

**Library Director's Report
June 2025**

Information Item #68

A big block party (600) and great weather for Jubilee (500) were highlights of a month packed with programs. By popular request, the Children's department offered 25 storytime programs (total of 426 attendees). The response was tremendous for Polish Storytime (44) and Community Helper or Garbage Truck Storytime (144). Summer reading is well underway with a spike in Adult participation (307) and circulation statistics up 6% over June of 2024. Summer reading sponsors have been very generous and in addition to the usual giveaways and discount coupons, all participating children will earn a family four pack of free ticket vouchers for select White Sox games and the Library was able to feature a major prize drawing (577) for all ages.

The Chicago Tribune has revamped its online access to the daily paper which we are now promoting: Woodridge Public Library patrons can use their library card to obtain free and immediate access to all sections of the paper, Chicago news & weather, daily puzzles: Jumble, Crossword, Solitaire, and Sudoku, 30 day eNewspaper archive, and all suburban Tribune publications. Of note, Woodridge residents recently received an end of the school year mailer from School District 68 that announced the launch of our joint *Student Library Card* program and highlighted plans for District 68 students to visit the Library and participate in Library programming.

Library Programs and Services

Children's:

In-Person Programs

Family Storytime & Craft, Fruit, 20
Polish Family Storytime, 44
Mystery Taste Testers, 52
Dads and Donuts, 101
Summer Storytime, 2 sessions, 38
Surf's Up Shell Collage, 37
Community Helper Storytime: Garbage Truck, 144
Baby Lapsit, 6 sessions, 67
Toddler Time, 8 sessions, 61
Preschool Storytime, 6 sessions, 52
Totally Yours Tote Bag, 47
Stories in the Park, 147
Family Pride Swag, 26
Rhyme Time Crime, 33
Littlest Musicians, 2 sessions, 66
Minecraft - It's a Block Party, 600

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Visits, 128
Scavenger Hunt (Hunt Book Sleuths), 274
Building Blocks for Tots, 4 packets, 400
Take & Make Crafts, 3 projects, 550
Dads and Donuts Prize Raffle, 28

Virtual Programs Past Views, 147

Tween/Teen:

Teen Snack and Chat, 10
Babysitters Workshop, 21
Tween Take and Make, 1 project, 100
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Tween Passive In-House Toys, 148
Teen Summer Reading Program, active readers, 131

Adult:In-Person Programs

Art Gallery: Marj Nicoletti

Art Reception: 30

Live Music: Fly Me to the Moon by Tom Margarites, 61

Book Discussion: The Woman in the Library by Sulari Gentill, 6

Monthly Meditation Group, 12

Pride Keychains, 30

LGBTQ+ Legal Strategies and Rights, 11

Alice's Ordinary People, 13

Pro-Tips for Europe, 14

Introduction to Word, 8

Introduction to PowerPoint, 6

3D Design with Tinkercad, 7

Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 20

Adult Summer Reading Program, active readers, 307

Puzzle Pack, 250

Virtual Programs

The Unsolved Murders of Barbara and Patricia Grimes, 28

All Ages:

Pool Float Giveaway Raffle, 499

Major Prize Giveaway Raffle (White Sox, LEGO Party, Morton Arboretum), 577

Coloring Nook Sheets (includes Juneteenth Crafts), 800

Community Outreach:Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 4 sessions, 12In-Library

Guiding Light Academy Volunteers, 12

West Suburban Pantry Tutoring, 2 sessions, 20

Felicia Acosta, Woodridge Police Department, Social Worker in the Library Meetings, 2

Off-Site

Kindercare North, 50

Jubilee, 500

Services:

E-Resources:

Media on Demand Total: 5,541

Ebooks: 2,602

E-Audiobooks: 1,953

Magazines: 986

ERead Illinois/Boundless: 315

Ebooks: 162

E-Audiobooks: 153

HOOPLA: 1,735

Ebooks: 491

E-Audiobooks: 1,039

Videos: 149

Music: 56

Kanopy Videos: 243 Plays

BookFlix: 2

Newspapers: 1,662 issues

Lote4Kids: 4

Scholastic Teachables: 7

Website Users - Home Page Views: 8,127

Curbside Pickup: 23 pickups

Book Bundles for Children: 53 items

Interlibrary Loans Received: 2,857

3D Printer Jobs: 4

Reference Questions: 3,412 in Adult/Teen and 3,634 in Children's
 Public PC Sessions: 1,377 in Adult/Teen and 340 in Children's
 Study Rooms: 612 in Adult and 17 in Children's
 Outreach/Homebound Visits: 18
 Volunteer Hours: 50.5 for Adult
 Museum Adventure Passes: 46
 Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 37,034

Displays: **Children's Services Department:** World Language of the Month (end cap): Hindi; Pride Month; Suspect Selection, I Spy Mystery; I Spy Mystery; Trail Tales; National Fishing and Boating Week; People with Pride Bios (end cap) ; Shelf and Book Bundles; Teacher Packs; Grab and Go

Adult Services Department: Hot Titles You Might Have Missed; Great Outdoors; Plot Twists; Secrets in the Stacks; LGBTQ Pride

Lobby: Minecraft

Staff Development and Training

Adult/Teen Services:	George Kalinka Savannah Derrig Chris Keefe Dana Kraszczyński Kate Lagerstrom Stephanie Larkins	PBS, WETA American Revolution Documentary, Ken Burns webinar Maggie Thomann, RAILS (Chicago Tribune) Mary White, Midwest Tape/Hoopla Fat Liberation webinar AI Ambassadors Program Meeting - RAILS AI Basics for Average Users - Burlington (Canada) Public Library The Renewals Presentation: Exploring Morale in Library Workplaces - RAILS Making DEI FAIR webinar Lily Zheng in Conversation with RAILS Executive Monica Harris Collection Development Networking Meeting ILA Reaching Forward North Conference
Children's Services:	Jenn Shunt Mary Sue Reese Sydney Wirtz	Fall 2025 Librarian Preview with HarperCollins Children's Books Multicultural Materials Resources; CSU Grad Program The Weeding Handbook Weeding Tips: Youth Edition
Circulation Services:	Julie Lombardo Ana Karun	Explore More Illinois Q&A Online - RAILS Assessing Your Technology Environment without IT Staff - RAILS Circulation Users Group
Technical Services:	Amy Weiss	SWAN Fireside Chat
Administration:	Patti Naisbitt Laura Dygus	Rotary Village Tiff Study Session, Public Meeting SWAN Quarterly Directors Meeting Space Planning, Consultation Auditor, Discussion Virtual ILA Directors University: Policies Managing Attendance Challenges with Confidence HR Source Peer Hub

Matt Hennessy

Ask IPBC meeting
GLP-1 Weight Loss Drug Impact on Renewals
ICN for Illinois Libraries
SWAN Fireside Chat

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of June was 51,536, an increase of 6% from June 2024. Registered borrowers number 22,837, which is 66.9% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 18,409