

The New Year treated the Woodridge Public Library warmly, with a well-received art exhibit featuring quilts, hundreds of animal lovers pretending to be vets, and 22 lucky patrons finding out that the Illinois State Treasurer's office has their missing money. Throughout the month, over 50 quilts from Woodridge's Homeward Bound Quilt group were featured in the Library Art Gallery, drawing a great deal of interest and delight from patrons of various ages. A veterinarian hosted a storytime for aspiring vets and animal lovers, children then had the opportunity to practice caring for animals in a variety of stations set up around the library; the Stuffed Animal Sleepover held later in January was a chance for the animals to have fun. Teens enjoyed a special animal event of their own—six snow dogs came to hang out, and their owners answered questions about the dog breeds and gave advice about caring for Siberian Huskies. The Treasurer's office found \$1000 that patrons could claim through the ICash program. Also in January, the Wall Street Journal was newly available to check out as a free digital download, and two new boilers were successfully installed in the Library's lower level.

### Library Programs and Services

#### **Children's:**

##### In-Person Programs

Family Storytime & Craft, 14  
Sensory Storytime & Play, 2 sessions, 3  
Preschool Play & Learn: Science Mania, 48  
District 68-PK Modified Learning Program Visit, 9  
Mini Animal Clay Creations (K-3), 32  
Mini Animal Clay Creations (4-6), 14  
Veterinarian for a Day, 165  
Animal Moves and Groves, 48  
Stuffed Animal Sleepover, 76  
Family Bingo, 43  
Lunar New Year Dragon, 23  
Kids Bingo: Dog Man, 2 sessions, 57  
Littlest Artist: Animal Painting, 47  
Baby Lapsit, 6 sessions, 183  
Toddler Time, 9 sessions, 142  
Preschool Storytime, 6 sessions, 139  
1000 Books Before Kindergarten Visits, 56  
Scavenger Hunt (Do You Want to Build a Snowman?), 137

Building Blocks for Tots, 4 packets, 400  
Take & Make Crafts, 3 Projects, 550

Virtual Programs Past Views, 98

#### **Tween/Teen:**

Tween Take and Make, 1 project, 100  
Teen Volunteering, 6 volunteers (12 volunteer hours)  
Teen Sled Dog After Hours, 22

#### **Adult:**

##### In-Person Programs

Art Gallery: Homeward Bound Quilters  
Art Reception, 60  
Holiday Trivia, 42  
Live Music: Jukebox Legends of the 50's & 60's Featuring Rick Lindy, 112  
Book Discussion: Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers, 10  
Cutting the Cable Cord, 22  
Pocket Hearts, 10  
Intermediate Word, 7  
Introduction to Excel, 6

Intermediate Excel, 7  
Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 18

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

#### Virtual Programs

Taxes are Everyone's Business, 29  
Illinois Libraries Present: Chicago Pizza - Past, Present & Future with Culinary Enthusiast  
Steve Dolinsky, 12  
Illinois Libraries Present: Love and Laughs with Comedian Michelle Buteau, 3

#### **Community Outreach:**

Guiding Light Storytime Visit, 73  
ICASH: Find Your Unclaimed \$ with Illinois Treasurer's Office, 22 patrons, over \$1,000 recovered  
Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 4 sessions, 20  
Guiding Light Academy Volunteers, 6

#### **Services:**

E-Resources:  
Media on Demand Total: 6,043  
Ebooks: 2,838  
E-Audiobooks: 2,031  
Magazines: 1,174  
ERead Illinois/Boundless: 291  
Ebooks: 139  
E-Audiobooks: 152  
HOOPLA: 1,753  
Ebooks: 530  
E-Audiobooks: 1,056  
Videos: 142  
Music: 25  
Kanopy Videos: 348 Plays  
BookFlix: 58  
New York Times: 1,503 issues  
Lete4Kids: 34  
Scholastic Teachables: 17

Website Users - Home Page Views: 7,902  
Curbside Pickup: 23 pickups  
Book Bundles for Children: 18 items  
Interlibrary Loans Received: 3,424  
3D Printer Jobs: 4  
Reference Questions: 3,149 in Adult/Teen and 1,322 in Children's  
Public PC Sessions: 1,267 in Adult/Teen and 181 in Children's  
Study Rooms: 641 in Adult and 25 in Children's  
Outreach/Homebound Visits: 7  
Volunteer Hours: 67.5 for Adult  
Museum Adventure Passes: 11  
Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 31,608

#### **Displays:**

**Children's Services Department:** Animals; Reading is the Heart of it All; Diehard Fans; Year of the Snake; Warm up to a Good Book; Celebrate Black Voices; Shelf and Book Bundles; Teacher Packs; Grab and Go

**Adult Services Department:** Intention Setting; Frosty Favorites (Teen Display); New Year Fiction; Health Relationships (Teen Display); Nonfiction & Fiction Spanish; Romance

**Lobby:** Pets

## **Staff Development and Training**

<b>Adult/Teen Services:</b>	Chris Keefe Dana Kraszczyński Kate Lagerstrom Denise Murray	Public Libraries Standing Up and Standing Together - PLA Introduction to Artificial Intelligence: Week 1 - FutureLearn.com SWAN DUX Meeting MacMillan Spring 2025 Librarian Preview webinar Booklist Spring & Summer Book Club Picks webinar ILA Diversity Committee Meeting
<b>Children's Services:</b>	Jenn Shunt Mary Sue Reese Sarah Wilson	Managing Emotions under Stress Online Security Training The Public Library MLIS course Monarch Award Committee
<b>Circulation Services:</b>	Ana Karun Kara Higley-Kubik Michelle Sarussi	Issuing Non-Resident Cards: Yours, Mine, Ours - SWAN Shining a Light on Managing Employees - A Library HR webinar - IHLS Criticism & Discipline Skills for Managers and Supervisors - Pryor WorkFlows Outreach Module Training - SWAN WorkFlows Outreach Module Training - SWAN
<b>Technical Services:</b>	Amy Weiss Dulce Polivka	Shining a Light on Managing Employees Technical Services Networking Group AI for a Better Workflow Classification Basics: Understanding Dewey Decimal Classification & Using WebDewey - Moodle course (4 weeks)
<b>Administration:</b>	Patti Naisbitt Laura Dygus Matt Hennessy	SWAN Committee of the Whole School District 68 Student Library Card Meeting HRA of Greater Oak Brook, round table discussion, HR topics RAILS - Shining a Light on Managing Employees ALICE - Active Shooter Training - On-line Presentation Mission Square - Q4 2024 - 457b Plan SWAN Fireside Chat IT Roundtable RAILS West Group

## **Library Operations**

Circulation for the month of January was 44,136, an increase of 6% from January 2024. Registered borrowers number 22,747, which is 66.6% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 13,315