragedy.



Come read with us!

This summer, Peaslee campers read stories that inspired them and expanded their understanding of the world.