

**Library Director's Report
October 2025**

Information Item #112

Sugar Rush Scavenger Hunt (105) describes October at the Library perfectly! In partnership with the Village, our first *Trunk or Treat* (1,700) was a delightful success. 16 local businesses and community partners decorated their trunk (or work van, or fire truck) and gave away approx. 340 pounds of candy. Across all age groups, programs were tied into the enormously popular *Not-so-Scary Haunted House* (1,867), with teens making *Haunted Portraits* (25), families creating *Glow in the Dark Critters* (50), costumed seniors (31) crafting, and over 400 patrons *Trick or Treating* in the Library on Halloween.

A new database, created by the Adult & Teen reference staff, has launched on the Library's website. The *Social Services Resources* page features a curated list of agencies that are relevant to people living in Woodridge. Library staff identified and began purchasing from new booksellers, such as Ingram, just ahead of the news that Baker & Taylor is going out of business; selectors are also utilizing smaller vendors to locate quality materials, particularly for the World Languages collection.

Library Programs and Services

- Children's:** In-Person Programs
Family Storytime & Craft, 58
Preschool Play & Learn: Curiosity Lab, 37
BOOgie Bash, 2 sessions, 102
Under Wraps Mummy Lantern, 33
Cute and Creepy Monsters, 12
Kids BINGO: Pixel Power, 2 sessions, 55
Not-so-Scary Haunted House, 5 sessions, 1,867
Halloween Family Storytime and Craft, 138
Día de los Muertos: A Bilingual Storytime Event, 70
Baby Lapsit, 6 sessions, 135
Toddler Time, 7 sessions, 242
Preschool Storytime, 4 sessions, 58
1000 Books Before Kindergarten Visits, 39
- Scavenger Hunt: Silly Monsters, 130
Sugar Rush Scavenger Hunt (Trunk or Treat), 105
Banned Books Interactive Display, 308
All Ages In-House Toys, 54
Trick or Treat Bags, 261
- Building Blocks for Tots, 4 packets, 400
Take & Make Crafts, 2 projects, 248
- Virtual Programs Past Views, 49
- Tween/Teen:** Tween Takeover, 47
Teen - Haunted Portraits, 25
Teen Snack and Chat: Bejeweled Spider 12
Teen Volunteer Opportunity, 32
- Tween/Teen Take and Make, 1 project, 100
- Adult:** In-Person Programs
Art Gallery: Annual October Woodridge Art Exhibit
Art Reception: 30

Live Music: Love Potion #9 & Other Spooky Songs by Rick Pickren, 71
 Book Discussion: The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon, 5
 Understanding Medicare with David Wylly, 34
 Taylor Swift Crafty Pop-Up, 12
 Chair Yoga Workshop, 18
 Tea 101 with Marcy Lautanen-Raleigh, 42
 Reading Tarot Spreads, 12
 Understanding Social Security with Bentron Financial Rep, 40
 Fall Bingo, 75
 Seniors Only Not-so-Scary Haunted House & Craft, 31
 Introduction to Word, 5
 Intermediate Word, 7
 Exploring Generative AI, 9
 Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 19

Virtual Programs

Illinois Libraries Present: Beyond the Screen: A "Wicked" Conversation with Marissa Bode, 8

Puzzle Pack, 325

All Ages: Family Art Studio: Glow in the Dark Critters, 50

Coloring Nook Sheets, 1,660

Community Outreach: Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 5 sessions, 15
In-Library

West Suburban Pantry Tutoring, 2 sessions, 7

Guiding Light Volunteers, 12

Felicia Acosta, Woodridge Police Department, Social Worker in the Library Meetings, 4

DuPage Health Coalition Diabetes Workshop, Spanish Language, 8

Partnership with Village of Woodridge Trunk or Treat, 1,700

Off-Site

District 68, 10

Services:

E-Resources:

