

# Summer School Field Trips Included Visit To New Library

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Summer School wrapped up last week in the New Haven District with something different on the schedule—several trips to the new library.

In a report to the school board at its June meeting, Principal Kasi Meyer was complimentary of the newly-opened facility.

“It’s been really nice to get kids and whole classes at a time into the library,” she said. “If you’ve not been in there yet, you need to go. It is beautiful, absolutely beautiful. The kids are loving it.”

She added, “The librarians and the Friends of the Library are enjoying having the kids there. I know we’ve got a lot of kids signed up for library cards. They like being responsible for those and bringing their books back and forth.”

Summer School also included trips to the New Haven, Washington and Union swimming pools, the Runge Nature Center in Jefferson City, Lions Lake in Washington, the New Haven Senior Center and the Shamrock Garden at NHHS for various grade levels.

The University of Missouri Extension Office came out twice a week for nutrition lessons and the US Geological Survey presented its research on local air and water tests to older students, she said.

“All students in grade 1-8 went to the Runge Nature Center,” she reported. “That is a gorgeous facility, comparable to Powder Valley off of Geyer Road in St. Louis. They have a naturalist on duty all the time providing programming for us.”

Kindergartners visited the new Union Splash Park on June 20.

“That complex is absolutely beautiful,” she said. “I was not expecting that.” It includes ballfields and playgrounds. “And the Splash Park was just perfect for our kindergartners who don’t normally get to go to a pool.”

This year’s Summer School was the largest in recent memory, starting out with 227 students, although 14 that enrolled didn’t show up on the first day. Enrollment included 47 students from other schools, including St. Gertrude’s, Campbellton and Franklin County R-II.

The district receives additional state aid based on Summer School enrollment and could realize a few thousand dollars more this year due to the higher numbers, Superintendent Josh Hoener said.

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**THE SCENIC REGIONAL LIBRARY** New Haven branch held a Star Party on June 19. Approximately 20 adults and children were in attendance. The Eastern Missouri Dark Sky Observers were on hand to share interesting facts about the night sky and show attendees how to observe the stars and planets using the library's telescope. It was a rainy night but the clouds broke just enough to get a good look at the moon. The library has available an Orion AstroBlast Reflector Telescope for patrons to check out and enjoy at home. For more information contact the library at (573) 603-0466. Here, two boys try out the new telescope before going outside to look at the night sky.

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