

**Library Director's Report  
December 2025**

Information Item #5

**Library Programs and Services**

Library of Things planning continued in December; Roku streaming sticks were identified as the most popular LOT circulation items at other area public libraries. George Kalinka, Manager of Adult & Teen Services, will bring a sample of the WPL Roku streaming kits to the January Board Meeting for display and discussion.

Throughout November and December, several organizations requested space in the Library to collect food under the Charity Collections Container Policy (Girl Scouts, Village HRAC, and DuPage County Talent). Those efforts were generously donated to by patrons, and Library Staff and patrons continue to keep a Seasonal Giving Shelf well-stocked. Children and their very enthusiastic parents and relatives (400) rang in the NOON year with a fantastic dance party. Music-based programs brought people together at a variety of events offered for different age groups: trendy K-Pop for Kids (70), Family Jams (75), Adult Holiday (80), and Jefferson Jr. High Carolers (80). Library staff brought programs to the community at the ARC (57) and at Meadowview School (75).

Library staff submitted statistics and surveys to Williams Architects as they develop a Needs Assessment for the Library that is grounded in data. Williams will use the submitted material and comparisons to other public libraries in Illinois of our size and budget to help WPL plan strategically. The assessment and master planning activities will continue through early 2026.

**Children's:**     In-Person Programs

Family Storytime & Craft, 30  
Woodland Ornament, 47  
Frosty Tunes and Jolly Jams, 75  
Fossils & Crystals & Rocks Oh My!, 2 sessions, 90  
Community Helper Storytime and Play - Chef's Corner, 114  
K-Pop Kids/Dance Idols, 2 sessions, 70  
Noon Year's Eve Scavenger Hunt, 300  
DuPage ROE Storytime, 20  
Baby Lapsit, 4 sessions, 135  
Toddler Time, 6 sessions, 181  
Preschool Storytime, 4 sessions, 57  
District 68 - PK Modified Learning Program Visit, 12  
Noon Year's Eve, 400 (*drew all ages audience*)

All Ages In-House Toys, 73  
Where's Larry the Elf? (passive), 322  
1000 Books Before Kindergarten Visits, 37  
Building Blocks for Tots, 4 packets, 400  
Take & Make Craft Kit, 2 projects, 250

Virtual Programs Past Views, 22

**Tween/Teen:**    Teen Study Break, 10  
                      Tween & Teen Activity Kit, 100

**Adult:**            In-Person Programs

Art Gallery: Downers Grove Artists Guild  
Art Reception: 20  
Live Music: Home for the Holidays with Jodi Beach, 80  
Book Discussion: A Winter in New York by Josie Silver, 8  
Chair Yoga Workshop, 12  
Monthly Meditation Group, 12

Holiday Tech Gifts with Mike Greshbein, 10  
Snowman Ornament Craft, 25  
Cozy Sticker Rooms, 30  
Easy Address Labels, 2  
Introduction to Word, 6  
Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 15

Virtual Programs

Discover Kwanzaa: Meaning, Symbols, and Traditions with Elizabeth Kahura, 10  
MENTal Health Awareness with Kyle Lisowski, 4

Puzzle Pack, 275

**All Ages:**

Jefferson Jr. High Carolers, 80  
DIY Family Gifts, 55  
Coloring Nook Sheets, 1,115

**Community Outreach:**

Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 4 sessions, 15  
In-Library  
West Suburban Pantry Tutoring, 3 sessions, 20  
Guiding Light Volunteers, 2 sessions, 14  
Felicia Acosta, Woodridge Police Department, Social Worker in the Library Meetings, 4  
DuPage Health Coalition Workshop, Spanish Language, 3 sessions, 6

