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**Kwanzaa Community Event**

Turtle Creek Valley MH/MR, Inc. Youth Against Tobacco Coalitions held it's Second Annual Kwanzaa Community Celebration on December 29<sup>th</sup> at the Braddock Carnegie Library. Children and families from the surrounding area came out to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Kwanzaa, Ujamaa.

The Kwanzaa event had a short presentation about the meaning of Kwanzaa by Deborah Starling Pollard from the Carnegie Museum of Art. Youth coalitions members did miming, African drumming, poetry and dance performances. A community feast was also shared by all in attendance. The coalitions would like the people of the community to self-improve themselves by preventing smoking and helping those who smoke learn how to quit.

The coalitions use these activities to teach children about their heritage, as well as to enrich others about the dangers of smoking.

Thank you to all who came to celebrate.

