

2024 ended with a fantastic Noon Year's event for young families (550 attendees), capping off a cheery month of programs for everyone from adult holiday music aficionados (103), elf hunters (475), winter bird lovers (76), youngsters crazy about abominable snowmen (172), polar players (30), carolers (130), and bread makers (47). Of note, teen volunteers helped at four of our big events and the Woodridge Community Pantry visited several times to provide tutoring opportunities and to distribute resources and hold a children's ornament workshop for their clients.

Staff and Library Board members reviewed the highlights from our strategic planning surveys during a well-attended staff in-service and a lengthy December Board Meeting. Analysis of the survey results, print collection turnover rate, and digital resource usage statistics continues. The Library Building's festive December décor carries into the new year, with fresh paint brightening the hallways and newly installed boilers providing steady heat through a recent cold spell.

### Library Programs and Services

#### **Children's:**

##### In-Person Programs

Family Storytime & Craft, 27  
Sensory Storytime & Play, 2 sessions, 9  
Spanish Language Storytime, 13  
Yeti Mania, 172  
Mugs & Hugs, 20  
Polar Playgroup, 30  
Snowy Tree Painting, 41  
Noon Year's Eve Party, 550  
Baby Lapsit, 6 sessions, 125  
Toddler Time, 9 sessions, 223  
Preschool Storytime, 6 sessions, 161  
1000 Books Before Kindergarten Visits, 41  
Scavenger Hunt, 43  
Where's Larry the Library Elf, 23 sessions, 475

Building Blocks for Tots, 4 packets, 400  
Take & Make Crafts, 3 Projects, 575

Virtual Programs Past Views, 8

#### **Tween/Teen:**

Tween Take and Make, 1 project, 100  
Teen Volunteering, 4 sessions, 18 volunteers, (34 volunteer hours)  
Teen Service & Holiday Party, 12

#### **Adult:**

##### In-Person Programs

Art Gallery: Downers Grove Artists' Guild  
Art Reception, 30  
Holiday Bread Making, 47  
Live Music: Home for the Holidays with Jodi Beach, 103  
Book Discussion: Bright Lights Big Christmas by Mary Kay Andrews, 4  
Sugar Scrub Program, 15  
Introduction to Tinkercad, 6  
Introduction to Word, 6  
Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 12

Puzzle Pack, 250  
Adult & Teen Take & Make, 150

### Virtual Programs

Winter Birding Program with John Cebula, 76

Illinois Libraries Present: The Magic of Raina Telgemeier, 6

Illinois Libraries Present: Little Women: The Musical Recording, 42

**All Ages:** Jefferson Jr. High Carolers, 130

**Community Outreach:** West Suburban Pantry: Resources Give-Away & Children's Ornament Workshop, 65

West Suburban Pantry Tutoring, 2 sessions, 20

Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 1 sessions, 5

Guiding Light Academy Volunteers, 1 session, 6

**Services:** E-Resources:

Media on Demand Total: 5,325

Ebooks: 2,530

E-Audiobooks: 1,845

Magazines: 950

ERead Illinois/Axis 360: 260

Ebooks: 109

E-Audiobooks: 151

HOOPLA: 1,356

Ebooks: 366

E-Audiobooks: 848

Videos: 100

Music: 42

Kanopy Videos: 416 Plays

BookFlix: 15

New York Times: 1,364 issues

Lete4Kids: 36

Scholastic Teachables: 34

Website Users: 7,428

Curbside Pickup: 21 pickups

Book Bundles for Children: 29 items

Interlibrary Loans Received: 2,656

3D Printer Jobs: 2

Reference Questions: 3,307 in Adult/Teen and 1,278 in Children's

Public PC Sessions: 1,095 in Adult/Teen and 164 in Children's

Study Rooms: 581 in Adult and 14 in Children's

Outreach/Homebound Visits: 5

Volunteer Hours: 60.5 for Adult

Museum Adventure Passes: 21

Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 30,458

**Displays:** **Children's Services Department:** Tis the Season To Be Reading; Read Like It's Snowbody's Business; Are You Yeti to Read; Science Mania; Shelf and Book Bundles; Teacher Packs; Grab and Go

**Adult Services Department:** Gather Together Around the Table Cookbooks; Holiday Romance; Short Days, Short Books; My Holidays Are All Booked Up

