

The percentage of residents with Library Cards jumped 2.4% to 69.4%. We processed 843 new cards, due in part to our student card requests from the Woodridge District 68 and Downers Grove District 58 outreach effort. More cards for students are still being processed.

Over 1700 people walked through the Not-So-Scary Haunted House, heaping praise on the staff and the experience—this effort involved every Children's staff member with support from all other Library departments. Many October programs—for children and adults—were filled to capacity.

The Village of Woodridge invited the Library to help host a Town Centre "Winterfest" on Saturday, November 23. The Library building will stay open until 9:30 p.m. as a warming center and event location hosting live music, a children's craft, and a meet and greet with popular Disney characters. A few Library staffers will oversee our participation supported by Village and Library volunteers. Most of the expenses, including tree lighting, paid characters, portion of live music, promotion, and safety measures will be sponsored by the Village.

Library Programs and Services

Children's:

In-Person Programs

Family Storytime & Craft, 58
Sensory Storytime & Play, 2 sessions, 5
Preschool Play & Learn: Get Moving!, 43
Lego Marble Run, 40
Witches Brew, 2 sessions, 56
Monster Wreath, 41
American Girl Costume Party, 24
Bubbly Potions, 57
Boo Bash Family Dance Party, 2 sessions, 91
Reptile & Bug Show with Crosstown Exotics, 413
Not-So Scary Haunted House, 5 sessions, 1,747
Halloween Family Storytime & Craft, 167
Baby Lapsit, 6 sessions, 217
Toddler Time, 8 sessions, 264
Preschool Storytime, 5 sessions, 100
1000 Books Before Kindergarten Visits, 4
Scavenger Hunt (Peek-A-Boo!), 593

Building Blocks for Tots, 4 packets, 400
Take & Make Crafts, 3 Projects, 450

Virtual Programs Past Views, 19

Tween/Teen:

Tween Take and Make, 1 project, 100
Teen Volunteering, 5 sessions, 15 volunteers, (20 volunteer hours)
Teen Day of the Dead Craft, 8

All Ages:

Library Trick-Or-Treating, 350
Halloween Goodie Bags, 300

Adult:

In-Person Programs

Art Gallery: Woodridge Local Art Show
Art Reception, 50
Live Music: Rat Pack Classics by Peter Oprisko, 98
Seniors-Only Haunted House Craft, 58
Introduction to Excel, 8
Excel Charts, 9

Introduction to Google Drive, 10
Mini Pumpkin Painting, 25
Cauldron Candles, 48
Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 17

Puzzle Pack: 250
Adult & Teen Take & Make, 150

Virtual Programs

Illinois Libraries Present: *Being Imperfect* with Erika Sanchez
Illinois Libraries Present: *Raise Your Voice* with Jason Reynolds

Community

Outreach:

Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 5 sessions, 20
Guiding Light Academy Volunteers, 2 sessions, 18

Services:

E-Resources:
Media on Demand Total: 5,135
Ebooks: 2,393
E-Audiobooks: 1,873
Magazines: 869
ERead Illinois/Axis 360: 331
Ebooks: 160
E-Audiobooks: 171
HOOPLA: 1,402
Ebooks: 414
E-Audiobooks: 841
Videos: 117
Music: 30
Kanopy Videos: 314 Plays
BookFlix: 12
New York Times: 1,113 issues

Website Users: 9,187
Curbside Pickup: 22 pickups
Book Bundles for Children: 38 items
Interlibrary Loans Received: 2,950
3D Printer Jobs: 0
Reference Questions: 2,916 in Adult/Teen and 1,866 in Children's
Public PC Sessions: 1,415 in Adult/Teen and 153 in Children's
Study Rooms: 651 in Adult and 35 in Children's
Outreach/Homebound Visits: 10
Volunteer Hours: 81.5 for Adult
Museum Adventure Passes: 39
Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 34,756

Displays:

Children's Services Department: Halloween; Creepy/Crawly; Get Moving Play and Learn; Shelf and Book Bundles; Teacher Packs; Grab and Go

Adult Services Department: The Last Checkout: Nightmares in the Library (Horror movies); Art for World Kindness Day; Scary Stories (Teen); Halloween Mysteries; Carve Out Some Time to Read

Staff Development and Training

Adult/Teen Services: George Kalinka Media On Demand NetAdvantage Meeting
Strategic Plan Community Survey Meeting

	Chris Keefe	AI Ethics and Uses Webinar Amanda Jones, "That Librarian" and a Journey to Protect Intellectual Freedom webinar Build a Culture of AI webinar Deepfakes: How Computers See and Mimic Us webinar
	Kate Lagerstrom	Media on Demand NetAdvantage Meeting Library Journal Day of Dialogue Title Lists (part 1) webinar Simon & Schuster Adult Preview webinar
	Denise Murray	Media on Demand Illinois Library Association Annual Conference
	Gayle Szpytek	YouTube "Keep Cool Under Pressure" Training Shorts
Children's Services:	Jessica Smith	Libraria Training with Nancy Boeckstiegel Ron Innes from Libraria
	Elizabeth Burns	Libraria Training with Nancy Boeckstiegel Ron Innes from Libraria
	Mary Sue Reese	Second Nature Conference Nature themed books that focus on social/emotional development Where Water's Meet Cultural Appropriation
	Jenn Shunt	MackKids School and Library Winter preview Harper Collins Children's Books Winter 2025 Librarian Preview
	Mary Ann Steinhaus	Harper Collins Children's Books Winter 2025 Librarian Preview
	Sarah Wilson	Beanstack Administration training
Circulation Services:	Julie Lombardo Ana Karun	SWAN Fireside Chat Back in Circulation Again at UW Madison, WI
Technical Services:	Amy Weiss	Illinois Library Association Annual Conference Libraria's new website demonstration LACONI POP: AI Ethics and Uses SWAN Fireside Chat SWAN Cataloging Advisory Group
	Tess Forbes Dulce Polivka	Libraria's new website demonstration MARC21 Standard Training
Administration:	Patti Naisbitt	IMET Consultation AI Ethics & Uses: LACONI Webinar Rotary Meeting Strategic Plan Community Survey Meeting
	Laura Dygus	HR Source Peer Hub Navigating EEOC Trends and Compliance - SHRM
	Matt Hennessy	SWAN Fireside Chat RAILS West Group IT Roundtable
	Kim Neidermyer	Village of Woodridge Winterfest Meetings

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of October was 42,152, an increase of 6% from October 2023. Registered borrowers number 23,718, which is 69.4% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 16,073