

Annual Staff Report June 2015-June 2016

WBYO Programs

WBYO is a life skills program that is camouflaged as a drop-in recreation geared towards youth aged 4-12 in the West Broadway area & beyond. We provide year round, free after-school & summer programming in a safe, fun & nurturing environment.

WBYO ensures that local children have opportunities to learn and grow in an atmosphere where their basic emotional, social & educational needs are met and supported by positive role models.

Mission: Provide a safe, fun and caring environment where children are provided opportunities to learn and grow. Free structured programming and positive role models instill a sense of accountability, teach life skills, encourage positive behaviour and support children towards achieving their infinite potential.

Vision: Children realizing their potential

Expectations of Each Participant

- Treat others the way you want to be treated
- Use appropriate language
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself



Introducing Staff as of June 2016:

The longevity of staff has provided stability to WBYO's programming for over 20 years. Our team this year is as follows:

Director - Ken Opaleke (24 years)
Assistant Director – Ray Eskritt (2.5 years)
Bookkeeper- Val Heide (5 years)

Youth Workers (School Year)

Emilie Anderson-Gregoire
 Mathletes Coordinator (9 years)
 Brontee Gray
 Academic Coordinator &
 Book Jam Coordinator (5 years)
 Danielle Marion
 Dreams Coordinator (as of April 2016)
 Victor Golondrina
 Boy's World Coordinator (as of April 2016)
 Rachel Ort
 Girls' World Coordinator &
 Music Coordinator (1.5 years)
 Irlanda Gomez
 Youth Care Practitioner

Youth Workers (Summer of 2016)

Irlanda Gomez
 Rachel Ort
 Victor Golondrina
 Arianna Hildebrand
 Bendu Dukuly



Programming for 2015/2016
School Session: September - June

MONDAYS

3:30-8:30pm

Computers, Bookworms- 3:30pm - 6pm

Bookworms is a literacy program that takes place in our space on the second floor of the Crossways building. Kids come by after school and read independently or with staff or volunteers. Every book read is logged and every 10 book read gets them an invite for our monthly Bookworms outing. They may also play with any of the toys, games or computers we have in our space!

Homework Club- 3:30pm - 6pm

Homework Club is where kids can bring any school work they have been given (they can and are encouraged to ask their teachers for extra work!), and have a space with snacks, supplies and tutors to help them with their work. Homework kids get spoiled at WBYO with treats, outings and anything else we can think of!

Piano Lessons- 4pm- 8pm

Private lessons for 30 minutes each; culminating in an annual Piano Recital in May. There is currently a waiting list.

Small Time Fun Pack- 6pm - 8:30pm

This program is geared towards the 4 -7 age group held at the Gordon Bell High School gym. We walk with the kids from the centre to the school back and forth. Older children are welcome to join keeping in mind that the day is for the younger group. There are often a large number of older children that come on a regular basis and often help the younger ones play gym games. We play games like Frozen Tag, Ghostbusters, Simon Says, Everybody's It, Snatch the Chicken etc. As always, all games played are chosen and voted on by the children!

Board Game/Movie Sign Out- 3:40pm - 8:30pm

Kids are encouraged to sign-out any of our collection of board games/movies for a week with a permission form signed by their parent/guardian

**TUESDAYS**

3:30-8:30pm

Family Bingo/Family Movie- 4pm - 5:30 pm

Bingo is fun for everyone because no one leaves without winning something! We watch family-oriented movies at our centre. All the movies are rated G/PG and are voted on by our kids!

Mathletes- 4pm - 6 pm

Mathletes seeks to remove the stigma from math activities and provide an enriched learning environment based on the Manitoba Math Curriculum. Earn Ken Bucks and buy prizes from the WBYO Prize Catalogue created for Mathletes. (Prizes include candy, books, bikes, Ipods etc...)

Yoga- 6pm-7pm

Volunteer professional yoga teachers come to instruct yoga at our centre! Namaste!

Jam Session- 7 pm - 8 pm

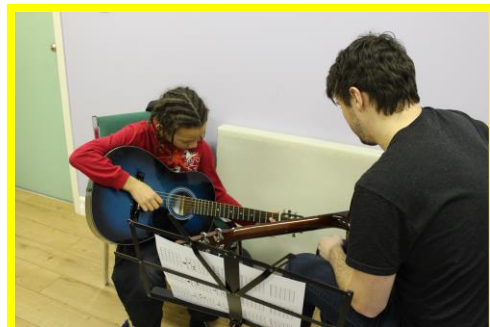
Kids get the opportunity to learn about different instruments through free play, circle and special music performances.

Kids Laundry Night- 3:40pm - 8:30pm

Kids are encouraged to bring in a small amount of their laundry to be washed during program hours. They are taught how to do their own laundry and laundry soap, dryer sheets and machines are provided free of charge.