Off-Site

Outreach at the ARC, 57  
Outreach at Meadowview School, 75

**Services:**

E-Resources:  
Media on Demand Total: 5,737  
    Ebooks: 2,629  
    E-Audiobooks: 2,077  
    Magazines: 1,031  
ERead Illinois/Boundless: 106  
    Ebooks: 33  
    E-Audiobooks: 73  
HOOPLA: 1,669  
    Ebooks: 481  
    E-Audiobooks: 991  
    Videos: 133  
    Music: 64  
Kanopy Videos: 318 Plays  
BookFlix: 50  
Newspapers: 3,128 issues  
Lote4Kids: 7  
Scholastic Teachables: 2  
  
Website Users - Home Page Views: 12,781  
Curbside Pickup: 23 pickups  
Book Bundles for Children: 22 items  
Interlibrary Loans Received: 2,914  
Reference Questions: 2,253 in Adult/Teen and 982 in Children's  
Public PC Sessions: 1,078 in Adult/Teen and 146 in Children's  
Study Rooms: 444 in Adult and 17 in Children's  
Outreach/Homebound Visits: 7  
Volunteer Hours: 75.5 for Adult  
Museum Adventure Passes: 18  
Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 29,326

**Displays:** **Children's Services Department:** Global Cheer; Language Spotlight: Russian; Starred Reviews-Best Books of 2025; All Wrapped Up in A Book; Christmas Movies; Red Any Good Books Lately; Rocks and Fossils; Explore the Sun & Moon; Winter Sport Athletes; Shelf and Book Bundles; Teacher Packs; Grab and Go

**Adult Services Department:** Short Days, Short Books; Winter Cozy Reads; Best Books of 2025; Holiday Cookbooks; Hot Titles You Might Have Missed

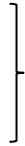
**Lobby:** Winterfest Igloo; Snow Globe; Frozen

### Staff Development and Training

<b>Adult/Teen Services:</b>	George Kalinka Savannah Derrig Kate Lagerstrom Kathleen Leaf Linda Montalvo Dee LaPorta Kristine Pacheco Chris Keefe	} Staff In-Service - Effective Communication  Staff In-Service - Effective Communication Generative AI and the Library Collection Staff In-Service - Effective Communication Generative AI and the Library Collection iRead Resource Guide Deep Dive: Programming, Crafts, Maker Ideas, Resource Guide Tips & Tricks
	Stephanie Larkins	
<b>Children's Services:</b>	Jessica Smith	Staff In-Service - Effective Communication Winterfest Recap Meeting
	Jo Bulin Elizabeth Burns Carrie Erickson Kelly Girard Kristina Grudem Donna Karlinski Ellen King Marj Nicoletti Jenn Shunt Mary Ann Steinhaus Mary Sue Reese	} Staff In-Service - Effective Communication  Staff In-Service - Effective Communication Grad School Courses - Intro to Library & Information Professions and Technology in Library & Information Services
	Sarah Wilson	
<b>Circulation Services:</b>	Julie Lombardo Kara Higley-Kubik Sabrina Kahren Edita Meilkeine Eileen Neuffer Michele Sarussi Aziz Shakir Nancy Smith Dee Thurman Brendan Weaver	} Staff In-Service - Effective Communication

**Technical Services**

Amy Weiss  
Tess Forbes  
Sharada Kamath  
Dulce Polivka



Staff In-Service - Effective Communication

**Administration:**

Patti Naisbitt

Staff In-Service - Effective Communication  
Woodridge Community Awards  
ILA Legislative Breakfast  
SWAN Quarterly (Live ZOOM)  
Elevator Modernization Meeting  
Village Board, Public Comment Budget Meeting  
Winterfest Recap Meeting

Kyle Bradshaw  
Laura Dygus

Staff In-Service - Effective Communication  
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HR Source Peer Hub  
IPBC Benefit Consulting Task Force  
IPBC Q4 Compliance Session  
SHRM - I-9 Compliance Amid Rising Worksite  
Enforcement

Jose Espino  
Angela Kobylarczyk  
Matt Hennessy

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LACONI Technology Section Group Meeting

**Library Operations**

Circulation for the month of December was 44,197, an increase of 9% from December 2024.  
Registered borrowers number 22,706, which is 66.5% of the jurisdictional population.  
People/Door Count for month: 12,452