Library Director's Report October 2022

We have had some successful fall programs where people in the community can share their creativity with us and with others in the community. Our Mini-Pumpkin Decorating Contest had 144 entries, and everyone enjoyed admiring all of the decorated pumpkins by the circulation desk in October. We had categories to encompass the wide variety of entries; categories included Spooky, Creative, Funny, Literary, and Kid-tastic. We also had our Autumn Colors Photo Contest, where 116 participants submitted 401 photos. We always have a large number of striking photographs to choose from for this contest.

Our new HR Manager will be starting on November 21st. Deb and I will be happy to turn the many HR tasks back over to someone who can fully focus on them. It's easy to forget how all of the routine tasks add up to a fairly significant time investment.

<u>Library Programs and Services</u>

Children's: Virtual Programs

Spooky Storytime, 34

Additional Recording Views from Past Programs, 10/1-10/31, YouTube, 20

In-Person Programs

STEAM Time! Chain Reactions, 12 Totally Tots: Math Wizards, 24

Book Magic: Monstrous Tales, 2 sessions, 13

Kids Coloring and Conversation, 15 Paper Airplane STEM Challenge, 3

Creative Preschoolers, 48 Stories in the Park, 43

Kids Halloween BINGO, 2 sessions, 19 What Can You Do With...Puzzle Pieces, 4

Paint & Jam, 2 sessions, 20

Paint a Pumpkin, 24

Pumpkin Finger Painting, 11 Tour - Jefferson School Visit, 10

Baby Lapsit I, 30 Baby Lapsit II, 57 Toddler Time, 190

Preschool Storytime, 123

Day of the Dead Celebration, 49 Day of the Dead Craft Week, 100

Library Trick or Treating, 300

Passive: Halloween Scavenger Hunt, 191

1000 Books Before Kindergarten, 12

Building Blocks for Tots, 68 views, 600 packets

Take & Make Crafts, 3 Projects, 600

Adult: Virtual Programs

Views from past virtual programs, 719 (last year's Mysterious Creatures of Illinois virtual program received 5356 views this month.)

In-Person Programs

Art Gallery: Annual Woodridge Artists Show

Art Reception, 25

Introduction to PowerPoint, 8

Intermediate PowerPoint, 8 Introduction to Tinkercad, 3 Jersey Brothers Live Music, 74 Kombucha Tea Brewing, 27

Medicare 101, 45 Google Photos, 6

Book Discussion: The Violin Conspiracy by Brendan Slocumb, 10

Day of the Dead Bracelet Craft, 43

"Autumn Colors" Photo Contest (10/1/22 to 10/31/22), 116 participants submitted 401 photos

(max of 5 each)

Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 7

Adult & Teen Take & Make: Bat Banner, 124

Puzzle Pack: Pets, 260

Tween/Teen: Take & Make: Felt Fox Faces, 143

STEM Ghosts, 15

Pizza & Service Night, 18 Teen Volunteers, 31.5 Hours

All Ages: Mini Pumpkin Decorating Contest, 319 household signups, 144 decorated pumpkins

Community

Outreach: Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 4 sessions, 19

Services:

E-Resources:

Media on Demand Total: 3,539

Ebooks: 2,054 E-Audiobooks: 1,181 Magazines: 304

Videos: 0

ERead Illinois/Axis 360: 208

Ebooks: 102 E-Audiobooks: 106

HOOPLA: 856 Ebooks: 319

E-Audiobooks: 499

Videos: 23 Music: 15

Kanopy Videos: 285 Plays

TumbleBooks: 39 BookFlix: 30

Home Page Views: 33,393 Curbside Pickup: 55 pickups Book Bundles for Children: 4 items Interlibrary Loans Received: 2,911

3D Printer Jobs: 3 - average print time: 2:07:20

Reference Questions: 2,911 in Adult/Teen and 787 in Children's Public PC Sessions: 1,272 in Adult/Teen and 123 in Children's

Study Rooms: 613 in Adult and 18 in Children's

Outreach Visits: 4

Volunteer Hours: 104 for Adult Museum Adventure Passes: 32 Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 27,637 **Displays:** Children's Services Department: Center for the Study of Multicultural Children's Literature Best

Books, 2013-2022; Authors Day; Hispanic Heritage Month; How Many? Books about Numbers;

Halloween

Adult Services Department: Fall Flavors; Ada Lovelace Day/Women & Girls in STEM; Chilling Horror Stories (Teen display); Fall into a Good Book (Teen display); Binge Boxes; Hot Titles You Might Have Missed; When Books Fall Open, You Fall In; Carve Out Some Time to Read

Staff Development and Training

Adult/Teen Services: George Kalinka SWAN Fireside Chat

Media On Demand Meeting

Savannah Derrig ILA Conference (topics: Wellness; Building Cultural

Awareness in Diverse Communities; It Takes a Village: The Connection between Public Libraries & Public Health; #LibraryTok: Libraries Embracing TikTok as a Form of Engagement; Whole-Person Librarianship: Social Services

in Public Libraries)

Chris Keefe Library of Things: The What, Why, and How of Lending

Objects, webinar

Library Journal Day of Dialog webinar

Denise Murray DuPage 211 webinar

Brenda O'Brien Macmillan Winter Librarian Preview of Upcoming Titles,

webinar

Library Journal Day of Dialog webinar

Children's Services: Jessica Smith Webinar for school outreach

Megan Bauer Training on new event calendar Elizabeth Burns Training on new event calendar

Met with Rob Inness from Children's Plus

Kelly Girard Fall and Winter Picture Books
Kristina Grudem Training on new event calendar
Jennifer Shunt Middle Grades Latest & Greatest
Mary Ann Steinhaus Training on new event calendar

Circulation Services: Julie Lombardo ILL User Group

Non-Resident Cards in SWAN SWAN Circulation Users Group

How to Deal with Negativity in the Office (Pryor)

SWAN Fireside Chat

Kay Minniti SWAN Circulation Users Group

Technical Services: Amy Weiss SWAN Cataloging Advisory Group

Administration: Pam Dubé SWAN Committee of the Whole

October Art Show Reception

Zone 1 Meeting SWAN Fireside Chat

Deb Fowler Basic/Refresher for Benefitsolver Administration

Matt Hennessy SWAN Fireside Chat

Patti Naisbitt Meeting with Village of Woodridge HRAC Committee Rep

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of October was 41,225, a 2% increase from October 2021. Registered borrowers number 23,552, which is 69% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 13,142