

**Library Director's Report  
April 2025**

Information Item #49

Our tradition of holding exceptional spring programs continues with a successful *Party with My Peeps* family event (1050) that brought together bunny and chick fans for a petting zoo with live animals, spring crafts, games, and treats along with a STEM project: the nurturing and hatching of living chicks in the Children's Services department. 1140 people of all ages visited the chicks throughout the hatching cycle, video of the chicks hatching/after hatching reached over 1800 people and a small Facebook poll about whether to hatch chicks next year was answered with a resounding YES! The Adult department continued the spring nature theme with a well-received *Eco-Sanctuary* event (84) and lecture that gave native planting, rain barrel and other conservation tips. The Woodridge 68 Student Card project has fully launched and been promoted to Woodridge District 68 families, with 1600 students receiving a card renewal or new library card. Under this partnership, library cards are available to students in District 68 through a streamlined process. During Woodridge 68's registration, parents can opt-in to the Student Card program allowing Woodridge Public Library to issue their student a library card or to help connect parents to their hometown library to obtain a card for their child.

**Library Programs and Services**

**Children's:**

In-Person Programs

Family Storytime & Craft, 34  
Preschool Play & Learn: Artastic!, 33  
District 68-PK Modified Learning Program Visit, 11  
Lego Slingshot Car, 34  
Paper Chain Contest, 9  
Littlest Artist: Fluffy Chicken, 44  
Cool Custom Keychains, 31  
Minecraft Bingo, 2 sessions, 60  
Baby Lapsit, 6 sessions, 244  
Toddler Time, 8 sessions, 283  
Preschool Storytime, 6 sessions, 178

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Visits, 51  
Scavenger Hunt (Chick, Chick Hooray!), 217  
Building Blocks for Tots, 4 packets, 400  
Take & Make Crafts, 3 projects, 550

Virtual Programs Past Views, 42

**Tween/Teen:**

Teen Snack and Chat - ASMR Slime, 6  
Tween Take and Make, 1 project, 100

**Adult:**

In-Person Programs

Art Gallery: District 99 - Downers Grove North & South (April 15th - 30th)  
Art Reception: District 99, 70  
Live Music: Where Were You in '62 with Jeff Winter & Janis Fine, 69  
Book Discussion: The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters, 6  
Monthly Meditation Group, 11  
Introduction to Tarot Cards, 18  
Mason Jar Candle Program, 32  
Adult Spring Bingo, 68  
The Eco-Friendly Sanctuary: Enhance Your Home with Native Plants & Information Tables, 84  
Excel Charts, 8  
Excel Pivot Tables, 9  
Introduction to Google Drive, 10

Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 19  
Puzzle Pack, 300  
Adult & Teen Take & Make, 150

Virtual Programs

Illinois Libraries Present: The Art of Foraging with Alexis Nikole Nelson, 10  
Apocalypse Now: The Disappearance of Insects, Including Monarch Butterflies, 38

**All Ages:** No School Movie Matinee, 40  
Stories in the Park, 58  
Party with My Peeps, 1,050  
Family Art: Spring Flowers, 34  
Earth Day Seed Bombs, 31  
Chicken Eggs Interaction, 1,140  
Peeps Prize Drawing, 80  
Chicken Prize Drawing, 293  
DuPage ROE Storytime, 5

**Community Outreach:** Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 4 sessions, 14  
In-Library  
Guiding Light Academy Volunteers, 2 sessions,  
West Suburban Pantry Tutoring, 2 sessions, 20  
Jefferson Jr. High School Classroom Visit, 11  
Jefferson Jr. High School Outreach, 17  
Downers Grove North H.S. Outreach, 241  
Literacy DuPage: Trustees Tour of the WPL, 9

**Services:** E-Resources:  
Media on Demand Total: 5,432  
    Ebooks: 2,546  
    E-Audiobooks: 1,901  
    Magazines: 985  
ERead Illinois/Boundless: 200  
    Ebooks: 92  
    E-Audiobooks: 108  
HOOPLA: 1,696  
    Ebooks: 510  
    E-Audiobooks: 1,050  
    Videos: 100  
    Music: 36  
Kanopy Videos: 290 Plays  
BookFlix: 448  
New York Times: 1,384 issues  
Lote4Kids: 9  
Scholastic Teachables: 6

