Library Director's Report July 2019

We had a very successful summer reading program. All of our numbers were up. We had an 8% increase in registrations for children's summer reading, and a 16% increase for teen summer reading. For adult summer reading, we had an increase of one person, we went from 286 to 287. So that was certainly the least dramatic increase, but we clearly have a core group for the adult program.

We continue to have very positive experiences with our programming. Some of our recent success stories were our Moon Landing Anniversary program with 74 people attending and our DIY Mason Jar Aquarium program with 94 people. These are part of a trend we are seeing where our more standard programming is seeing larger numbers than in the past. The library staff are doing a great job of finding new and different programming on topics of current interest to people.

Library Programs and Services

Children's: Sensory Storytime, 2 sessions, 16

Preschool Discovery Time, 1 session, 30 Baby Music & Movement, 2 sessions, 53

Baby & Toddler Explorers Playgroup, 2 sessions, 119

Spanish Storytime (1 group), 4 sessions, 28 1000 Books Before Kindergarten-additions, 4 Passive - Look for Larry the Lobster, 390

Passive - Guess how many seashells, 1 session, 183

Passive - craft table, weekly crafts, 8 sessions, 1,010

Summer Magic, 3 sessions, 31 Pirate Party, 1 session, 23 Ocean Bingo, 1 session, 24

Puppet Workshop, 3 sessions, 40

Wild Explorers, 1 session, 5

Family Fort Night, 1 session, 30 Brown Bag Movie, 4 sessions, 77

Ralph Covert Concert & Shaved Ice, 1 session, 100 Jellyfish Jamboree/Basket Drawing, 1 session, 112

Incredible Bats, 1 session, 94

Summer Reading Snorkel - 3 yrs - 6th grade, 1 session, 729

Little Explorers - under 3's, 1 session, 76

Summer Reading Stats:

1,060 total registrations, 805 active participants, 3,217 badges earned

Lego Club, 1 session, 11

Summer Lunch Storytime & Craft, 8 sessions, 220

Buried Treasure Book Club, 1 session, 4

Adult: Art Exhibit: Scott Yao

Art Reception - Scott Yao, 50

BINGO Party, 56

Cruise Planning 101, 26

Senior Cards & Games, 3 sessions, 35

Genealogy Research Help, 13

Library Needlers, 4

NASA Ambassador: Moon Landing, 74

Polka Party, 100

DIY Mason Jar Aquarium, 94 Embrace Retirement, 25 SRP Shaved Ice Truck, 235 Pokémon GO...to the Library, 60

Adult Summer Reading, 287

Teen: DIY Sharpie Doodle Rocks, 40

Teen Shark Night, 22

Teen Summer Reading, 176

Community Outreach: Summer Lunch, 8 sessions, 576; Lisle Job Club, 5 sessions, 18; People's Resource Center Computer Classes, 4 sessions, 6; JANO Lunch in the Park, 2 sessions, 37

Book Discussion: Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng, 6

Computer Classes: Introduction to Microsoft Excel, 10; Intermediate Microsoft Excel, 11;

Microsoft Excel Pivot Tables, 8

Services: Reference Questions: 3,600 in Adult/Teen and 1,811 in Children's

Public PC Sessions: 2,330 in Adult/Teen and 482 in Children's

Interlibrary Loans Received: 3,810

Home Page Views: 34,526

Study Rooms: 634 in Adult/Teen and 19 in Children's

Volunteer Hours: 107.75 for Adults

Notary Services: 22

Museum Adventure Passes: 47

Tours: 4

Meraki Wireless Unique Users: 2,219

Displays: Adult/Teen Department: Small book display "7" featuring fiction titles with 7, Seven, 7th, or 7 ½ in

the title; 50th Anniversary - Lunar Landing; Immigration-related Books (Teen Area); Magical

Movies; Hot Titles You Might Have Missed

Children's: Young Readers' Awards; Family Movie Night; Sharks; Space, Solar System, Aliens

& UFOs; Moon Landing 50th Anniversary

Staff Development and Training

Adult/Teen Services: Chris Keefe Excel Pivot Table Tips (webinar)

MakerBot for Educators (webinar)

An Overview of Free 3D Design Programs (webinar)

Denise Murray Intro to Statistics for Librarians Workshop

Brenda O'Brien Readers Advisory SIG Meeting

Children's Services: Elizabeth Burns Observed infant storytime at Downers Grove Public Library

Kate Lehman Video presentations from February 2019 SNAILS Meeting

Met with Kristy England from Therapy Yoga Gymnastics

Rocks

Met with Shelley Harris at Oak Park Public Library on their initiatives to add "supported programming" to the library

Circulation Services: Julie Lombardo SWAN Circulation Advisory Group Meeting

Technical Services: Amy Weiss EbscoNet Renewal Cart

Administration: Pat Harwood Performance Reviews with Less Stress and Better Results

(webinar) - Fred Pryor

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of July was 59,465, a 19% decrease from July 2018. Registered borrowers number 24,397 which is 74% of the jurisdictional population.

People/Door Count for month: 41,310