

We will be launching our new and improved catalog on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Our library consortium, SWAN (System Wide Automated Network), has been trying to improve our catalog for a number of years. The new catalog they have chosen, called Aspen, will be operational at all SWAN libraries by mid-April. We are in the second group of libraries to launch this product, and it is an improvement in many ways. It will be easier to tell the difference between formats (book, DVD, CD, etc.) and searching overall is better. There will be very prominent links in the catalog to New York Times bestsellers, as well as new items in a variety of formats and categories. We will need to change our online payments system, but that is a backend issue that will not affect patrons. The catalog is easy to use and intuitive, and the first group of libraries has already launched with minimal issues; we anticipate a smooth transition.

We are constantly evolving our programming, particularly with need to plan programs in advance combined with the still unpredictable nature of COVID. We are doing programs with smaller maximums to allow for social distancing, as well as drop in programs which run for longer periods of time, such as a week, so there is not a large group here at the same time. Examples of these include our December Grinch Fest, our January Stuffed Animal Reading Buddy Event, and our upcoming February Super Hero week. These have proved to be very well received; our Stuffed Animal Reading Buddy program had over 300 people come to the library to adopt a stuffed animal. The more flexible nature of the program allows people to fit it into their schedule more easily.

### Library Programs and Services

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

##### Virtual Programs

Snow Storytime, 20

Additional Recording Views from Past Programs, 1/1-1/31, YouTube, 53

##### In-Person Programs

STEM Meet Up - Igloos, 6

Afterschool Art - Snowman Canvas Painting, 12

Movin' & Groovin' for Babies/Toddlers, 11

Sing-Along Saturday, 12

Family Game Night, 21

Book Magic - Winter, 2 sessions, 17

Pop-up Maker Space, 8

Adopt a Stuffed Animal, 315

Snowy Bingo, 2 sessions, 20

Baby Lapsit I, 2

Baby Lapsit II, 7 sessions, 57

Toddler Time, 13 sessions, 137

Storytime 3-5s, 7 sessions, 74

Building Blocks for Tots, 28 views, 500 packets

Baby Activity kits - Brainy Baby Ice Cube Painting, 50

Take & Make Crafts, 2 Projects, 300

1000 Books Before Kindergarten, 10

#### **Adult:**

##### Virtual Programs

Martin Luther King Jr. in Chicago, Live 1/13, 20, YouTube, 17

2021 Tax Returns, Live 1/19, 40

Vintage Cookbooks: Funky Foods of the 1970s, 56

Historic Instruments of Illinois with Chris Vallillo, 150

### In-Person Programs

Introduction to Excel, 2 sessions, 9

Excel: Functions, 6

Book Discussion: *The Smallest Lights in the Universe* by Sara Seager, 11

Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 11

Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange, 29

Take & Make: Gratitude Journal Kits, 64

**Teen:** Take & Make: Hot Chocolate Mug Cake, 100

**All Ages:** Polar Bear Raffle, 537  
Hot Chocolate Giveaway, 900

### **Virtual Community**

**Outreach:** Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 4 sessions, 16

### **Services:**

E-Resources:

Media on Demand Total: 4,094

Ebooks: 2,714

E-Audiobooks: 1,044

Magazines: 334

Videos: 2

ERead Illinois/Axis 360: 275

Ebooks: 145

E-Audiobooks: 130

HOOPLA: 593

Ebooks: 174

E-Audiobooks: 338

Videos: 48

Music: 33

Kanopy Videos: 334 Plays

TumbleBooks: 21

BookFlix: 1,166

Home Page Views: 29,539

Curbside Pickup: 189 pickups

Book Bundles for Children: 21 items

Interlibrary Loans Received: 3,453

3D Printer Jobs: 13 - average print time: 1:46:46

Reference Questions: 2,769 in Adult/Teen and 608 in Children's

Public PC Sessions: 1,175 in Adult/Teen and 37 in Children's

Study Rooms: 388 in Adult and 14 in Children's

Outreach Visits: 6

Volunteer Hours: 90.5 for Adult

Museum Adventure Passes: 12

Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 12,686 (December 2021 was 17,440)

**Displays:** **Children's Services Department:** Nebula Awards; Martin Luther King Day; National Puzzle Day; Wishing Wall Continued from Noon Year's Party; Winter Fiction; Arctic Animals; Joke Books; Jungle; Snow/Winter

**Adult Services Department:** Tea Time; National Hobby Month; Binge Boxes; Hot Titles You Might Have Missed; Drink Tea, Read Books, Be Happy; Spotlight on Science Fiction and Fantasy; New Year, New You (Teen Display); Starry Night (Teen Display); Chilling Reads

**Staff Development and Training**

**Adult/Teen Services:** George Kalinka SWAN Aspen Kickoff Meeting  
SWAN Aspen Admin Training: Themes & Library Settings  
PayPal & Aspen Fines Payment Information Session  
SWAN Aspen All Staff: Searching and Intro to Grouped Records  
Gayle Szpytek SWAN Aspen All Staff - Various webinars  
Using WorkFlows and Enterprise Search to Assist Patrons  
Searching in WorkFlows  
B&T Introduction to Title Source 360  
Circulation Basics  
Kim Tuskey Fun, Easy, and Inexpensive Teen Nights (aka After Hours) webinar

**Children's Services:** Jessica Smith Aspen Training  
Elizabeth Burns Aspen All Staff Training: Searching and Intro to Grouped Records  
Paula Leonard Music and Movement Activities that Support Young Children's Social and Emotional Learning  
Mary Ann Steinhaus Children's Collection Crash Course: Nonfiction

**Circulation Services:** Julie Lombardo Circulation Advisory Meeting  
PayPal for Aspen Catalog  
LACONI - Gender 10 webinar  
SWAN Fireside Chat  
Kay Minniti Aspen Cohort 2 Kick Off Meeting

Ana Karun  
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Dee Thurman  
Edita Dirzys,  
Dagmar Bradac  
Kay Minniti  
Nancy McQuirk

SWAN Online Learning - Aspen Searching and Intro to Grouped Records

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SWAN Online Learning - Accounts & Recommendations

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**Technical Services:**

Amy Weiss	SWAN Aspen Kickoff Meeting Resources & Technical Services Forum (RTSF) ILA, Annual Membership Meeting SWAN Cataloging Advisory RAILS Member Update SWAN Fireside Chat
Tess Forbes	SWAN Serials Management Training
Sharada Kamath	SWAN Serials Management Training

**Administration:**

Pam Dubé	Aspen Cohort 2 Kickoff Meeting Aspen Payments webinar
Nancy Bandusky	Blackbaud's Financial Edge NXT: Preparing for 1099 Season Blackbaud's Financial Edge NXT: Processing 1099
Deb Fowler	SWAN - PayPal & Aspen Fines Payment Information Session
Matt Hennessy	Aspen Pilot Cohort 2 Kickoff Meeting SWAN - Password Management Best Practices SWAN - Using the New Catalog SWAN - Aspen All Staff: Searching and Intro to Grouped Records SWAN - PayPal & Aspen Fines Payment Information Session
Cassie Gray	How to Mitigate Risk and Protect Your Environment in 2022 webinar SHRM Briefing: The SCOTUS Decision on OSHA's Emergency Temporary Standard

**Library Operations**

Circulation for the month of January was 40,753 a 13% increase from January 2021, and a 21% decrease from January 2020. Registered borrowers number 23,026, which is 67.4% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 9,686