Website Users - Home Page Views: 7,502  
Curbside Pickup: 9 pickups  
Book Bundles for Children: 22 items  
Interlibrary Loans Received: 2,563  
3D Printer Jobs: 6  
Reference Questions: 3,174 in Adult/Teen and 1,741 in Children's  
Public PC Sessions: 1,442 in Adult/Teen and 232 in Children's  
Study Rooms: 622 in Adult and 24 in Children's  
Outreach/Homebound Visits: 12  
Volunteer Hours: 70.5 for Adult  
Museum Adventure Passes: 36  
Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 35,313

**Displays:** **Children's Services Department:** World Language of the Month Endcap: French; Tea Party; Poetry Month; Soar Into Spring: Rise & Read Farm Display; Autism Play and Learn; What on Earth Should I Read?; Shelf and Book Bundles; Teacher Packs; Grab and Go

**Adult Services Department:** Hot Titles You Might Have Missed; Jazz Month; World Autism Month; Funny Books for a Funny Month (Teen Display); Earth Day

**Lobby:** Party with my Peeps; Summer Reading

### **Staff Development and Training**

**Adult/Teen Services:**

George Kalinka	Staff In-Service
Savannah Derrig	Staff In-Service
Chris Keefe	Staff In-Service
	Virtual Spring 2025 LEARN Meeting
	AI Ambassadors Program: Online Session 2 - RAILS
	CanvaCreate2025 - Canva
Dana Kraszczyński	DUX Meeting - SWAN
Kate Lagerstrom	Staff In-Service
	Bookreporter.com recorded interview with author Amanda Peters
Dee LaPorta	Staff In-Service
Linda Montalvo	Staff In-Service
Denise Murray	Staff In-Service
	ILA Diversity Committee Meeting

**Children's Services:**

Jessica Smith	Staff In-Service
Jo Bulin	Staff In-Service
Elizabeth Burns	Booklist Online Webinar: Series Nonfiction
Carrie Erickson	Baker & Taylor CAT Talk
	Staff In-Service
Kelly Girard	Staff In-Service
Kristina Grudem	Staff In-Service
Kate Lehman	Staff In-Service
Marj Nicoletti	Staff In-Service
Mary Sue Reese	Completed Public Libraries Graduate Course
Jenn Shunt	Magnificent Middle Grade
	Jim Gill Workshop
	Baker & Taylor CAT Talks
	Staff In-Service
Joann Sheahan	Staff In-Service
Mary Ann Steinhaus	SLJ Picture Book Buzz
	Staff In-Service
Sarah Wilson	Staff In-Service
Sydney Wirtz	Staff In-Service
	Baker & Taylor training

**Circulation Services:**

Ana Karun	Circulation Networking Meeting
	OCLC Training Session
	Radical Candor Podcast
	8 New Features in Microsoft Teams (Pryor Learning)
	How to Use the New Microsoft Teams (Pryor Learning)
	Microsoft Teams tutorial in 10 minutes (Pryor Learning)
	Staff In-Service

Blake Kirkman Chole Mason Brendan Weaver	{	SWAN Online Learning Circulation Basics Patron Management Resource Sharing in SWAN Staff In-Service
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Julie Lombardo Kara Higley-Kubik Sabrina Kahren Edita Meilkeine Eileen Neuffer Aziz Shakir Nancy Smith	{	Staff In-Service
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**Technical Services:**

Amy Weiss	Staff In-Service Technical Services Networking Group Cataloging Graphic Novels
Tess Forbes	Staff In-Service
Sharada Kamath	Staff In-Service
Dulce Polivka	Staff In-Service

**Administration:**

Patti Naisbitt	Staff In-Service IPBC Meeting Zone 1: Library Directors' Meeting Rotary Village Building Dedication to Mayor Murphy
Kyle Bradshaw	Staff In-Service
Laura Dygus	Staff In-Service
Jose Espino	Staff In-Service
Deb Fowler	Staff In-Service
Matt Hennessy	Staff In-Service Comcast Account Review Meeting SWAN Fireside Chat IT Roundtable RAILS West Group Meeting

**Library Operations**

Circulation for the month of April was 43,384, an increase of 3% from April 2024. Registered borrowers number 22,724, which is 66.5% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 16,736