Grant aids library reading program

Summer camp students watch as Michael Lanigan and Pat Lanigan present grant check to Anita Greene and Vicki Vargo.

Camp counselors dressed for a "fashion show"

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Approximately 60 youngsters participating in the UPMC Braddock Health for Life 2009 Summer Camp gathered in the Music Hall of Braddock Carnegie Library Tuesday afternoon.

Library Director Anita Greene conducted the special program recognizing the individuals who took part in the Summer Reading Club by awarding certificates for free meals at a local Applebee's restaurant.

Organized into groups designated with colored T-shirts, the youngsters voted on a craft project and participated in a contest in which they dressed several of the group-leaders for a fashion show.

A more serious highlight of the program was the awarding of a $1,000 grant to Braddock Carnegie Library.

Funeral Director Pat Lanigan and Funeral Service Consultant Michael Lanigan presented the check to Executive Director Victoria Vargo and Library Director Anita Greene.

"We want to thank Lanigan Funeral Home for assisting in applying and receiving this grant, which will be used to help continue the children's programs here at the library," Vargo told the assembly.

The grant was provided by the York Children's Foundation that is a part of the Matthews International Casket Division, a non-profit foundation based in Pittsburgh.

Following the Music Hall program, the youngsters were treated to a small party in the library.