Library Director's Report September 2021

The majority of the Towne Centre parking lot project is concluded. There is some remaining striping the contractor needs to complete but once that is done the new area will be opened up. Because of the work, many of the exterior parking lot lighting was not functional. The contractor made some temporary modifications to the lighting system to get the existing lights back up, but the new lights/poles are still on back order for another 6 weeks or so. When the poles come in they will need to temporarily block off some areas to get that work completed. We will also need to move our outdoor book drops to the new concrete island nearest the library building. It is being moved because the Village has some issues with the fact that people drive in the wrong direction to return their books due to where the current drops are located. The new location actually has greater visibility, so it may well be an improvement. However, as people are used to the book drop being in a particular location, it will likely take people time to get used to the new location.

There has been a delay to the start of the roof project due to some materials being delayed. Although this is not entirely unexpected, it is still unfortunate. However, the roofer is confident the project will be finished before the end of the year.

Our Frog and Friends show was highly successful. We also had a variety of frog themed programing during the month. We had to cap our total allowed registration to make sure we were adhering to COVID protocols. In general, we are capping our programs at lower numbers than in the past due to COVID. But there is clearly a desire for in person programming, and it is going well thus far.

<u>Library Programs and Services</u>

Children's: <u>Virtual Programs</u>

A Froggy Fairy Tale Storytime, 8

Froagy Storytime with Miss Mary Ann, 19

Additional Recording Views from Past Programs, 9/1-9/30, YouTube, 43

Take & Make Fidget Spinner, YouTube, 12

Ultimate Family Game Night promo, YouTube, 38

In-Person Programs

STEM Meet Up - Leap Frogs, 4 Afterschool Art - Matisse, 7

Pop-up Maker Space, 4

Movin' & Groovin' for Babies/Toddlers, 25

Frog Day Crafts, 73

Family Game Night, 8

Book Magic, Frogs, 12

Lego Free Build, 2

Baby Lapsit I, 6 sessions, 53

Baby Lapsit II, 8 sessions, 73

Toddler Time, 8 sessions, 197

Storytime 3-5s, 8 sessions, 94

Passive - Frog Scavenger Hunt, 59

Building Blocks for Tots, 34 views, 42 packets

Baby Activity Kits - Brainy Baby Science Activity, 85

Take & Make Crafts, 3 Projects, 250

1000 Books Before Kindergarten, 1

Adult: Virtual Programs

When the Music Died: Beatles Breakup, 30

Backyard Bats!, with naturalist Angela Rafa, Forest Preserve District of Will County, Live 53,

YouTube, 29

Easy 3D Design with Tinkercad, 4

Who Really Started the Great Chicago fire of 1871?, with author Richard Lindberg, 41

Additional Recording Views from Past Programs, 9/1-9/30, 92

In-Person Programs

Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 15

Forest Therapy: Guided & Mindful Forest Walks, 28

Make a Wreath or Centerpiece, 38

Teen: Take & Make, Altered Altoids Tic Tac Toe, 37

In-Person: SAT Practice Test, 4

All Ages: In-Person: Frog & Friends Show, 2 sessions, 175

Virtual

Community

Outreach: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 4 sessions, 21

SSIP Citizenship Test Prep Classes, 4 sessions, 64

In-Person: DuPage County Health Department, COVID-19 Vax Fan, 4

Bilingual Parents District 68, Library Card & Tour Night, 40

South Suburban Immigration Project, Citizenship Test Prep Materials Pickup, 21

League of Women Voters, Voter Registration/Q&A, Lobby Drop-In

Services:

E-Resources:

Media on Demand Total: 3,673

Ebooks: 2,399 E-Audiobooks: 1,019 Magazines: 254

Videos: 1

ERead Illinois/Axis 360: 225

Ebooks: 113 E-Audiobooks: 112

HOOPLA: 608 Ebooks: 181

E-Audiobooks: 364

Videos: 44 Music: 19

Kanopy Videos: 257 Plays

TumbleBooks: 130 BookFlix: 758

Home Page Views: 31,070 Curbside Pickup: 160 pickups Book Bundles for Children: 19 items Interlibrary Loans Received: 3,349

3D Printer Jobs: 4 - average print time: 1:12:15

Reference Questions: 2,914 in Adult/Teen and 664 in Children's Public PC Sessions: 1,221 in Adult/Teen and 36 in Children's

Study Rooms: 530 in Adult and 12 in Children's

Outreach Visits: 3

Volunteer Hours: 94 for Adult Museum Adventure Passes: 32 Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 29,460

Displays: Children's Services Department: Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month: Pura Belpre Award, Americas

Award, & Thomas Rivera Mexican American Children's Book Award; Happy Cat Month; Apple

Time; Hurricanes; Afghanistan; Frogs; 9/11 20th Anniversary; Let's Read for a Spell

Adult Services Department: Binge Boxes; Hot Titles You Might Have Missed; Hispanic Heritage Month; Classical Music Month; Chicago; Suicide Awareness Month; The New Kid (Teen); Read Around the World (Teen)

Staff Development and Training

Adult/Teen Services:	Georae Kalinka	Media On Demand Steering Committee
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Chris Keefe Get Started Teaching with Tinkercad

Power Excel (Fred Pryor)

Developing Responsive Collections for LGBTQ+ Patrons of All

Ages (webinar)

Excel Skill to Make an Impression

Denise Murray Web Accessibility Fundamentals for Libraries webinar

Brenda O'Brien NoveList Conversations: The State of Readers Advisory

Library Journal Fall Day of Dialog

Katie Stanton Preparing for the Next Wave of Pandemic-Weary Customers

webinar

Collection Development in Public Libraries webinar

Children's Services: Elizabeth Burns Met with Rob Innes from Children's Plus

Mary Ann Steinhaus

Patrick Maloney Anti-Racist Education: Building your Inclusive Collection &

Curriculum webinar

Jessica Smith Met with Rob Innes from Children's Plus

Developing Responsive Collections for LGBTQ+ Patrons of All

Ages (webinar)

Circulation Services: Julie Lombardo Middle Managers Round Table (RAILS) webinar

SWAN Fireside Chat

Sabrina Kahren WordPress: Understanding the New Paradigm (LinkedIN

Learning)

Technical Services: Amy Weiss LACONI Technical Services Section - RDA After the 3R Project

Administration: Pam Dubé SWAN Quarterly Administrator's Meeting

Roof Bid Opening

Rotary Installation Dinner

Matt Hennessy Mitel MiCloud Connect Administrator - Sections 1 & 2,

interactive web based tutorial Free IT Certification (4 sessions) SWAN Technology Update Mitel Project Kickoff Meeting

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of September was 40,067 a 19% decrease from September 2020, and a 21% decrease from September 2019. Registered borrowers number 22,964, which is 69.6% of the jurisdictional population.

People/Door Count for month: 11,073