

Library Director's Report February 2026

February programs and displays showed a love for valentines (Tiny Hands 37, Heart Beat Boogie 107), football (Super Bowl Family Kick-off 78 + 7 Teen Volunteers), Black History Month (Family Art Studio 64, Community Display 66, Live Music Fruteland Jackson 98, Virtual Echoes of Africa, 8), and food (Mug Magic Cookie 74, Cupcake Challenge 43, and Teen Pizza 23). Demonstrating community spirit, teen volunteers painted birdhouses for a family art event and lobby display, introducing patrons to the work of an African American artist. WPL posted photos of this unique set of Black History Month programs in the Woodridge Patch (see included article). Read Across America saw Library Staff from Children's Services, Adult & Teen Services, Computer Help Desk, Business Office, Administration, and Circulation Services reading across Woodridge School District 68, and gifting each student an eco-friendly "Read & Shine" cup.

As spring weather moved in, exterior maintenance of the parking lot and pathways near the library building in Town Centre was discussed with a team from Public Works and with the Village of Woodridge Building Commissioner. Planning is underway to address proper drainage and improvements to patron experience when accessing the library building.

Library Programs and Services

Children's: In-Person Programs
 Family Storytime & Craft, 57
 Preschool Play & Learn: Caring Kids, 30
 District 68 - PK Modified Learning Program Visit, 11
 DuPage ROE Storytime, 18
 Family Art Studio, 64
 Tiny Hands, Big Hearts Valentines, 37
 Super Bowl Family Kick-off, 78
 Go-go Legos, 34
 Heart Beat Boogie, 2 sessions, 107
 Mug Magic Cookie Edition, 74
 No School Movie Matinee, 43
 February Community Display Feedback, 66
 Baby Lapsit, 4 sessions, 122
 Toddler Time, 6 sessions, 187
 Preschool Storytime, 4 sessions, 88
 All Ages In-House Toys, 51

Scavenger Hunt - Storybook Friends, 137
 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Visits, 39
 Building Blocks for Tots, 4 packets, 400
 Take & Make Craft Kit, 3 projects, 250

Virtual Programs Past Views, 29

Tween/Teen: Teen Pizza and Service, 23
 Disaster or Delicious? Cupcake Challenge, 43
 Teen Volunteer - Super Bowl Family Kick-off, 7
 Tween & Teen Activity Kit, 100

Adult: In-Person Programs
 Art Gallery: Jay Moore
 Art Reception: 15
 Live Music: Fruteland Jackson, 98
 Book Discussion: The Husbands by Holly Gramazio, 6

Sound Bath Meditation, 34
Chair Yoga Workshop, 19
Monthly Meditation Group, 10
What's Next? A Guide for Beginning Genealogists, 20
Winter Trivia, 25
Drop In: Senior Knit & Crochet Social, 3
Estate Planning Explained, 17
Intro to Google Drive, 5
Intro to Google Docs, 6
How to Talk to AI, 7
Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 13
Puzzle Pack, 331

Virtual Programs

Taxes are Everyone's Business, 50
Echoes of Africa: Art and Folktales, 8
Illinois Libraries Presents: Still Afraid of the Dark: An Evening with R.L. Stine, 13

All Ages: Coloring Nook Sheets, 920

Community Outreach:

Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 4 sessions, 15
In-Library

West Suburban Pantry Tutoring, 2 sessions, 35
Guiding Light Volunteers, 2 sessions, 11
Felicia Acosta, Woodridge Police Department, Social Worker in the Library Meetings, 6

Off-Site

Read Across America Outreach, 7 schools, 298
Outreach at Edgewood Elementary School Pre-K, 25

Services:

E-Resources:
Media on Demand Total: 5,581
Ebooks: 2,409
E-Audiobooks: 2,227
Magazines: 945
ERead Illinois/Palace Project: 75
Ebooks: 25
E-Audiobooks: 50
HOOPLA: 1,671
Ebooks: 491
E-Audiobooks: 1,053
Videos: 85
Music: 42
Kanopy Videos: 185 Plays
BookFlix: 35
Newspapers: 2,010 issues
Lote4Kids: 9
Scholastic Teachables: 9

