

**Library Director's Report  
April 2019**

Information Item #49

At our staff in-service meeting, we had training on the topic of implicit bias, which is sometimes referred to as an unconscious bias. This training was conducted by the YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago. They discussed different cultures and demographic groups, different biases that exist, and how we can become more aware of them and develop strategies to work effectively with everyone. This training was very well done, on a very helpful and timely topic.

I attended the Village of Woodridge Town Meeting, along with George Kalinka, Chris Keefe, and Denise Murray. Many village organizations participated this year, in addition to the government entities that have always participated. Attendance was the largest I have seen in the time I have been attending this event; everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, and the addition of other organizations in the community brought increased energy and interest to the event.

Cindy Tardy-Jones, a long time library employee, has announced her retirement effective June 21, 2019. Cindy has worked for the library for 20 years in the Collection Services Department. She is in charge of all aspects of collection acquisitions. Cindy will be moving to Montana, with plans to build a house near extended family. Cindy will be greatly missed, although we are happy for her and her exciting new plans.

**Library Programs and Services**

<b>Children's:</b>	Baby Lapsit I, 3 sessions, 67
	Baby Lapsit II (3 groups), 9 sessions, 144
	Toddler time – 2s + adult (3 groups), 9 sessions, 171
	Storytime – 3-5s (3 groups), 12 sessions, 144
	Drop-In Family Storytime, 2 sessions, 27
	Pajama Storytime, 3 sessions, 20
	Sensory Storytime, 1 session, 9
	Spanish Storytime (1 group), 3 sessions, 27
	1000 Books Before Kindergarten - additional - 4
	Passive - STEM Kits, 13
	PEEPS Family Science Day, 300
	Lego WeDo, 2
	Picture Books on Film, 8
	Bluestem Book Club, 8
	Tea Party with Belle, 70
	Homeschool Lego Club, 8 (Outreach)
<b>Adult:</b>	Art Exhibit: District 99 Downers Grove North & South High Schools
	Essentials of Estate Planning, 58
	Senior Cards & Games, 3 sessions, 35
	District 99 Art Reception, 230
	Dana & Sue Robinson Folk Music, 48
	Library Needlers, 4
	Coloring for Adults, 8
	Genealogy Help, 12
<b>Teen:</b>	Friends of the Library Spring Meeting, 4
	Green Cleaning, 26
<b>Tween:</b>	DIY Washi Picture Frames, 30
	Anime Club, 7
	Practice SAT, 5

**Community Outreach:** Totschool Storytime, 2 sessions, 53; Special Ed Parents' Night, 1 session, 35; PRC Computer Classes, 2 sessions, 7; Lisle Job Club, 5 sessions, 15; SSIP Citizenship Test Prep, 4 sessions, 80; Literacy DuPage Tutor Training, 2 sessions, 38

**Book Discussion:** Crime Readers - *Infernal Angels* by Loren Estleman, 7; *The Masterpiece* by Fiona Davis, 2; *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown (at Woodridge Horizon Senior Apartments), 7

**Computer Classes:** Introduction to Microsoft Excel, 12; Intermediate Microsoft Excel, 12; Microsoft Excel Pivot Tables, 9

**Services:** Reference Questions: 2,571 in Adult/Teen and 700 in Children's  
Public PC Sessions: 2,296 in Adult/Teen and 128 in Children's  
Interlibrary Loans Received: 3,784  
Home Page Views: 30,896  
Study Rooms: 674 in Adult/Teen and 20 in Children's  
Volunteer Hours: 100 for Adults  
Notary Services: 4  
Museum Adventure Passes: 25  
Tours: 2  
Meraki Wireless Unique Users: 2,207

**Displays:** **Adult/Teen Department:** Poetry Month; April is Jazz Appreciation Month; Earth Day

**Children's:** Middle East Book Award; National Poetry Month; Novels in Verse; Animal Lovers: Check out these Animal Movies and Books; April Fool's Day; Author's Birthdays (April); Siblings Day; Passover; Windy; Turtles & Snakes; Basher; Activism; Favorites; Building STEAM with DIA

### **Staff Development and Training**

The Staff In-Service Meeting was held on Friday, April 26th from 9:00am to 1:00pm. There were 39 employees in attendance. The training topic was *Influence of Culture & Implicit Bias - What is it and Why it Matters?*

<b>Adult:</b>	George Kalinka	Woodridge Village Town Meeting
	Chris Keefe	Woodridge Village Town Meeting Criticism & Discipline Skills for Managers and Supervisors (Fred Pryor)
	Denise Murray	Woodridge Village Town Meeting
	Brenda O'Brien	Booklist Webinar: Library Love for Library Reads
<b>Children's:</b>	Jane Malmberg	MCATS Mentoring Session on Time Management
	Cristina Bueno	Booktalks and Beyond: Best New Diverse Children's Books for Storytimes, Programs, and Booklists Education Through Music Workshop Oakbrook Escape the Room Field Trip
	Kelly Girard	Oakbrook Escape the Room Field Trip
	Alyssa Johnson	Oakbrook Escape the Room Field Trip Middle School Magic Webinar Graphic Novel Webinar

	Kate Lehman	Preschool Outreach meeting Oakbrook Escape the Room Field Trip
	Mary Ann Steinhaus	Oakbrook Escape the Room Field Trip
<b>Circulation:</b>	Julie Lombardo	OCLC ILL Support Workshop OCLC ILL One-on-One Setup Help provided by SWAN SWAN Circulation Users Group Circulation Managers Round Table Discussion
	Kay Minniti	SWAN Circulation Users Group
	Kristen Pierret	OCLC ILL Lending Webinar
<b>Collection Services:</b>	Amy Weiss Patsy Horner	SWAN Technical Services Roundtable
<b>Admin:</b>	Pam Dubé	Village of Woodridge Town Meeting SWAN Zone 1 meeting Using Your Data Superpowers for Good – webinar All Staff Meeting Library Board Inauguration Rotary meetings
	Tonya Alexander	HR Roundtable Series for Libraries Time & Attendance Simplified with iSolved Time - webinar iSolved Updates & Enhancements - webinar
	Deb Fowler	Using Your Data Superpowers for Good
	Pat Harwood	Time Management Skills (Fred Pryor)
	Patti Naisbitt	SWAP (South West Adult Programmers) Meeting

### **Library Operations**

Circulation for the month of April was 49,508, a 16% decrease from April 2018.  
Registered borrowers number 24,414 which is 74% of the jurisdictional population.  
People/Door Count for month: 32,967