

Volatile spring weather didn't dampen patron enthusiasm for Shamrock Slime (107), Better Sleep Now (36), and Oldies music (57). Children's services had "big days," such as March 21 with Littlest Musicians (96) for young children and a trendy craft, Charm it Up, (73) for older tweens. WPL's annual tradition of hosting an Irish dancing celebration (200) in the lobby caught the attention of the *Patch* online newspaper, who ran our event as their lead story for three days straight. The Circulation Staff gave away nearly **1500 free activities** that patrons took home to complete, including kits for babies, learning worksheets for toddlers, puzzle packs for adults, and many, many craft kits!

Behind the scenes, staff made progress on summer reading plans, the yearly external audit, and interviewing candidates to fill open positions. A productive Strategic Planning retreat brought together the Board and Staff to discuss the results of a recent Public Survey, WPL's strengths and opportunities. WPL reacted with advocacy, and will continue to uphold that public libraries are valuable, and strong libraries and library systems are critical to communities and individuals, in response to concerned residents and library-supporters.

Library Programs and Services

Children's:

In-Person Programs

Family Storytime & Craft, 49
Sensory Storytime & Play, 10
Preschool Play & Learn: Me and My World, 29
District 68-PK Modified Learning Program Visit, 2 sessions, 23
Shamrock Slime, 107
Littlest Musicians Moovin and Groovin, 96
Wacky Stamps, 20
Let's Build with DuPage Children's Museum, 65
Baby Lapsit, 8 sessions, 285
Toddler Time, 12 sessions, 268
Preschool Storytime, 8 sessions, 192

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Visits, 50
Scavenger Hunt (Glorious Green), 187
Building Blocks for Tots, 4 packets, 400
Take & Make Crafts, 2 projects, 500
Baby Activity Kit, 1 kit, 50

Virtual Programs Past Views, 19

Tween/Teen:

Tween Takeover, 53
Tween March Madness Basketball Launcher, 10
Tween Charm it Up, 73
Teen Pizza & Service, 23 volunteers
Teen Snack and Chat - Junk Phone Case, 11

Tween Take and Make, 1 project, 100

Adult:

In-Person Programs

Art Gallery: Kurt Paulson (March 18th - 31st)
Live Music: Ultimate Oldies with Lucas Levon, 57
Book Discussion: Nothing to See Here by Kevin Wilson, 6
Better Sleep Now, 36
Retirement: More Than Money, 12
Introduction to Word, 6
Introduction to Excel, 7
3D Design with Tinkercad, 2

Senior Cards & Games, 1 session, 8
Puzzle Pack, 275
Adult & Teen Take & Make, 150

Virtual Programs

Illinois Libraries Present: Exploring Space with Coralie Adam, 5

Illinois Libraries Present: Documentary Screening - 9 to 5: The Story of a Movement (3/21 to 3/23, 5

All Ages: Trinity Irish Dancers, 200

Community Outreach: Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 4 sessions, 19
In-Library

Guiding Light Academy Volunteers, 2 sessions,

West Suburban Pantry Tutoring, 2 sessions, 1

DuPage Health Coalition, 10

Services:

E-Resources:

Media on Demand Total: 5,858

Ebooks: 2,686

E-Audiobooks: 2,034

Magazines: 1,138

ERead Illinois/Boundless: 196

Ebooks: 76

E-Audiobooks: 120

HOOPLA: 1,752

Ebooks: 516

E-Audiobooks: 1,059

Videos: 139

Music: 38

Kanopy Videos: 324 Plays

BookFlix: 42

New York Times: 1,384 issues

Lete4Kids: 9

Scholastic Teachables: 3

Website Users - Home Page Views: 8,837

Curbside Pickup: 28 pickups

Book Bundles for Children: 29 items

Interlibrary Loans Received: 2,645

3D Printer Jobs: 8

Reference Questions: 3,048 in Adult/Teen and 1,528 in Children's

Public PC Sessions: 1,577 in Adult/Teen and 134 in Children's

Study Rooms: 694 in Adult and 22 in Children's

Outreach/Homebound Visits: 11

Volunteer Hours: 73 for Adult

Museum Adventure Passes: 23

Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 33,530

Displays:

Children's Services Department: Be Seen Reading Green; World Language of the Month Endcap: Chinese; Ramadan, Purim, Holi; Jessica Redecorated the Coloring Nook; Teen Display Case in Lobby (Summer Reading); Get in the Game; Rise and Read Farm; Community Feedback Board; Shelf and Book Bundles; Teacher Packs; Grab and Go

Adult Services Department: Women's History Month (Teen display too); March Madness Basketball books (Teen); Women's History Month-Biographical Fiction; Fiction of the Emerald Aisle;

Lobby: Black History; Party with my Peeps

Staff Development and Training

Adult/Teen Services:	All Dept. George Kalinka Chris Keefe	Beanstack Training Strategic Planning Meeting Strategic Planning Meeting AI Ambassadors Program: Session 1 - RAILS Tools of the Trade Tech Tools That Make Your Work Easy - Connecticut State Library ALA Tech Lists 2025: A Special Edition of Edi and Neal's Book Club - ALA
	Denise Murray	Strategic Planning Meeting ILA Diversity Committee Meeting
Children's Services:	Jessica Smith	Social Worker Meeting Strategic Planning Meeting
	Jenn Shunt Mary Sue Reese Joann Sheahan	Strategic Planning Meeting Public Libraries Graduate Course Sexual Harassment Training Workflows Training Baker & Taylor Training on Ordering
	Mary Ann Steinhaus Sarah Wilson Sydney Wirtz	Strategic Planning Meeting Strategic Planning Meeting Sexual Harassment Training Workflows Training
Circulation Services:	Ana Karun	Detox Your Workplace and Create a Positive Culture (Pryor Learning)
	Julie Lombardo	Strategic Planning Meeting Strategic Planning Meeting
Technical Services:	Amy Weiss	Strategic Planning Meeting
Administration:	Patti Naisbitt	Strategic Planning Meeting ILA Live Webinar Family Friendly Library Spaces SWAN Quarterly Directors Meeting IMET Annual Meeting Village of Woodridge Economic Development Meeting RAILS Webinar Social Media Practices for Library Trustees Rotary
	Laura Dygus	iSolved - Implementation - Applicant Tracking/ On-Boarding IPBC Final Benefits Renewal Conference
	Deb Fowler Matt Hennessy	Strategic Planning Meeting Strategic Planning Meeting SWAN Fireside Chat Strategic Planning Meeting

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of March was 44,946, an increase of 3% from March 2024. Registered borrowers number 22,807, which is 66.8% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 15,396