

The final stage of the Exterior Renovation commenced in earnest this month, with insulation and metal panels being installed with precision over all exterior steel beams. The meticulous placement of the panels, which have a guarantee of 30 years and a potential lifespan of 50 years, allows for future maintenance of the building's windows, roof, or adjacent masonry as needed. Children visiting the library continued to be entranced by the busy construction scene—there's lots of waving at workers who are riding on large booms moving around the windows of the 2nd floor.

The Art Gallery is fully booked through 2024 with artists both familiar and new. January's featured artist displayed artwork created with a trending artistic technique of "pour painting," and the resulting abstract pieces grabbed the attention of many visitors. At the same time, some giant stuffed bears were featured in the lobby to advertise a successful stuffed animal give-away, a program designed to encourage children to read aloud to their new "stuffed reading buddy."

Library Programs and Services

Children's:

In-Person Programs

Chicago Wolves Winter Reading Club, 42
Weird But True Trivial!, 19
American Girl ST and Craft Hour, 24
Preschool Play & Learn - Science Mania, 48
Adopt a Stuffed Animal Reading Buddy, 227
STEAM - Snowstorm in a Jar, 32
Snowed in at the Library, 40
Scavenger Hunt - Snowy Friends, 118
Playdough Playtime, 37
Movie Night - *Trolls Band Together*, 92
Baby & Toddler Winter Ball, 55
Sensory Playtime, 40
Shadow Science, 12
Baby Lapsit, 7 sessions, 129
Toddler Time, 15 sessions, 315
Preschool Storytime, 8 sessions, 88
1000 Books Before Kindergarten Visits, 37

Building Blocks for Tots, 53 views, 5 packets, 500
Take & Make Crafts, 5 Projects, 750
Giant Stuffed Animal Prize Drawing, 162

Adult:

In-Person Programs

Art Gallery: Isabella Oberg
Artists Reception, 30
Make a Pincushion, 13
Live Music: The Molly Rose Trio, 92
Introduction to Excel, 6
Excel VLOOKUP, 10
Excel Charts, 7
Library Book Discussion: *The Matchmaker's Gift* by Lynda Cohen Loigman, 11
Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 20
Puzzle Pack: 240
Adult & Teen Take & Make, 100

Virtual Programs

Taxes are Everyone's Business, 26
Illinois Libraries Presents: Artificial Intelligence: Corry Doctorow, Ken Liu, & Martha Wells, 16

Tween/Teen: Tween - Coding - Making Music, 2 sessions, 18

Community

Outreach: Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 4 sessions, 55

Services:

E-Resources:

Media on Demand Total: 5,815

Ebooks: 2,881

E-Audiobooks: 1,663

Magazines: 1,271

ERead Illinois/Axis 360: 275

Ebooks: 131

E-Audiobooks: 144

HOOPLA: 1,301

Ebooks: 404

E-Audiobooks: 786

Videos: 73

Music: 38

Kanopy Videos: 288 Plays

BookFlix: 44

Website Users: 8,020

Curbside Pickup: 27 pickups

Book Bundles for Children: 37 items

Interlibrary Loans Received: 2,682

3D Printer Jobs: 5

Reference Questions: 3,743 in Adult/Teen and 754 in Children's

Public PC Sessions: 1,192 in Adult/Teen and 184 in Children's

Study Rooms: 711 in Adult and 8 in Children's

Outreach/Homebound Visits: 9

Volunteer Hours: 78.5 for Adult

Museum Adventure Passes: 6

Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 26,761

Displays:

Children's Services Department: Wild About Reading; Get Your Mitts on a Good Book; Reading is Snow Much Fun; Shelf and Book Bundles; Teacher Pack; Grab and Go

Adult Services Department: New Year's Intentions - New Year, Best You; Life, College, & Skills (Teen Display); National Hobby Month; Read & Reviewed by Woodridge Teens (Teen Display); Snow Is Falling, Books Are Calling; Best of 2023 According to Goodreads

Staff Development and Training

Adult/Teen Services:

Chris Keefe

Canva 2.0 for Libraries: Page Layout Design webinar
The Ultimate Microsoft Excel Mastery Bundle webinar

Kate Lagerstrom

New Year, Balanced Life webinar
Bookreporter.com: Bookacinno Live

Denise Murray

New Year, Balanced Life webinar
Trauma-Informed Services in the Library webinar

Children's Services:

Carrie Erickson

Mock Newberry Award webinar

Jennifer Shunt

SLJ Mock Newberry

Mary Ann Steinhaus

ALA/ALSC Youth Media Awards Webcast

Sarah Wilson

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Circulation Services:	Julie Lombardo Ryan Babic	Getting Started with Libby by Overdrive SWAN Online Learning Patron Management Bills in a Patron Account Patron Account Blocks and Notes Getting Started with Libby by Overdrive Standing Ovation Customer Service webinar	
	Dagmar Bradac Kara Higley-Kubik	Standing Ovation Customer Service webinar SWAN Online Learning Resource Sharing in SWAN Standing Ovation Customer Service webinar	
	Willow Inglis	SWAN Online Learning Holds Daily Processing Resource Sharing in SWAN Standing Ovation Customer Service webinar	
	Sabrina Kahren	Getting Started with Libby by Overdrive Standing Ovation Customer Service webinar	
	Stephanie Larkins Eileen Neuffer	Standing Ovation Customer Service webinar SWAN Online Learning Bills in a Patron Account Patron Account Blocks and Notes Resource Sharing in SWAN Demand Management	
	Isabella Oberg	SWAN Online Learning Demand Management Standing Ovation Customer Service webinar	
	Michele Sarussi	Standing Ovation Customer Service webinar	
	Rachel Schwanebeck	Standing Ovation Customer Service webinar	
	Aziz Shakir	SWAN Online Learning Holds Daily Processing Resource Sharing in SWAN	
	Dee Thurman	Standing Ovation Customer Service webinar Standing Ovation Customer Service webinar	
	Technical Services:	Amy Weiss	SWAN Cataloging Advisory OCLC Simplified Cataloging in WorldShare Record Management ATLAS Middle Managers Round Table SWAN Fireside Chat
	Administration:	Patti Naisbitt	District 68 IGA Meeting Exterior Renovation/Architect Site Meeting
		Laura Dygus	IPBC Volunteer Committee Member for Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Evolving Your Mental Health Strategy in 2024, SHRM Human Resources Association of Greater Oak Brook - Weekly Meetings & Roundtable HR Meeting
		Deb Fowler Matt Hennessy	OMA & FOIA Training IT Roundtable RAILS West Group SWAN Fireside Chat

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of January was 41,448, a decrease of 2% from January 2023. Registered borrowers number 23,122, which is 67.7% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 12,704