Guitar Lessons- 4:30 pm – 7pm

Volunteer musicians teach interested youth guitar basics with one-on-one and group lessons on Tuesday evenings. Youth are provided with guitars to practice with and learn how to read music, how to play chords and play their favourite songs from the radio!



WEDNESDAYS

3:30-8:30pm

After School Program- 3:40pm – 4:45pm

This program is held in the gymnasium at Mulvey school. We play games like change lines, doctor dodgeball, musical hoops and line-tag. All games played are chosen and voted on by the children!

Dreams Program- 3:40pm – 6pm

Dreams is a career mentorship program that provides youth with the opportunity to explore the infinite possibilities their future holds and supplies them with the tools to get there. Wednesday meetings are contain varied content including career information sessions, workshops and large group projects.

Wii Wednesdays- 5pm - 6pm

This program is held at our centre at Crossways and is a chance for homework kids (only) to unwind after school by challenging one of our awesome volunteers to any number of non-violent videogames on a BIG SCREEN TV prior to hitting the homework books.

Homework Club- 6pm - 8:30 pm

Homework Club (located at our centre) is where kids can bring any school work they have been given (they can always ask their teachers for extra work!), and have a space with snacks, supplies, and tutors to help them with their work. Homework kids get spoiled at WBYO with treats, outings, and anything else we can think of!

Computer, Cook, Book and Board Games- 6pm - 8:30 pm

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The Yum-Yum Club- 6:30-8:30pm

Kids are encouraged to join our amazing volunteer nutritional studies students as they instruct and prepare delicious and healthy meals for all the kids at our centre!

**THURSDAYS**

3:30-8:30pm

Nails, Ponytails & Lego Mania - 3:40pm - 5pm

Kids can come to WBYO Thursday afternoons for "give and get" manicures! Kids can even get their hair cut by volunteer hair stylists (please call us to schedule). We also pull out a giant box of 10,000 Lego pieces to play with.

Crafts with Ray! - 3:40pm - 5pm

Ray teams up with the kids to unleash their unlimited creativity! Projects have included: Bug Costumes, Marbled Mugs, Design your own Lego Man, and Coffee Filter Flowers.

Team Sports Night - 5:30pm - 8:30pm

This program is geared towards the 8-12 year old age group. Younger children are welcome to join in and often do. We use either the field or the gym at Mulvey School. On these nights we play games like basketball, soccer, soccer-baseball, volleyball, baseball and floor hockey. As always, all games played are chosen and voted on by the children!

FRIDAYS

4-7pm

Girls' World- 4pm-7pm

Girls in grades 5-10 are welcome to join our Girls' World at our centre. Programming is self-directed by the girls and often offers exciting and empowering outings. Projects

Book Jam- 4pm-7pm

Exciting literacy program for youth looking to increase their literacy through games, crafts, cooking etc. in a fun, safe environment at our centre. Parents (as always!) are encouraged to join in!

Boys' World - 4pm-7pm

Boys' World invites young men aged 10-15 to participate in unique "Guys Only" activities. Programming allows participants to vote on each week's activity and has included; science experiments, sports games, skateboarding, movies, video games, cooking, and crafts.

Non Day Specific Programming:**Dreams Program Meetings**

Dreams is a career mentorship program that provides youth with the opportunity to explore the infinite possibilities their future holds and supplies them with the tools to get there. Dreams Program Meetings provide an opportunity for youth to have dinner with a mentor in their Dream career, or shadow a mentor for a day.

Mystery Book Search

An incentive program focused on reading. Two books are chosen (One in Easy-Readers and one in Novels). If a youth reads a chosen book to a volunteer, or submits a book report, the youth wins great prizes. Prizes are added each month the chosen book is not read.

WBYO 2015-2016 Program Highlights**Outings & Special Events!****July 2015**

- Annual camping trip to Caddy Lake
- Summer events

August 2015

- Summer events
- Rotary Graduation
- 2 Dreams Kids perform as onstage VJs at the MEME Music Festival

September 2015

- Programming moves from Crossways to Westminster Housing Co-op(145 Maryland)
- Back to School Dance
- 2nd Annual WBYO Dreams Festival at the Winnipeg Art Gallery

October 2015

- Ken attends Manitoba Hero's Gala
- Haunted Forest
- Halloween Trick or Treat Outreach
- Home Depot donates supplies and labour to transform an underused space into a cozy library at 145 Maryland

November 2015

- Volunteer Appreciation Night
- Free portraits for families

December 2015

- Annual Holiday Party
- New Years' Dance
- WBYO kids go to The Nutcracker

January 2016

- Sleigh Ride/Flying Lessons at Miracle Ranch
- WBYO opens 2nd location, Dreams Site at 561 Broadway
- Boxing Club Launched

February 2016

- Annual Valentines Dance
- Annual Volunteer Appreciation Wine and Cheese Night (hosted and funded by staff)
- Festival de Voyageur

March 2016

- Basketball and Floor Hockey tournament
- Lawyers for Literacy
- WBYO staff attend a school assembly to celebrate a youth who read 100 books
- Dreams Kids write and perform a play about communication at Shine Your Light 3

April 2016

- Spring break
- All furnishing and supplies are moved out of 561 Broadway. Space is no longer used by WBYO.

