

**Library Director's Report
May 2025**

Information Item #58

Children's Services staffers showed an engaging [WPL summer reading video](#) and talked to over 2900 students at eight local schools to promote WPL's summer reading programs, including a lunchtime presentation at Downers Grove South that generated great interest in other teen programs and volunteering opportunities. Adult Services staff members took part in a local chamber of commerce event for Woodridge and Downers Grove, networking (50) with business owners and non-profit organizations. The "summer reading season" is off to a great start with 1800 early summer reading registrations and a fantastic *Dog Man: Lost in the Library* (550) summer reading kick-off that attracted people of all ages. We drew four lucky winners to win a gift card as part of our "register in May" summer reading promotion. Staff took advantage of professional development opportunities throughout the month, including the in-person ILA Reaching Forward North Conference and SWAN Online Learning courses, which we use quite heavily for new staff member training.

Scan the QR code to see the 2025 WPL Summer Reading video.



Library Programs and Services

Children's:

In-Person Programs

Family Storytime & Craft, 64
Sensory Storytime & Play, 6
District 68-PK Modified Learning Program Visit, 12
Mini Clay Gourmet, 29
Messy Playtime, 40
Totschool Storytime visits, 3 sessions, 96
Baby Lapsit, 6 sessions, 67
Toddler Time, 8 sessions, 61
Preschool Storytime, 6 sessions, 52
Playdough Palooza, 36
Stories in the Park, 74
Mother's Day Tea, 132
Squishmallow Dance Party, 2 sessions, 76

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Visits, 217
Scavenger Hunt (Legendary Creatures), 170
Dog Man Scavenger Hunt, 141
Building Blocks for Tots, 4 packets, 400
Take & Make Crafts, 3 projects, 550

Virtual Programs Past Views, 26
2025 Summer Reading Video, 161

Tween/Teen:

Teen Volunteers, 4
Tween Take and Make, 1 project, 100

Adult:

In-Person Programs

Art Gallery: Isabella Ann Oberg
Art Reception: 30
Live Music: Sock Hop Classics with The Saddle Shoe Sisters, 87
Book Discussion: Good Riddance by Elinor Lipman, 6
Monthly Meditation Group, 11
Craft & Sip: Paint a Garden Sign, 26
Introduction to Google Docs, 7
Demystifying AI, 14

Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 23
Puzzle Pack, 250
Adult & Teen Take & Make: Sun Catcher, 150

Virtual Programs

Illinois Libraries Present: Art and Adventures with Author/Illustrator Dan Santat, 1
Illinois Libraries Present: A Discussion with Matthew Desmond, 12

All Ages: Waves of DuPage Celebration, 54
Dog Man Summer Reading Kickoff Party, 550

Community Outreach:

Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 4 sessions, 12

In-Library

Guiding Light Academy Volunteers, 12
West Suburban Pantry Tutoring, 2 sessions, 20

Off-Site

WPL Outreach, Jefferson Jr. High School, 285
WPL Outreach, Downers Grove South H.S., 385
WPL School Visit, Meadowview Elementary Summer Reading, 419
WPL School Visit, Murphy Elementary Summer Reading, 370
WPL School Visit, Goodrich Elementary Summer Reading, 399
WPL School Visit, Willow Creek Elementary Summer Reading, 350
WPL School Visit, Siple Elementary Summer Reading, 382
WPL School Visit, Edgewood Elementary Summer Reading, 325
WPL Outreach, Storywalk loaned to Edgewood Literacy Fest
WPL Outreach, Chamber 630 Champions for a Cause, Resource Fair, 50

Services:

E-Resources:
Media on Demand Total: 5,408
Ebooks: 2,589
E-Audiobooks: 1,859
Magazines: 960
ERead Illinois/Boundless: 289
Ebooks: 162
E-Audiobooks: 127
HOOPLA: 1,684
Ebooks: 488
E-Audiobooks: 1,022
Videos: 146
Music: 28
Kanopy Videos: 309 Plays
BookFlix: 20
New York Times: 1,539 issues
Lote4Kids: 8
Scholastic Teachables: 2

