

WPL's "Community Art Work" and interactive display was a February highlight for at least 225 Library visitors who participated in the project by answering the question "What Does Community Mean to You?" The artwork was an "assemblage" in the style of African American painter Charles McGee, and pieces of the artwork were created by patrons in a Family Art class (26) and by staff. Other noteworthy library displays included the Play and Learn "Me and My World" literacy display. Each time we hold a Play & Learn event (32), a literacy display is created to provide families with books and literacy materials that they can use to continue practicing or dig deeper into literacy skills. We also featured Women's History Month, Black History Month, Valentine's Day, and Teen Health displays. Valentine programs, including two dance parties (89) and live love songs (91), were a sweet success.

Our monthly statistics include community outreach events taking place In-library, with community partners making great use of the Library with some support from staff such as the Pantry Tutors (20). Out-in-the Community events included Read Across America with 10 WPL staffers reading to over 400 School District 68 students in 21 classrooms.

### Library Programs and Services

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

##### In-Person Programs

Family Storytime & Craft, 32  
Sensory Storytime & Play, 3  
Preschool Play & Learn: Don't Worry, Be Happy, 30  
District 68-PK Modified Learning Program Visit, 10  
Family Art Studio, 26  
Comics, Cookies, & Cocoa, 13  
Family Sweetheart Dance, 2 sessions, 89  
No School Movie Matinee, 42  
Rocket to the Moon with Mae Jemison, 35  
Lego Self Portrait, 29  
Bad Art Afternoon, 55  
Baby Lapsit, 6 sessions, 164  
Toddler Time, 9 sessions, 192  
Preschool Storytime, 6 sessions, 157

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Visits, 38  
Scavenger Hunt (Sweet Treats), 154  
Black History Lobby Community Feedback, 225  
Building Blocks for Tots, 4 packets, 400  
Take & Make Crafts, 3 Projects, 550

Virtual Programs Past Views, 35

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

Teen Volunteering, 1 volunteers (2 volunteer hours)  
Teen Pizza & Service, 19

Tween Take and Make, 1 project, 100

#### **Adult:**

##### In-Person Programs

Art Gallery: Laura Smetana  
Art Reception,  
Live Music: Songs You Love by Jane Allyson, 91  
Book Discussion: Stars in an Italian Sky by Jill Santopolo, 12  
Craft & Sip: Valentine Door Hanger, 42  
Meditation 101, 16  
Friendship Bracelets for Adults, 31  
Introduction to Google Docs, 6

Introduction to Google Sheets, 5  
Introduction to Google Slides, 7  
Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 18

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

#### Virtual Programs

Illinois Libraries Present: An Evening with Acclaimed Author James McBride, 6  
Illinois Libraries Present: An Evening with Author Amy Tan, 13  
Paul Lisnek Civic Awareness Live Program (January)

**Community** Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 4 sessions, 20  
In-Library

**Outreach:** Guiding Light Academy Volunteers, 2 sessions, 12  
West Suburban Pantry Tutoring, 20

#### Out-in-the-Community

Golden Years Club visit, 72  
Read Across America at 6 schools, 21 classes, 412

#### **Services:**

E-Resources:  
Media on Demand Total: 5,256  
Ebooks: 2,458  
E-Audiobooks: 1,804  
Magazines: 994  
ERead Illinois/Boundless: 263  
Ebooks: 144  
E-Audiobooks: 119  
HOOPLA: 1,566  
Ebooks: 484  
E-Audiobooks: 941  
Videos: 111  
Music: 30  
Kanopy Videos: 336 Plays  
BookFlix: 44  
New York Times: 1,348 issues  
Lote4Kids: 9  
Scholastic Teachables: 15

Website Users - Home Page Views: 7,657  
Curbside Pickup: 16 pickups  
Book Bundles for Children: 24 items  
Interlibrary Loans Received: 2,638  
3D Printer Jobs: 5  
Reference Questions: 3,452 in Adult/Teen and 1,164 in Children's  
Public PC Sessions: 1,253 in Adult/Teen and 154 in Children's  
Study Rooms: 696 in Adult and 21 in Children's  
Outreach/Homebound Visits: 10  
Volunteer Hours: 62.5 for Adult  
Museum Adventure Passes: 10  
Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 27,697

