

The Library building is now fully lit: we have replaced eight ballasts and 279 bulbs with LED bulbs/conversion kits. Because the LED bulbs have an expected 267% improvement in their life expectancy we expect to see a \$5000 savings in bulb costs and labor in the years to come (more than offsetting the costs associated with the LED conversion), along with a projected 47% decrease in power consumption by the new bulbs/ballasts.

Spring COLORAMA (March 23) marked the opening of *The Coloring Nook*, a bright space just-off-the-lobby serving as an always-open multi-functional spot for patrons. Witnessed throughout March in the Coloring Nook: children/families coloring, snacking, picking up seasonally themed coloring pages/information to-go, engaging waiting area for children/caregivers while other family completed library activities, pop-up seniors' card game, and participatory community art display.

Also on March 23, Board members, family, and friends of former Library Director Pam Dubé gathered to honor Pam, dedicating a plaque in her honor and inspecting the new spaces/resources inspired by Pam and funded in her name. Combined with the successful COLORAMA program (over 600 visitors), a fitting celebration of Pam and her vision for WPL.

Library Programs and Services

Children's:

In-Person Programs

Preschool Play & Learn - Me & My World, 42
STEAM - Magnetic Art, 27
Musical Babies Bouncing Into Spring, 56
Coding: Create a Story, 2 sessions, 18
Mystery Taste Testers, 47
Bunny Hop Family Dance Party, 2 sessions, 140
Crafternoon, 27
We're Going On An Egg Hunt, 103
Spring Colorama, 635
Candy Around the World, 60
Scavenger Hunt, Hawaiian Getaway, 160
Luau at the Library, 81
Button Art, 40
Baby Lapsit, 6 sessions, 153
Toddler Time, 12 sessions, 243
Preschool Storytime, 6 sessions, 85
1000 Books Before Kindergarten Visits, 7

Building Blocks for Tots, 4 packets, 400
Take & Make Crafts, 4 Projects, 550

Virtual Program Past Views, 21

Adult:

In-Person Programs

Art Gallery: Anastasia Rezvoi
Artists Reception, 10
Live Music: Peter Fletcher, Classical Guitarist, 127
Buyer Beware. Seller Beware. What You Need to Know About Buying and Selling a House, 17
Introduction to Word, 6
Introduction to Tinkercad, 6
Bird Art Mini Canvas, 28
Library Book Discussion: Killer of a Certain Age by Deanna Raybourn, 9
Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 16
Puzzle Pack: 240
Adult & Teen Take & Make, 100

Virtual Programs

Illinois Libraries Presents: Interweaving Tradition & Imagination Through Costume Design with Ruth E. Carter, 4

Tween/Teen: Tween Takeover, 54
Teen Volunteering, 12 (29 volunteer hours)
Teen Pizza & Service, 24 (24 volunteer hours)

All Ages: Irish Dancers, 300

Community

Outreach: Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 4 sessions, 16

Services:

E-Resources:
Media on Demand Total: 5,760
Ebooks: 2,749
E-Audiobooks: 1,762
Magazines: 1,249
ERead Illinois/Axis 360: 260
Ebooks: 99
E-Audiobooks: 161
HOOPLA: 1,320
Ebooks: 397
E-Audiobooks: 794
Videos: 92
Music: 37
Kanopy Videos: 232 Plays
BookFlix: 34
PressReader: 314 issues

Website Users: 9,173
Curbside Pickup: 31 pickups
Book Bundles for Children: 50 items
Interlibrary Loans Received: 2,974
3D Printer Jobs: 7
Reference Questions: 4,236 in Adult/Teen and 795 in Children's
Public PC Sessions: 1,442 in Adult/Teen and 261 in Children's
Study Rooms: 728 in Adult and 16 in Children's
Outreach/Homebound Visits: 11
Volunteer Hours: 75.5 for Adult
Museum Adventure Passes: 31
Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 33,150

Displays: **Children's Services Department:** Ramadan and Holi displays; Women's History Month; Every Bunny Needs Books; St. Patrick's Day; Spring Books; Give These Books a Shot; Shelf and Book Bundles; Teacher Packs; Grab and Go

Adult Services Department: Hot Titles You Might Have Missed; Women's History Month; Gwendolyn Brooks Award Information (Teen); Reading of the Green (Teen); "I read books- and I know things"

Staff Development and Training

Adult/Teen Services: George Kalinka SWAN Fireside Chat
Dana Kraszczyński DUEX Meeting, RAILS
Chris Keefe Give Effective Feedback and Maintain Positive Relationships webinar

Denise Murray How to Train Your Community on Libby webinar
 Creating a Person-Centered Library: Supporting Patrons
 While Avoiding Burnout webinar
 Gayle Szpytek Reader's Advisory in Practice webinar
 SWAN 1st Amendment Right Auditors webinars

Children's Services:

Megan Bauer
 Elizabeth Burns
 Kristina Grudem
 Mary Ann Steinhaus } Children's Plus with Rob Innes

Jenn Shunt Disney Publishing Spring 2024 Preview
 MacKids School Library spring Preview
 Summer 2024 Preview with HarperCollins Children's
 Books
 Simon & Schuster Summer 2024 Children's, Teacher and
 Librarian Preview

Circulation Services:

Julie Lombardo
 Ana Karun
 Sabrina Kahren
 Dee Thurman } Problem Solving and Facilitation: Skills for Library Leaders

Julie Lombardo
 Sabrina Kahren
 SWAN Fireside Chat
 Transitioning to Supervisor webinar
 Four Things All Supervisors Must Remember: S.U.P.E.R.
 Six Wrong Ways to Manage
 New Manager Starting Kit (8 short sessions)
 Transition from Peer to Boss: Managing former peer
 relationships
 Powerful Listening Skills
 Leading a High C
 Leading a High D
 Making the Transition from Staff to Supervisor

Technical Services:

Amy Weiss ATLAS Middle Manager's Round Table

Administration:

Patti Naisbitt SWAN Administrators' & Directors' Quarterly, In-Person
 IPBC, *employee health benefits co-op*, Live Online
 Pt. 2: ALA Lib. Dir. Crash Course: Facilities, Live Online
 Pt. 3: ALA Lib. Dir. Crash Course: Personnel, Live Online
 Murphy & Willow Creek Schools, Read Across America
 (2/29) In-Person

Laura Dygus J.J. Keller - FMLA Manager
 Accurate - Background Checks - Clean Slate law
 Human Resources Association of Greater Oak Brook -
 Friday Weekly Meetings
 HR Source - Straight from the Source - Recruiting Trends
 Matt Hennessy SWAN Fireside Chat
 SWAN Technology Update

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of March was 43,679, an increase of 1% from March 2023. Registered borrowers number 22,751, which is 66.6% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 15,690