May 2016

- WBYO provides 100 tickets to families to attend Kids Fest
- Surprise Homework Kid trip to Narcisse Snake Dens
- Annual Piano Recital at Crossways

June 2016

- Sixth annual 5ish Fun Run



Other Events of Note:

- ❖ Syrian families have been increasingly attending program, and the children's English and understanding of routines are improving rapidly.
- ❖ Marina Goodwin was awarded the Safeway Food for Life Award at the Manitoba Volunteer Awards for her work with WBYO's Yum-Yum Club. The award came with a \$2,000 donation to WBYO programs.

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The Building:

- ❖ WBYO has signed a 5 year lease, with an option to renew at our new site
- ❖ IDEATE Design signed on through the United Way's Spark program to design the space pro-bono
- ❖ Sussex Realty (owner of the space) has agreed to do up to \$50,000 of renovations for WBYO
- ❖ Furnishing and equipment will cost an additional estimated \$45,000, Ray has applied for grants and is currently awaiting responses
- ❖ Space is approximately 5,000 sqft over two levels, with kitchen, office, 2 bathrooms, library, music room and large multi-use spaces for Homework Club, Yoga, Boys' & Girls' World and other programs.

Staff Goals for 2015-2016 were:

- ❖ Have 1000 people register for the 6th annual 5ish Fun Run
- ❖ Continue to remind our kids that their potential ends just beyond infinity
- ❖ Assist the Board in investigating a Capital Campaign for a new space
- ❖ Obtain secure and continued funding for the Dreams Site at 561 Broadway
- ❖ Build relationship with Great West Life who has shown interest in supporting WBYO

Staff Goals for 2016-2017 are:

- ❖ Have 1000 people register for the 7th annual 5ish Fun Run
- ❖ Continue to remind our kids that their potential ends just beyond infinity
- ❖ Finish renovating, furnishing and move all programming into new space
- ❖ Hold a Lego drive to advertise the new space and create a Lego Wall
- ❖ Create a new winter fundraiser between the 5ish and Lawyers for Literacy
- ❖ Find a sponsor to cover the cost of printing new Homework Club T-shirts
- ❖ Make a sponsor opportunities list to encourage sponsorship of various activities (i.e. The Red River Ex, Visiting the Zoo, etc...)



Special thanks to our friends:

- ABW Investments
- Anansi Dance Studios
- Anderson Family Visioncare
- Anonymous Donors
- Anthony Fernando
- Assiniboine Credit Union
- Balmoral Hall School
- Canada Summer Jobs
- Chew
- Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba
- Christmas Cheerboard
- City of Winnipeg
- Communities 4 Families
- Complete Fitness
- Councillor Jenny Gerbasi
- Danali Clothing
- Dignity Memorial
- DJ Rahdil
- DRC Inc.
- Ecole River Heights School
- Ernst & Young
- Food Fare Maryland
- Frontier College
- Gordon Bell High School
- Government of Canada
- Grant Park High School
- Graffiti Art Programming
- The Home Depot (Empress Location)
- Horizons Learning Centre
- Illusion New Media
- Indrissa Turay
- Into the Music
- Investors Group
- Johnston Group
- Lea Marc
- Manitoba Lotteries
- Manitoba Public Insurance
- Manitoba Services Community Council
- Massage Therapy College of Manitoba
- Matix Lumber & Castle
- McLaughlin Capital Management
- Modular Storage
- Mondetta
- MTS Future First
- Mulvey School Staff
- Neptune Management Ltd.
- One Insurance
- Polet Family
- Print Express
- Proscapes
- Quest Musique
- RBC Dominion Securities
- RBC Royal Bank
- Red River Community College
- Richardson Foundation
- Rob Altemeyer MLA of Wolseley
- Robert Falcon Oulette MP of Winnipeg Central
- Running Room
- Scotiabank
- Spence Neighbourhood Association
- St. Johns Ambulance
- Starbucks (Graham and Kennedy Location)
- Sussex Realty
- The Province of Manitoba
- Thomson Funeral Home
- United Way of Winnipeg
- Urban Green Team
- Virgin 103
- Warehouse One
- Wawanesa Insurance
- West Broadway Biz
- West Broadway Development Corporation
- William F. White International Inc
- Winnipeg Children's Festival
- Winnipeg Foundation
- Winnipeg Fringe Festival
- Winnipeg Harvest
- Woodcock Cycle
- YMCA/YWCA
- Young United Church (Crossways in Common)
- Youth Agency Alliance
- Youth in Philanthropy

And last but certainly not least, a HUGE THANK YOU to the children and families of West Broadway for allowing us the privilege of being a part of their lives