Website Users - Home Page Views: 8,212
Curbside Pickup: 23 pickups
Book Bundles for Children: 28 items
Interlibrary Loans Received: 2,907
3D Printer Jobs: 9
Reference Questions: 3,303 in Adult/Teen and 1,665 in Children's
Public PC Sessions: 1,409 in Adult/Teen and 198 in Children's
Study Rooms: 651 in Adult and 20 in Children's
Outreach/Homebound Visits: 13
Volunteer Hours: 60.5 for Adult

Museum Adventure Passes: 50
Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 36,325

Displays: **Children's Services Department:** Star Wars: May the 4th Be with You!; Language of the Month - German; AANIPI Heritage Month; Shelf and Book Bundles; Teacher Packs; Grab and Go

Adult Services Department: Hot Titles You Might Have Missed; May is Mental Health Awareness Month; Great Outdoors Month; Ani-May & May-nga; Cottagecore; Jewish American Heritage Month; Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; Get a Clue

Lobby: Dog Man

Staff Development and Training

Adult/Teen Services:	George Kalinka	Chamber 630 Champions for a Cause Lecture/Fair
	Savannah Derrig	ILA Reaching Forward North Conference
	Chris Keefe	Chamber 630 Champions for a Cause Lecture/Fair AI Ambassadors Program: Online Session 3 - RAILS AI Basics for Average Users - Burlington (Canada) Public Library
		The Renewals Presentation: Exploring Morale in Library Workplaces - RAILS
	Dana Kraszczyński	ILA Reaching Forward North Conference
	Kate Lagerstrom	Collection Development Networking Meeting
	Stephanie Larkins	ILA Reaching Forward North Conference
Children's Services:	Elizabeth Burns	Rob Innes from Libraria
	Mary Sue Reese	ILA Reaching Forward North Conference
	Jenn Shunt	Random House Children's Books Summer 2025 preview DK's Summer 2025 School and Library Preview SL Day of Dialog
	Joann Sheahan	ILA Reaching Forward North Conference
	Mary Ann Steinhaus	Rob Innes from Libraria
	Sarah Wilson	ILA Marketing Forum - From Stacks to Screens: Making Library Content Click - The Evolution of the Printed Newsletter: One Library's Journey - Reel Talk for Libraries: Next level Tips for Instagram Reels
	Sydney Wirtz	Charlesbridge Summer Preview webinar
Circulation Services:	Ana Karun	The Renewals Presentation: Exploring Morale in Library Workplaces - RAILS Dealing with Difficult People (Pryor Learning)
	Blake Kirkman Chloe Mason Brendan Weaver	SWAN Online Learning Patron Account Blocks and Notes Bills in a Patron Record Resource Sharing in SWAN Demand Management Searching in WorkFlows First Amendment Audit Recording

Technical Services:	Amy Weiss	SWAN Acquisitions & Cataloging Network Group Hosted a College of DuPage LTA student for a class assignment The Renewals Presentation: Exploring Morale in Library Workspaces - RAILS Cataloging Graphic Novels
	Tess Forbes	LACONI Tech Services Section: World Language Vendors SWAN Acquisitions & Cataloging Network Group
Administration:	Patti Naisbitt	State of the Village Rotary/Recycling Event Waves of DuPage Village Ribbon Cutting IL State Library Construction Grant Review
	Laura Dygus	SHRM Understand the Changes to Federal Agency Enforcement of Disparate Impact Enforcement. Title VII and use of AI in recruiting. EEOC and record keeping HR Source Peer Hub Ask IPBC meeting
	Deb Fowler	Annual Non-Discrimination Testing completed Blackbaud: Financial Edge NXT Accounts Payable webinar
	Matt Hennessy	SWAN Fireside Chat

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of May was 42,614, an increase of 3% from May 2024. Registered borrowers number 22,831, which is 66.8% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 15,230