Media on Demand Total: 6,027

Ebooks: 2,683

E-Audiobooks: 2,146

Magazines: 1,198

ERead Illinois/Boundless: 297

Ebooks: 140

E-Audiobooks: 157

HOOPLA: 1,764

Ebooks: 438

E-Audiobooks: 1,098

Videos: 174

Music: 54

Kanopy Videos: 442 Plays

BookFlix: 58

Newspapers: 2,262 issues

Lete4Kids: 9

Scholastic Teachables: 2

Website Users - Home Page Views: 10,541

Curbside Pickup: 14 pickups

Book Bundles for Children: 22 items

Interlibrary Loans Received: 3,224

3D Printer Jobs: 9
 Reference Questions: 2,947 in Adult/Teen and 1,455 in Children's
 Public PC Sessions: 1,347 in Adult/Teen and 141 in Children's
 Study Rooms: 578 in Adult and 21 in Children's
 Outreach/Homebound Visits: 11
 Volunteer Hours: 76.5 for Adult
 Museum Adventure Passes: 34
 Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 37,963

Displays: **Children's Services Department:** Books to Give You Goosebumps; Diwali pop up display; 6/7 DVD display; Day of the Dead pop up display; "You Can't Spell Books without Boo!"; Adventure mini display; Autumn mini display; Shelf and Book Bundles; Teacher Packs; Grab and Go

Adult Services Department: Hispanic Heritage Month (Teen display); Carve Out Some Time to Read (Spooky Books); Hot Titles You Might Have Missed; Halloween Movies; Vegetarian Month

Lobby: Halloween

Staff Development and Training

Adult/Teen Services:	Chris Keefe	Connections 2025 webinar
	Kathleen Leaf	Space Planning Meeting
		RAILS Learning Lab: Training Patrons to be Digitally Resilient webinar
	Denise Murray	Space Planning Meeting
Children's Services:	Jessica Smith	Trunk or Treat Meeting
	Elizabeth Burns	Celebrating the Strengths of Students with Dyslexia in Learning and Life: Beyond the Deficit
		Booklist: Fall in Love with Series Non Fiction: Fall 2025
		Ingram tutorials
	Carrie Erickson	Ingram tutorials
	Kristina Grudem	Ingram tutorials
	Mary Sue Reese	Library Science Profession graduate courses:
		Information Technologies for Libraries
		Intro to Library and Information Professions
	Jenn Shunt	Macmillan Children's Publishing Group Winter 2026 Preview Event
		Random House Spring Children's Preview
	Mary Ann Steinhaus	Celebrating the Strengths of Students with Dyslexia in Learning and Life: Beyond the Deficit
		Booklists Fall and Winter Picture Books
		Ingram tutorials
	Sarah Wilson	Space Planning Meeting
		Trunk or Treat Meeting
		Winterfest Planning Meeting
	Sydney Wirtz	ALA Youth Fighting Banned Books webinar
		SWAN Learning PS302 Holds course
Circulation Services:	Julie Lombardo	SWAN Fireside Chat
	Ana Karun	AI and the Library World, Part 3, CMC webinar
	Dee Thurman	OCLC Day in Chicago
Technical Services:	Amy Weiss	Technical Services Networking Group
		Illinois Library Association (ILA) Annual Conference

Administration:	Patti Naisbitt	LACONI TSS: Who do we order from now?
		Space Planning Meeting
		Village Administrators' Quarterly Meeting
		Illinois Library Association Conference & Awards Lunch
		Rotary
	Laura Dygus	Space Planning Meeting
		HR Source Peer Hub
		HR Source Effective Compliance Training
		IPBC - Medicare Continuation Program Overview
		Traliant - System Training - Harassment Prevention and
	Matt Hennessy	Active Shooter Training
		LACONI Technology Section Group Meeting
		SWAN Fireside Chat
		Space Planning Meeting

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of October was 45,528, an increase of 7% from October 2024.

Registered borrowers number 22,745, which is 66.6% of the jurisdictional population.

People/Door Count for month: 16,928