Library Director's Report March 2022

The Governor's decision to make masks optional in the state of Illinois as of February 28th has helped us make the final transition back to full services. Most of our services were already back, but we have now been able to reintroduce meeting room bookings, the vending machines, much more in person programming, and starting in May the art show and the children's play area. The only thing we are not doing is the giant programs that attract thousands of people in one afternoon. The Governor's disaster declaration is still being renewed every 30 days, so remote Board Meetings are still allowed as long as these renewals continue.

The Take and Make projects we introduced during COVID have been wildly successful and are a service we will continue even with our traditional programming becoming more robust. In March we distributed 550 take and make crafts for children, had 142 adults take the spring wreath project, as well as 230 adult puzzle packs. Most interesting was the 70 teens who took the mini-notebook project. Teens have always been a tricky programming area for us, and the take and make concept seems well suited for how teens prefer to interact with the library.

Library Programs and Services

Children's: Virtual Programs

Chicken Storytime, 46

Chickenstock Sing-Along, 25

Additional Recording Views from Past Programs, 3/1-3/31, YouTube, 60

<u>In-Person Programs</u>

STEAM Meet Up - Newton's Cradle, 11 Sing-Along Saturday, 11 Family Game Night, 21 Book Magic - Birds, 2 sessions, 12 Pop-up Maker Space, 2 sessions, 12 Birdy Bingo, 2 sessions, 18 Pokemon Trivia, 12 Movin' & Groovin', 2 sessions, 24 Baby Lapsit I, 3 sessions, 25 Baby Lapsit II, 6 sessions, 89 Toddler Time, 12 sessions, 147

Storytime 3-5s, 9 sessions, 112

Building Blocks for Tots, 7 views, 400 packets Baby Activity kits - Brainy Baby Science, 50 Take & Make Crafts, 4 Projects, 550 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, 3 Passive: Egg Matching Hunt, 270 Passive: Scavenger Hunts, 258

Adult: Virtual Programs

Guide to Spring Tree Planting, Live 3/15, 16, YouTube, 14 Everything Old is New Again - Getting Ready for the "1950 U.S. Census," 93 Learn with LinkedIn Learning, 2

In-Person Programs

Introduction to TinkerCad, 5 Introduction to Word, 5 Intermediate Word, 4

Book Discussion: The Guncle by Steven Rowley, 9

Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 9

Adult Take & Make: Spring Paper Wreath, 142

Puzzle Pack: Spring Take Home, 230

Teen: Take & Make: Kawaii Eye Mini Notebooks, 70

All Ages: Virtual: Raptor Show! Wings and Talons, Live 3/26, 40, YouTube, 30

Virtual Community

Outreach: Virtual Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 5 sessions, 19;

Virtual SSIP Citizenship Prep Classes, 5 session, 50 Read Across America Day (Children's), 7 classes, 169

Cedarhurst Library Card/Homebound Signup Event, 15 (9 library cards)

Services:

E-Resources:

Media on Demand Total: 3,879

Ebooks: 2,505 E-Audiobooks: 1,105 Magazines: 268

Videos: 1

ERead Illinois/Axis 360: 301

Ebooks: 139

E-Audiobooks: 162

HOOPLA: 675 Ebooks: 195 E-Audiobooks: 391

> Videos: 51 Music: 38

Kanopy Videos: 330 Plays

TumbleBooks: 27 BookFlix: 251

Home Page Views: 27,451 Curbside Pickup: 110 pickups Book Bundles for Children: 13 items Interlibrary Loans Received: 3,114

3D Printer Jobs: 2 - average print time: 3:45:00

Reference Questions: 2,866 in Adult/Teen and 713 in Children's Public PC Sessions: 1,359 in Adult/Teen and 55 in Children's

Study Rooms: 475 in Adult and 22 in Children's

Outreach Visits: 5

Volunteer Hours: 100.5 for Adult Museum Adventure Passes: 24 Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 42.077

Displays:

Children's Services Department: RISE/Amelia Bloomer Award; Chickens; Reading with My Peeps (spring, Easter); March Women's History Month; St. Patrick's Day; Dr. Seuss's Birthday; Wordless Picture Books; Strong Female Characters in Fiction; March Madness Voting; Farms

Adult Services Department: Books Set in a Bookstore; Russia and Ukraine; Irish-American Heritage Month/St. Patrick's Day; Women's History Month (Teen book display); March Madness (Teen book display)

Staff Development and Training

Adult/Teen Services: Chris Keefe How to Become a Great Communicator (Pryor+ seminar)

Teaching with Tinkercad - Cultivate an Entrepreneurial

Mindset

Denise Murray Library Market Website Meetings

Brenda O'Brien Diversity Audits for Libraries - RAILS/ARRT webinar

Editor's Picks, Women's Fiction - Edelweiss

Katie Stanton Secrets of Effective Prioritization - LinkedIn Learning

Children's Services: Patrick Maloney

Jennifer Shunt

HarperCollins Children's Books Summer 2022 Librarian Preview

Random House Children's Books Summer 2022 Librarian

Preview

Mary Ann Steinhaus Aspen: Search and Discovery Training

Aspen: List Training

Circulation Services: Julie Lombardo SWAN ILL Boot Camp - Understanding Stats

SWAN Fireside Chat

ILL Boot Camp - going paperless Lists, SWAN Online Learning

Dagmar Bradac Aspen Discovery Training: Accounts and Recommendations

Aspen Discovery Training: E-Resources

Nancy McQuirk Aspen Discovery Training: Accounts and Recommendations

Aspen Discovery Training: Lists

Aspen Discovery Training: Masquerade Mode and Holds

Aspen Discovery Training: E-Resources

Kay Minniti Copyright 101 - by OCLC

Aspen Discovery Training: Lists

Aspen Discovery Training: Masquerade Mode and Holds

Aspen Discovery Training: E-Resources

Technical Services: Amy Weiss ATLAS Middle Managers Round Table

Administration: Pam Dubé Library Market Website Meetings

Village of Woodridge Board Meetings

SWAN Fireside Chat

Williams Architects Meeting

Nancy Bandusky Financial Edge NXT: Budge Basics

iSolved Payroll 101

Deb Fowler Financial Edge: Payables, Part 1

Financial Edge: Payables, Part 2

EMV at Nayax

Matt Hennessy IT Roundtable RAILS West Group

SWAN Technology Update

Best Practices for Hybrid Cloud Backup

Patti Naisbitt Library Market Website Meetings

Read Across America Day, Willow Creek School

Leveraging Library Card Signup in Your Library, ALA webinar

Cedarhurst Library Card/Homebound Sign-up Event

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of March was 40,362 a 15% decrease from March 2021. Registered borrowers number 22,952, which is 67.2% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 11,574