

**Library Director's Report
February 2018**

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February is a particularly good networking month, with both the Woodridge State of the Village and the Illinois Library Association Legislative breakfast. John Connor is the new representative for District 85 so I was happy to have the chance to talk to him at both events, as well as touching base with others I had met previously.

I attended an all-day strategic planning workshop through the Civic Leadership Academy at NIU. Strategic planning will be a focal point this year so this was a helpful refresher. It is likely our community survey will be concluded by the end of May. The results would then be presented to the Board at the June meeting. This will put us into July for our strategic planning retreat. We can discuss more specific possible dates at the Board meeting.

We are planning the Library's strategy at the Woodridge Town Meeting on April 12th. In addition to a large tabletop display, we're going to bring an umbrella with the library logo. We are going to start circulating umbrellas and this will help publicize the fact, as well as being a good marketing tool and visual prop. The idea behind this is that if you're at the library and it starts raining, you can check out an umbrella to protect yourself and any items you are checking out., as well as promoting the library while you're using it.

If you haven't been to the library lately, check out the castle display we have in our lobby. It's to draw attention to our upcoming Medieval Faire on April 7th; both the castle display and the event are generating a great deal of interest.

Library Programs and Services

Children's: Baby Lapsit I, 3 sessions, 43
 Baby Lapsit II (3 groups), 9 sessions, 151
 Toddler Time – 2s + adult (3 groups), 10 sessions, 178
 Storytime – 3 to 5s (3 groups), 10 sessions, 136
 Drop-in Storytime (2 groups), 4 sessions, 60
 Spanish Storytime (2 groups), 3 sessions, 36
 Passive – Kindness Hearts, 200
 Drop-in DIY – Shrinky Dinks, 1 session, 1
 Book Magic, 8 sessions, 35
 Police Officer Storytime, 1 session, 51
 Lego We Do, 1 session, 3
 Picture Books on Film, 1 session, 8
 Family Movie, 21
 Homeschool Lego Club, 2 sessions, 58

Adult: Barbara Pompei Boland Art Exhibit
 Shanta: African Storyteller, 122
 Stitch in Public Day/Info Session, 18
 Voter Registration, 2 Info Sessions, 12
 Movie: Pirates of the Caribbean, 6
 Lisle Job Club, 4 sessions, 24
 Home Buying, 9
 Writing Journey, 11
 Folk Music Ashley & Simpson, 36
 Genealogy Help, 13
 Literacy DuPage Training/3 sessions, 35
 Therapy Dog/Humane Society, 24
 Shakespeare Reader's Theatre, 9
 Al Capone, 64

Library Needlers, 8
 Senior Cards & Games, 12
 Organizing Memories, 16
 Boland Art Reception, 50
 Rodin Lecture/Jeff Mishur, 27
 Community Puzzle, 20

Teen: DIY: Tug Toys, 26
 Unvalentines Day (Drop-in), 0
 Teens After Hours/Minute-To-Win-It, 16

Community Outreach: Kidz Squad K-3 at ARC (Athletic Rec Center), 2 sessions, 35; Kidz Squad 4-6, 1 session, 17

Book Discussions: *Never Go Back*, by Lee Child (Crime Readers) 8; *I Will Send Rain*, by Rae Meadows, 5; *A Piece of the World*, by Christina Baker Kline, 11

Computer Classes: Introduction to Microsoft Excel, 7; Intermediate Microsoft Excel, 11; Microsoft Excel Charts, 10; Windows 10 Tips & Tricks, 5; Meet Libby, 4; Streaming Music, 6; What is a Raspberry Pi?, 2

Services: Reference Questions: 2,796 in Adult/Teen and 710 in Children's
 Public PC Sessions: 1,996 in Adult/Teen and 210 in Children's
 Interlibrary Loans Received: 3,880
 Home Page Views: 29,477
 Study Rooms: 552 in Adult/Teen and 23 in Children's
 Volunteer Hours: 140 from Adults
 Notary Services: 10
 Museum Adventure Passes: 5
 Tours: 5
 Meraki Wireless Unique Users: 2,138

Displays: **Adult/Teen Department:** Black History Month: African Americans in Times of War; Recommended Documentaries; What's Happening?; Winter Sports; Best of 2017; Fall in Love with a Classic
Children's: Show Kindness to Community Helpers; Ground Hog Day, Chinese New Year, President's Day; Tell a Fairy Tale Day; Babies, Favorites; PyeongChang Winter Olympics, Inventors Spotlight; Be the Friend You Would Like to Have; Donate to the West Suburban Animal Shelter; Black History Month, Kindness, Winter Olympics

Staff Development and Training

Additional staff development opportunities are listed below.

Adult:	Brenda O'Brien Chris Keefe	Webinar – Dealing with Angry Patrons Webinar – 5 Choices to Extraordinary Productivity
Children's:	Elizabeth Burns Kate Lehman Jane Malmberg Mary Ann Steinhaus Shireen Tyberg	Webinar – Autism Basics: Webinar for Librarians and Literacy Providers Naperville Sensory Story Time, Anderson's Children's Literature Conference Planning for March 9 th LACONI Middle Manager Series Meeting (Woodridge is hosting the meeting) Anderson's Children's Literature Conference Webinar: Diverse Titles for Youth and Young Adults
Circulation:	Julie Lombardo Sabrina Kahren Elaine McIlhone Kristen Pierret	Circulation Managers Meeting SWAN Circulation Training Workshop

Collection Services:	Amy Weiss	State of the Village RAILS Technical Services Networking Group SWAN Cataloging Advisory Group
Admin:	Pam Dubé	Strategic Planning Workshop- Northern Illinois University SWAN Meeting Woodridge State of the Village Zone I Meeting Legislative Breakfast Webinar - Workplace Harassment Prevention
	Tonya Alexander	Job Evaluation: Methods and Practices Workplace Harassment: What Should Employers Do Now HR Round Table Series for Libraries Tax Reform and More Webinar Fred Pryor Online: Workplace Harassment Prevention: Managers and Supervisor Edition
	Matthew Hennessy	LACONI – Developing Tech Training for your Library
	Patti Naisbitt	Legislative Meet-Up

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of February was 63,725 a 20% increase over February 2017.
Registered borrowers number 25,097 which is 76.1% of the jurisdictional population.
People/Door Count for month: 34,325