

Library Director's Report March 2026

WPL had a lot of luck with popular March displays ("How are you Lucky?" Interactive Lobby Display, 290, Women's History Month; Books with Green Covers) and programs for festively dressed-in-green Adults and Families (Irish Dancing 325 and Irish Cooking 46). Visits to the library throughout March topped 16,000, with our youngest patrons packing the Library with over 900 visits from babies, toddlers, and preschoolers to attend storytime and music programs. Over 100 visits were from tween and teen patrons during a library takeover and crafty programs, and an American Idol musician entertained 95 seniors and adults during a live Sunday music program. Staff was busy behind the scenes preparing for a "Game-On" themed summer, which will include new adaptive summer reading programming for children and adults with developmental disabilities and a fantastic Mario Brothers kick-off party following May summer reading registration. Facilities, needs assessment, and space planning work by staff and trustees continues, with Library Board members planning to make a building tour ahead of an upcoming summer board meeting.

Library Programs and Services

Children's:

In-Person Programs

Family Storytime & Craft, 47
 Preschool Play & Learn: Art Explorers, 42
 District 68 - Meadowview Modified Learning Program Visit, 2 sessions, 28
 Littlest Musicians, 2 sessions, 114
 Poptastic Painting, 37
 We're Going on an Egg Hunt, 154
 Baby Lapsit, 4 sessions, 228
 Toddler Time, 6 sessions, 380
 Preschool Storytime, 4 sessions, 173

All Ages In-House Toys, 58
 March "How are you Lucky?" Interactive Lobby Display, 290
 Scavenger Hunt - March Madness, 161
 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Visits, 38
 Building Blocks for Tots, 4 packets, 400
 Take & Make Craft Kit, 3 projects, 250

Virtual Programs Past Views, 21

Tween/Teen:

Tween Takeover, 47
 Perfect Plant Beaded Succulents, 15
 Stretchy Charm Bracelets, 52
 Tween & Teen Activity Kit, 100

Adult:

In-Person Programs

Live Music: Ryan Argast, 95
 Book Discussion: Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead by Olga Tokarczuk, 4
 Chair Yoga Workshop, 17
 Monthly Meditation Group, 12
 Trinity Irish Dancers, 325
 Irish Cuisine (Beyond Corned Beef), 46
 Senior Craft & Chat Drop-In, 3
 Intermediate Word, 7
 Intro to Google Worksheets, 10
 Google Sheets Functions, 12
 Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 13
 Puzzle Pack, 285

Virtual Programs

Caregiving: Dual Roles, Emotional Burnout, & Managing Costs, 15
Illinois Libraries Presents: Beyond the Page with Percival Everett, 7

All Ages: Tiny Art Show, 64
Coloring Nook Sheets, 870

Community Outreach: Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 5 sessions, 27
In-Library
West Suburban Pantry Tutoring, 2 sessions, 30
Guiding Light Volunteers, 2 sessions, 20
Felicia Acosta, Woodridge Police Department, Social Worker in the Library Meetings, 6

Off-Site

Outreach at the ARC, 51
District 68 - Edgewood Elementary School Outreach, 2 sessions 51

Services: E-Resources:
Media on Demand Total: 6,145
Ebooks: 2,707
E-Audiobooks: 2,310
Magazines: 1,128
ERead Illinois/Palace Project: 98
Ebooks: 33
E-Audiobooks: 65
HOOPLA: 1,683
Ebooks: 450
E-Audiobooks: 1,052
Videos: 138
Music: 43
Kanopy Videos: 416 Plays
BookFlix: 6
Newspapers: 3,954 issues
Lote4Kids: 9
Scholastic Teachables: 36
PlayGarden Pre: 89

Website Users - Home Page Views: 9,804
Curbside Pickup: 20 pickups
Book Bundles for Children: 16 items
Interlibrary Loans Received: 3,426
Reference Questions: 2,949 in Adult/Teen and 1,327 in Children's
Public PC Sessions: 815 in Adult/Teen and 216 in Children's
Study Rooms: 577 in Adult and 22 in Children's
Outreach/Homebound Visits: 11
Volunteer Hours: 77.5 for Adult
Museum Adventure Passes: 25
Explore More Illinois: 12
Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 31,456

Displays: **Children's Services Department:** Rainy Day Reads Spring Display; Road Trip with a Good Book; Language Spotlight: Arabic; Pi/Pie; Easter; Passover; Once Upon a Mystery; Robots & Science; DVD Oscar Winners; St. Patrick's Day; Mario Display; March Madness; Women's History; Trees' Animal Poems; Shelf and Book Bundles; Teacher Packs; Grab and Go

Adult Services Department: National Craft Month; Fiction Endcap Displays: Biological Fiction about Women; Women's History Month; Books with Green Covers; "Longing for Lolla" with CDs; Baseball Opening Day (March 26th); Women's History

Lobby: St. Patrick's Day

Staff Development and Training

Adult/Teen Services:	Kate Lagerstrom Kathleen Leaf Denise Murray	Simon & Schuster Summer Preview webinar LGBTQ-inclusive Schools and Libraries (RAILS) webinar LGBTQ-inclusive Schools and Libraries (RAILS) webinar Adaptive Programming Meeting
Children's Services:	Jessica Smith Elizabeth Burns Kristina Grudem Holly McIntyre Jenn Shunt Mary Ann Steinhaus Mary Sue Reese Sydney Wirtz Sarah Wilson	Summer Programming Meeting Adaptive Programming Meeting Williams Architects Needs Assessment Meeting Meeting with Rob Innes from Libraria Meeting with Rob Innes from Libraria Meeting with Rob Innes from Libraria Variety of department and administrative training sessions Magnificent Middle Grade Booklist's: Reader's Advisory Ideas and Practices 2026 Grad School Courses - Organization of Information and Introduction to Reference Resources Meeting with Rob Innes from Libraria An Open Discussion of Web Accessibility (RAILS) webinar Microsoft Teams Meeting Website Accessibility Meeting Summer Programming Meeting
Circulation Services:	Ana Karun	Muppet Mayhem (ATLAS)
Administration:	Patti Naisbitt Laura Dygus Matt Hennessy Deb Fowler Angela Kobylarczyk	SWAN Quarterly Administrators Meeting IPBC: RxSaveCard and GLP-1 Summer Programming Meeting Adaptive Programming Meeting Williams Architects Needs Assessment Meeting Rotary SHRM - Rethinking Talent in 2026: The Business Case for Skills-First Hiring SHRM - How to Activate A Culture of Accountability SWAN Network Engineer SWAN Fireside Chat Comcast Gig Fiber Projection Implementation Meeting Blackbaud Financial Edge NXT Training Website Accessibility Meeting PNC Meeting Blackbaud Financial Edge NXT Training

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of March was 45,007, an increase of 1% from March 2025. Registered borrowers number 22,713, which is 66.5% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 16,363