Website Users - Home Page Views: 8,387
Curbside Pickup: 21 pickups
Book Bundles for Children: 7 items
Interlibrary Loans Received: 3,073
Reference Questions: 2,815 in Adult/Teen and 1,009 in Children's
Public PC Sessions: 1,368 in Adult/Teen and 205 in Children's
Study Rooms: 520 in Adult and 34 in Children's
Outreach/Homebound Visits: 14
Volunteer Hours: 85.5 for Adult

Museum Adventure Passes: 14
Explore More Illinois: 7
Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 27,920

Displays: **Children's Services Department:** Language Spotlight Endcap: Urdu; Year of the Horse; Olympics; DVD Endcap: Movies We Love; Sweet Reads Book Display; Bio Endcap: Oscars; Iditarod & Working Dogs; Shelf and Book Bundles; Teacher Packs; Grab and Go

Adult Services Department: Black History Month; Regency Romance; Black History Month (Teen); Library Lovers Month

Lobby: Community Art Display: Tyree Guyton, Play and Learn

Staff Development and Training

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| Adult/Teen Services: | Chris Keefe | How to Make the Most Out of Canva Pro webinar | | |
| | Stephanie Larkins | How to Manage Up Without Melting Down webinar Library Trends webinar: Library Services to Patrons with Dementia Trauma-Informed Practice in Libraries webinar Amazing Audiobooks - Upcoming Audiobook Preview webinar | | |
| | Denise Murray | How to Make the Most Out of Canva Pro webinar | | |
| Children's Services: | Elizabeth Burns | Anderson's Children's Literature Breakfast | | |
| | Kristina Grudem | Anderson's Children's Literature Breakfast | | |
| | Holly McIntyre | Training on Outlook, Teams, Program Statistics | | |
| | Jenn Shunt | MAC Kids School and Library Spring Preview | | |
| | Mary Ann Steinhaus | The Science of Reading is Necessary but Insufficient: Enter the Three Sciences Framework | | |
| | Mary Sue Reese | Grad School Courses - Introduction to Reference Resources and Organization of Information | | |
| | Sydney Wirtz | Anderson's Children's Literature Breakfast Amazing Audiobooks Webinar Anderson's Children's Literature Breakfast | | |
| | Sarah Wilson | Accessibility in Libraries webinar Monarch Award Committee Meeting RAILS Marketing Meet-up Accessibility for Websites and E-Resources SWAN webinar How to Create Accessible PDFs (RAILS webinar) Bloodborne Pathogen Training | | |
| | | Circulation Services: | Julie Lombardo | SWAN Circulation Networking Group SWAN Fireside Chat |
| | | | Ana Karun | Circulation Managers Round Table SWAN Circulation Networking Group |
| | Sabrina Kahren | Leadership Team Building and Coaching Skills for Managers and Supervisors Delegation Training for Empowering Employees Assertive Communication Skills for Managers | | |
| Administration: | Patti Naisbitt | TIF Joint Review Board Meetings PNC Meeting Needs Assessment Update IPLAR Live Webinar Rotary Public Works Drainage Meeting | | |

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| Laura Dygus | HR Source Monthly Peer Hub Meeting SHRM - The 5 Skills You Need to Succeed in Today's Workplace SHRM - HR on a Shoestring: How to Build People Processes When Time, Money and Staffing are Tight |
| Matt Hennessy | Proven IT Print Assessment SWAN Fireside Chat IT Roundtable RAILS West Group Meeting |
| Deb Fowler | PNC Meeting |
| Angela Kobylarczyk | PNC Meeting Blackbaud Financial Edge NXT Training |

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of February was 42,371, an increase of 5% from February 2025.

Registered borrowers number 22,602, which is 66.2% of the jurisdictional population.

People/Door Count for month: 13,728