#### **Displays:**

**Children's Services Department:** Black History Month; Play and Learn "Me and My World;"  
Women's History Month (Girl Power); Shelf and Book Bundles; Teacher Packs; Grab and Go

**Adult Services Department:** Black History Month; Black Authors; Romance Novels  
(Valentine's Day); Nonfiction & Fiction Spanish; Healthy Relationships (Teen Display)

**Lobby:** Black History

**Staff Development and Training**

<b>Adult/Teen Services:</b>	Chris Keefe	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence: Weeks 2/3 - FutureLearn.com Information Literacy in the Age of AI - Microsoft Education WPL/CVI Microsoft TEAMS
	Denise Murray	WPL/CVI Microsoft TEAMS Read Across America reader
	Kate Lagerstrom	Library Journal Books that are Buzzing for Spring webinar Booklist: In the Mood to Swoon webinar
	George Kalinka	WPL/Woodridge Social Worker Meeting WPL/CVI Microsoft TEAMS
<b>Children's Services:</b>	Jessica Smith	Read Across America reader WPL/Woodridge Social Worker Meeting WPL/CVI Microsoft TEAMS
	Sarah Wilson	Read Across America reader WPL/Woodridge Social Worker Meeting WPL/CVI Microsoft TEAMS
	Elizabeth Burns	Read Across America reader Person In Charge Training with George Anderson's Literature Children's Breakfast
	Carrie Erickson Kristina Grudem	Person In Charge Training with George Person In Charge Training with George Anderson's Literature Children's Breakfast
	Jenn Shunt	Read Across America reader Anderson's Literature Children's Breakfast WPL/Woodridge Social Worker Meeting
	Mary Sue Reese	Person In Charge Training with George Public Libraries Graduate Course The Public Library MLIS course
	Mary Ann Steinhaus	Person In Charge Training with George Building a Text-Rich Environment to Support All Readers Anderson's Literature Children's Breakfast
<b>Circulation Services:</b>	Sabrina Kahren Ana Karun	SWAN Help Desk Orientation Neurodiversity Affirming Practices for Library Workers and Patrons - RAILS SWAN Fireside Chat
	Julie Lombardo	SWAN Help Desk Orientation Neurodiversity Affirming Practices for Library Workers and Patrons - RAILS From Insight to Action: Using Public Library Data for Decision-Making, Strategic Planning and Advocacy - Research Institute for Public Libraries SWAN Fireside Chat SWAN Help Desk Orientation WPL/Woodridge Social Worker Meeting WPL/CVI Microsoft TEAMS
	Dee Thurman Isabella O-Berg Eileen NNeuffer Kara-Higley Kubik Aziz Shakir	SWAN Help Desk Orientation Read Across America reader Read Across America reader Read Across America reader Read Across America reader

<b>Technical Services:</b>	Tess Forbes	SWAN Acquisitions & Cataloging Networking Group WPL/CVI Microsoft TEAMS
	Amy Weiss	SWAN Acquisitions & Cataloging Networking Group LACONI TSS: RDA Book CAtaloging
	Dulce Polivka	Classification Basics: Understanding Dewey Decimal Classification & Using WebDewey - Moodle course (4 weeks) LACONI TSS: RDA Book CAtaloging
<b>Administration:</b>	Patti Naisbitt	Read Across America reader Rotary Virtual SWAN: Committee of the Whole WPL/Woodridge Social Worker Meeting WPL/CVI Microsoft TEAMS
	Laura Dygus	HRA of Greater Oak Brook, Attracting and Retaining Talent 2025 HR Source Roundtable SHRM Welcome to the Gender & Inclusion Navigating New DEI Executive Orders webinar iSolved Implementation - HRIS System - Application Tracking - On-Boarding/Off-Boarding System WPL/Woodridge Social Worker Meeting WPL/CVI Microsoft TEAMS
	Matt Hennessy	SWAN Fireside Chat New SWAN Helpdesk Orientation WPL/CVI Microsoft TEAMS

### **Library Operations**

Circulation for the month of February was 40,080, a decrease of 1% from February 2024. Registered borrowers number 22,705, which is 66.5% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 12,669