**Lobby:** Yeti; New Year's

**Staff Development and Training**

**Adult/Teen Services:** George Kalinka Met with Hoopla Rep  
Online Security Training  
Staff In-Service: Survey & Strategic Planning  
Post Staff Engagement Survey: Analyzing Data and Action Planning

Savannah Derrig Online Security Training  
Chris Keefe Online Security Training  
Staff In-Service: Survey & Strategic Planning  
Empowering Librarians with AI Literacy: A Framework for Navigating and Teaching AI  
Media Literacy Education for Adult Audiences: Exploring ChatGPT and Conversational AI

Dana Kraszczyński Online Security Training  
Staff In-Service: Survey & Strategic Planning

Kate Lagerstrom Online Security Training  
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Dee LaPorta Online Security Training  
Staff In-Service: Survey & Strategic Planning

Alex Mitre Online Security Training  
Linda Montalvo Online Security Training  
Staff In-Service: Survey & Strategic Planning

Denise Murray Village of Woodridge Community Awards  
Online Security Training  
Staff In-Service: Survey & Strategic Planning

Gayle Szpytek Online Security Training

**Children's Services:** Jessica Smith Staff In-Service: Survey & Strategic Planning  
Beanstack Training

Elizabeth Burns }  
Carrie Erickson } Online Security Training  
Kristina Grudem } Staff In-Service: Survey & Strategic Planning  
Jenn Shunt } The Introvert's Guide to Handling Conflict and Communication

Mary Sue Reese Staff In-Service: Survey & Strategic Planning  
Staff In-Service: Survey & Strategic Planning  
Beanstack Training

Mary Ann Steinhaus Online Security Training

Sarah Wilson }  
Jo Bulin }  
Kelly Girard } Staff In-Service: Survey & Strategic Planning  
Donna Karlinski }  
Kate Lehman }  
Marj Nicoletti }

**Circulation Services:** Julie Lombardo }  
Ryan Babic }  
Kara Higley-Kubik }  
Qing Inglis } Online Security Training  
Stephanie Larkins } Staff In-Service: Survey & Strategic Planning  
Eileen Neuffer }  
Isabella Oberg }  
Michele Sarussi }  
Aziz Shakir }  
Nancy Smith }

	Sabrina Kahren	Supervising Negative Attitudes and Bad Behaviors Overcoming Negativity Online Security Training Staff In-Service: Survey & Strategic Planning
	Ana Karun	SWAN Message Bee Training Let's Talk Billing in SWAN Online Security Training Staff In-Service: Survey & Strategic Planning
	Edita Mielkiene	SWAN Online Learning: Patron Account Blocks & Notes Resource Sharing in SWAN Demand Management Searching in Workflows Online Security Training Staff In-Service: Survey & Strategic Planning
<b>Technical Services:</b>	Kristen Pierret	Online Security Training
	Dee Thurman	Online Security Training
	Amy Weiss	} Staff In-Service: Survey & Strategic Planning
	Tess Forbes	
	Sharada Kamath	
Dulce Polivka		
<b>Administration:</b>	Patti Naisbitt	Village of Woodridge Community Awards Illinois Library Association Legislative Meet Up Post Staff Engagement Survey: Analyzing Data and Action Planning: RAILS Village of Woodridge Winterfest Planning Rotary SWAN Quarterly Administrators Meeting Village of Woodridge Public Levy Meeting Architect/Public Library Construction Grant Meeting Staff In-Service: Survey & Strategic Planning
	Nancy Bandusky	Staff In-Service: Survey & Strategic Planning Online Security Training
	Kyle Bradshaw	Staff In-Service: Survey & Strategic Planning
	Laura Dygus	HR Source Peer Hub Monthly Meeting Staff In-Service: Survey & Strategic Planning Alera/Mineral HR - Smart Employee Handbook IPBC Benefits Financial & Renewal Process 2025/2026
	Deb Fowler	Architect/Public Library Construction Grant Meeting Staff In-Service: Survey & Strategic Planning
	Matt Hennessy	Staff In-Service: Survey & Strategic Planning
	Kim Neidermyer	Village of Woodridge Winterfest Planning Staff In-Service: Survey & Strategic Planning

**Library Operations**

Circulation for the month of December was 40,260, an increase of 2% from December 2023. Total Circulation for FY2024 was 520,035, an increase of 3% over FY2023. Registered borrowers number 22,743, which is 66.6% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 12,714