

Library Director's Report
November 2025

Information Item #122

The Library transformed into a penguin and snowflake filled wonderland for the 2nd annual Winterfest, a collaboration with the Village and Park District taking place in Town Centre. The Library Staff (22) hosted crafts, interactive picture stations (igloo, snow globe), Ana & Elsa meet & greet, wheel of fortune, games, and a movie inside the library for over 1700 visitors and our giant outdoor Frosty was a popular photo stop. A well-timed Wicked (132) event for families, a harvest puppet show (170), and the Rick Lindy Duo (85) were entertaining, and patrons came out for fall craft events (68), to pick up a "Ribbon Ring" activity for babies (60), and to get a little physical with Laser Tag (69), Lego Mini Golf (39), Techno Take Apart (15), and Chair Yoga (12).

Required anti-harassment training for Staff and Trustees was completed and an online active-shooter training was added to the annual Staff Development schedule. Congratulations go to Marketing Manager Sarah Wilson; Sarah attended a national marketing conference after winning a merit-based scholarship.

Library Programs and Services

Children's: In-Person Programs

Family Storytime & Craft, 32
Preschool Play & Learn: Math Discovery, 32
Harvest Moon Puppet Show, 170
Laser Tag, 3 sessions, 69
Lego Mini Golf, 39
A Wickedly Wonderful Celebration, 132
Techno Take Apart, 15
Family Game Night, 33
Nutty Buddy Acorn Pot, 20
DuPage ROE Storytime, 12
Baby Lapsit, 4 sessions, 122
Toddler Time, 6 sessions, 220
Preschool Storytime, 4 sessions, 76
1000 Books Before Kindergarten Visits, 34

Scavenger Hunt: Wicked, 154
Scavenger Hunt: Food Celebrations, 185
All Ages In-House Toys, 89

Building Blocks for Tots, 4 packets, 400
Baby Activity Kit, 60
Take & Make Craft Kit, 2 projects, 300

Virtual Programs Past Views, 15

Tween/Teen: Tween Takeover, 47

Teen Pizza and Service, 15
Teen Snack and Chat: Origami Twinkle Lights, 13
Teen Volunteer Opportunity, 2 sessions, 4

Tween & Teen Activity Kit, 100

Adult: In-Person Programs

Art Gallery: Karen Musgrave
Art Reception: 15

Live Music: Rick Lindy Duo, 85
Book Discussion: The Secret Book of Flora Lea by Patty Callaghan Henry, 7
Chair Yoga Workshop, 12
Monthly Meditation Group, 6
Woodridge VFW Veteran's Day Celebration, 85
Fox Coffee Cup Sleeve, 32
Drop-In: Senior Knit and Crochet Social, 3
Introduction to Google Docs, 6
Enhance Your Google Docs, 7
Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 19

Virtual Programs

Grief - Coping Skills, Acceptance and Remembrance, 8
Illinois Libraries Present: Cookbook Author J. Kenji Lopez-Alt, 4

Puzzle Pack, 335

All Ages: Winterfest, 1,700 In-Library Attendees, (2,000 Town Centre Attendees)
Coloring Nook Sheets, 1,115

Community Outreach: Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 4 sessions, 15
In-Library: West Suburban Pantry Tutoring, 2 sessions, 25
Guiding Light Volunteers, 12
Felicia Acosta, Woodridge Police Department, Social Worker in the Library Meetings, 11
DuPage Health Coalition Workshop, Spanish Language, 3 sessions, 6

Off-Site

District 68, 11
Outreach at the ARC, 57
Outreach at Meadowview School, 75

Services: E-Resources:
Media on Demand Total: 5,513
 Ebooks: 2,520
 E-Audiobooks: 1,997
 Magazines: 996
ERead Illinois/Boundless: 45
 Ebooks: 28
 E-Audiobooks: 17
HOOPLA: 1,782
 Ebooks: 487
 E-Audiobooks: 1,086
 Videos: 159
 Music: 50
Kanopy Videos: 284 Plays
BookFlix: 75
Newspapers: 2,641 issues
Lote4Kids: 8
Scholastic Teachables: 6

Website Users - Home Page Views: 15,750
Curbside Pickup: 23 pickups
Book Bundles for Children: 21 items
Interlibrary Loans Received: 2,806
3D Printer Jobs: 2
Reference Questions: 2,480 in Adult/Teen and 1,033 in Children's
Public PC Sessions: 1,158 in Adult/Teen and 152 in Children's

Study Rooms: 488 in Adult and 18 in Children's
Outreach/Homebound Visits: 7
Volunteer Hours: 70.5 for Adult
Museum Adventure Passes: 21
Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 29,787

Displays: **Children's Services Department:** Wicked; Winterfest (a few displays); Veteran's Day; KNOW-ember Non-Fiction display; Frozen; Volcanoes; Shelf and Book Bundles; Teacher Packs; Grab and Go

Adult Services Department: Native American Heritage Month; Finals Week (Teen display); Kindness (Teen display); Native American Heritage Month (Teen display); American Revolution (Ken Burns' documentary); Take a Trip Through Time; Cookbooks

Lobby: Winterfest Igloo; Snow Globe; Frozen

Staff Development and Training

Adult/Teen Services:	All Staff Savannah Derrig Chris Keefe Denise Murray	Harassment and Active Shooter Training Narcan Administration: Spotting the Signs and Responding with Confidence webinar Integrating AI in Your Library webinar L.E.A.R.N. Meeting ILA Diversity Committee Meeting Harassment and Active Shooter Training Winterfest Meetings Library Science Profession graduate courses: Technology for Library and Information Professions Intro to Library and Information Sciences Stacks Social Club Macmillan Children's Publishing Group Winter 2026 Preview Event Random House Spring Children's Preview Celebrating the Strengths of Students with Dyslexia in Learning and Life: Beyond the Deficit Booklists Fall and Winter Picture Books Ingram tutorials Library Marketing & Communication Conference Winterfest Meetings
Children's Services:	All Staff Jessica Smith Mary Sue Reese Jenn Shunt Mary Ann Steinhaus Sarah Wilson	
Circulation Services:	All Staff Julie Lombardo Ana Karun Sabrina Kahren	Harassment and Active Shooter Training Introduction to the Palace Project Introduction to the Palace Project Leadership, Team Building & Coaching Skills, Pryor
Administration:	All Staff Patti Naisbitt Laura Dugus Matt Hennessy	Harassment and Active Shooter Training Village Board TIF Meeting Village Board Levy Meeting Veteran's Day, Woodridge VFW HR Source Annual Employment Law Conference ILA - HR Documentation: Best Practices LACONI Technology Section Group Meeting IT Roundtable RAILS West Group Meeting SWAN Fireside Chat

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of November was 42,628, an increase of 2% from November 2024. Registered borrowers number 22,706, which is 66.5% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 15,403