

The Children's Department has created a new interactive program called Building Blocks for Tots that promotes school readiness for children ages 3 through 5. It's designed to enhance cognitive, social, and emotional development and supports growth in areas such as language, literacy, and social and emotional development. Each week's participants will get learning packets as well as a link to a video created by the children's staff. Each video has links to online songs or activities. Every week, participants can pick up a new Building Blocks packet in the Children's Department and choose a book off the Building Blocks for Tots weekly book cart or ask for curbside pickup.

This summer we are planning multiple story walks, both at the library and at multiple park district locations. We started story walks last summer and they have proven to be quite popular. They are also ideally suited to the current social distancing guidelines and recommendations. Because we do not want to create crowds, we are focusing on virtual programs and interactive, self-paced outside activities such as story walks. As circumstances can change quickly, we will keep assessing and be ready to adapt rapidly if necessary.

We recently finished our 1,000th book bundle, and handled it with appropriate fanfare, including an impromptu gift bag with some fun prizes and activities.

Our Annual Library Certification with the Illinois State Library has been completed, ensuring we are in good standing with the state and eligible for all relevant grant opportunities.

Library Programs and Services

Children's: Virtual Programs

Melanie Mouse's Special Valentine Storytime, 2/10, YouTube, 43
How to Draw an Ox/Chinese New Year, 2/17, YouTube, 51
Additional Recording Views from Past Programs, 2/1-2/28, YouTube, 184

Take & Make Crafts, 4 Projects, 400

1000 Books Before Kindergarten, 1

Passive - Valentine Cards for Seniors, 26

Passive - Love My Library, 24

Adult: Virtual Programs

Motown Music History, 84
Jack Benny - From Waukegan to Hollywood, 53
Virtual Book Discussion: *Tuesday Mooney Talks to Ghosts*, by Kate Racculia, 8

Take & Make Craft, Hand Warmers, 68

Teen: Pop Sockets, Take & Make Kits, 28

Virtual Community Outreach:

Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 4 sessions, 8

Services:

E-Resources:
Media on Demand Total: 3,826
Ebooks: 2383
E-Audiobooks: 970
Magazines: 466
Videos: 7
ERead Illinois/Axis 360: 234
Ebooks: 136
E-Audiobooks: 98
HOOPLA: 625
Ebooks: 234
E-Audiobooks: 288
Videos: 83
Music: 20
Kanopy Videos: 410 Plays
TumbleBooks: 64
BookFlix: 105

Home Page Views: 19,825
Curbside Pickup: 698 pickups
Book Bundles for Children: 151 bundles
Interlibrary Loans Received: 3,591
3D Printer Jobs: 8 - average print time: 0:39:00
Reference Questions: 2,223 in Adult/Teen and 322 in Children's
Public PC Sessions: 845 in Adult/Teen and 7 in Children's
Outreach Visits: 5
Volunteer Hours: 5 for Adult
Museum Adventure Passes: 1
Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 13,693

Displays:

Children's Services Department: Coretta Scott King Award; Blind Date with a Book; Book vs. Movie; Food; Make a Difference; Let's Bake!; Black History

Adult Services Department: 100 Years of Agatha Christie Stories; Black History Month; First Book in a Series

Staff Development and Training

Adult/Teen Services:	George Kalinka	Overdrive sponsored Sourcebooks: Top Spring Titles webinar Media On Demand Networking Meeting
	Chris Keefe	Presenting to a Virtual Audience - Pryor webinar RAILS Minute, 2 sessions
	Meghan Hall	Big-Buzzing Prepub Titles for Spring webinar (Library Journal and HarperCollins)
	Denise Murray	Media On Demand Networking Meeting
	Brenda O'Brien	Library Journal Winter Summit: Readers Advisory and Collection Development during the Pandemic webinar Media On Demand Networking Meeting
	Katie Stanton	Creating Inclusive and Reflective Library Collections webinar
Children's Services:	Kelly Girard	Random House Children's Books Spring Preview

Grab & Go Programs (RAILS)

Elizabeth Burns Bearport Publishing and Jump! Extravaganza Spring 2021
Nonfiction Books (webinar)

Patrick Maloney Graphic Novel Showcase: Titles for Young Readers Coming
this Spring (webinar)

Circulation Services: Julie Lombardo RAILS BIPOC Group Meeting
SWAN Fireside Chat

Lisa Jones OCLC Article Exchange
SWAN Article Exchange workshop

Technical Services: Amy Weiss SWAN Cataloging Users Group
Technical Services Networking Meeting

Tess Forbes SWAN Cataloging Users Group

Sharada Kamath SWAN Cataloging Users Group
SWAN Serial Workshop

Erica Sanchez Dewey Decimal Classification Class
SWAN Cataloging Users Group

Administration: Pam Dubé SWAN Committee of the Whole Meeting
Rotary Meetings

Cassie Gray Redefining HR: How to Prioritize and Master Your Strategic HR
Initiatives
Update: COVID-19 Vaccines and the Workplace

Patti Naisbitt Northern IL Food Bank: Summer Meals Seminar

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of February was 41,203 a 17% decrease from February 2020.
Registered borrowers number 23,466, which is 71.2% of the jurisdictional population.
People/Door Count for month: 5,012 (February 8th to 28th)