



Children "Got Rhythm" at Haynie Public Library

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Seventy Prague children learned about writing, performing and enjoying music at "Act I: I Got Rhythm" during the first week of the Haynie Public Library's summer reading program.

At the morning program for children under age six, children listened to "Olivia Forms a Band" and then decorated rhythm sticks.

In the afternoon, children ages six and up were treated to a solo by baritone player Ryan Tapp and then learned about composing music from composer Seth Cudd.

"Just like writers write books so you can read them, composers write music so musicians can play it," Cudd said.

Cudd taught the children about beats and rhythms, and then the children wrote their own rhythms to clap along with "Grandma's Feather Bed."

The theme of this year's program is "Be Creative @ Your Library." Next week, at "Act II: If I Were a Painter," children will learn about art. The program for children under age six begins at 10 a.m. and the program for children ages six and up begins at 3 p.m.

The sticks the younger children decorated, as well as other examples of creativity from later programs, will be displayed at the library's "Evening of the Arts" at 7 p.m. June 26.