

Library Administrator's Report April, 2015

The biggest event of the month (or of the year so far, of course) was the Go Live! of the new SWAN Catalog system software on April 14. No software roll-out is without its glitches, and this was no exception. The dedicated SWAN staff, staff at the vendor's home offices, and our own staff deserve many kudos for responding to and reporting issues. Some patrons were more patient than others in dealing with the glitches. I am including a page from a presentation on the migration given by the SWAN Director, which has an interesting comparison of the sheer size of SWAN with other large consortiums. Because all SWAN sites (unique libraries, in our case) are independent entities without one central cataloging standard, there is a great variation in how materials get catalogued. This was part of the transition problem. While many of the problems have been resolved, there is on-going training that will need to take place with some libraries.

Re-Discover programming continued in April. Not as many Adult programs for this multi-library event were scheduled for April as in the past due to our planned renovation. The Children's Department opted out of Re-Discover altogether this year due to renovation and past low turnout numbers.

During National Library Week, we asked patrons to send in "shelfies": photographic images with or without faces of favorite book shelves, in or out of the library. Fifty-three people from around Woodridge responded.

Library Programs and Services

Children's: 1000 Books Before Kindergarten; 7 additional; 275 total in the program
 Passive Program: Poetry Scavenger Hunt; 16
 Spring Fling; 10
 Games Day; 7
 Homeschool LEGO Club; 30
 Headstart Storytime & Tour; 6
 Edgewood Elementary Research & Tour; 45
 Park District Kids Squad: Murphy and Meadowview; 107

Young Adult: Teen Poetry Contest; 9
 Free Practice ACT; 10
GOAT Meeting; 16

Adult: ReDiscover: Aromatherapy at Home; 31
 ReDiscover: Making Homemade Pasta; 56
 District 99 Artists Reception; 175
 National Library Week "Shelfies" Outreach; 53
 Library Needlers; 5
 Money Smart Week Tips for Retirement; 12
 An Introduction to the Night Sky; 30
 Passive Program: Puzzle Table; 6
 Passive Program: Magnetic Poems; 8
 Book Discussions: *Lives in Ruins* by Marilyn Johnson, *The Laughing Policeman* by Maj Sjöwall, *The Lowland* by Jhumpa Lahiri; 28
 Computer Classes: Introduction to the New Library Catalog, 2 sessions; 19
 Art Display: 7th Annual District 99 Student Art Show

Services: Reference Questions: 2565 Adult/YA and 1051 Children's
 Public PC Sessions: 5787 Adult/YA and 921 Children's
 Interlibrary Loans Received: 4908
 Outreach Visits: 12
 Volunteer Hours: 8 from Community Service, 150.25 from Adults, 1 from Teens

Displays: **Adult/YA Department:** *Poem in Your Pocket, April is Autism Awareness Month, National Poetry Month, What's Going On?, Epistolary Novels*
Children's: *Poetry for Preschoolers, D.E.A.R. Day, Read-Aloud Awards (Wanda Gag, Comstock/EB White Awards), Poetry Scavenger Hunt, Thanks for the Memories: Roy McKie, Early Literacy, National Frog Month, Passover, Holocaust Remembrance Day, Severe Weather Awareness, Homerun Hits, Paws to Read about Playful Pets, Chicago Cubs, Chicago White Sox, Dinosaurs, Earth Day*

Staff Development and Training

Most training on Sirsi was done before April. Staff practiced during the time before we went live on a test database, and there were discussions at all levels about things staff could not do or found new and different in the system, but unless staff signed up for particular training, we are no longer totaling up the hours as we have the past 3 months.

Adult: George Kalinka

Brenda O'Brien
Chris Keefe

Denise Murray

Joel Meisenheimer
Jeanne Jesernik

Children's: Sheri Daun-Bedford

Tech Services A. Weiss

Kelly Girard

Elizabeth Burns

Kate Lehman
Shireen Tyberg

Administration: S. McNeil-Marshall

- Adult Reference Librarian Networking Meeting, Downers Grove PL
- Website Redesign Focus Group, RAILS Burr Ridge
- Webinar: Creating Engaging Book Displays
- Webinar: Turning Stress into Power
- Webinar: Getting the Most from Lynda.com
- Webinar: Applying the Flipped Classroom Model to Business Training
- Adult Reference Librarian Networking Meeting, Downers Grove PL
- Follett Lecture: "A Belligerent Profession: Telling the Library Story", Dominican University
- Webinar: Special Collections in Fantasy
- Applying Project Management Skills to Daily Work, RAILS Burr Ridge
- LEARN Meeting, Skokie PL
- Follett Lecture: "A Belligerent Profession: Telling the Library Story", Dominican University
- CSLP Annual Meeting, Newport, Rhode Island
- ILA YS Forum Meeting, Naperville
- Sirsi/Dynix Mentor Training, 5 hours
- SLUI (Sirsi/Dynix Library Users of Illinois) Meeting, Schaumburg Library
- Sirsi/Dynix Training, 2.5 hours
- Webinar: Learn Simple Searching Tips for Symphony!
- Holds Management Video
- Webinar: Harmonizing with Symphony Holds Management Online Youtube
- Webinar: Middle Grade Fiction
- Webinar: Learn Simple Searching Tips for Symphony!
- Holds Management Video
- 3 Rotary meetings/events
- Village Administrator's Lunch
- Woodridge Intergovernmental Forum with Trustees Tiede and Majewski

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of April was 54,423, 3% increase over April, 2014.

Registered borrowers number 22,439 which is 68% of the jurisdictional population.

People/Door Count for month: 40,087