## Library Director's Report July 2022

We had a highly successful Summer Reading Program this year. Our Children's Summer Reading Program registration is 1209 registered (a 46% increase over last year), 866 active participants (a 50% increase over last year), and 4253 badges earned (a 33% increase over last year). The Adult Summer Reading Program had participation of 626 (a 44% increase over last year). And the Teen Summer Reading Program had the largest increase of all, with participation of 180 (a 70% increase over last year.)

Our Adult and Teen Services Manager, George Kalinka, has been helping author Jo Fredell Higgins with her local history book, Woodridge, over the past year. In particular our local history archive of historical images was heavily used in the book, and George helped with locating and scanning these images. The book was recently released and we have 4 copies in our collection; 3 for circulation and one in our reference area. The book is doing well and all of our circulating copies are currently checked out.

## **Library Programs and Services**

Children's: <u>Virtual Programs</u>

The Little Butterfly That Could Storytime, 33

Additional Recording Views from Past Programs, 7/1-7/31, YouTube, 39

In-Person Programs

Popsicle Hangout, 115

Stuffed Animal Sleepover, 41

S'more Fun, 74

Camping Food Creations, 40

Whoo's Up at Night, 16

Movie Matinee, 34

Family Movie, 31

Splish Splash for Babies, 2 sessions, 63

Bingo/Water Fun, 2 sessions, 13

1000 Books Before Kindergarten, 6

Building Blocks for Tots, 33 views, 400 packets

Take & Make Crafts, 2 Projects, 800

Passive: Water Fun Scavenger Hunt, 272 Passive: Outdoor Scavenger Hunt, 65

Summer Reading Club, 1,209 registered, 866 active participants, 4,253 badges earned

## **Adult:** <u>Virtual Programs</u>

Newberry Postcard Collection, 135, YouTube, 88 Visit Starved Rock State Park, 180, YouTube, 132

Views from past virtual programs, 211

#### <u>In-Person Programs</u>

Art Gallery: Kwame Boama Mensa-Aborampa, aka Bernard Mensah

Introduction to Tinkercad, 2 sessions, 10 Create a PowerPoint Photo Album, 4

Outdoor Book Discussion: Magic for Liars by Sarah Gaileyout, 8

Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 16

Bingo Party, 59

Ben Franklin: Historical Reenactment, 27

Music: Kym Frankovelgia, 53 Make Your Own Buttons, 6

Pop Hits of the '60s Music Concert, 34

Summer Reading Program: 626

Adult Take & Make: Notecards, 131
Puzzle Pack: Wheel of Fortune Edition, 211

**Teen:** GOAT Pop Up Pizza Night, 10

Solar S'Mores Oven, 22 Make Your Own Buttons, 2

Teen Take & Make: Origami Slinky Dog, 144

Summer Reading Program: 180

Virtual Community

Outreach: Virtual Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 4 sessions, 15

Services:

E-Resources:

Media on Demand Total: 4,352

Ebooks: 2,585 E-Audiobooks: 1,443 Magazines: 324 Videos: 0

ERead Illinois/Axis 360: 313

Ebooks: 155

E-Audiobooks: 158

HOOPLA: 822 Ebooks: 279 E-Audiobooks: 454

Videos: 63 Music: 26

Kanopy Videos: 296 Plays

TumbleBooks: 2 BookFlix: 11

Home Page Views: 27,993 Curbside Pickup: 86 pickups

Book Bundles for Children: 12 items Interlibrary Loans Received: 2,802

3D Printer Jobs: 5 - average print time: 0:25:12

Reference Questions: 3,215 in Adult/Teen and 1,508 in Children's Public PC Sessions: 1,304 in Adult/Teen and 152 in Children's

Study Rooms: 608 in Adult and 2 in Children's

Outreach Visits: 5

Volunteer Hours: 89.5 for Adult Museum Adventure Passes: 44 Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 29,387

**Displays:** Children's Services Department: Young Readers Choice Awards; Dog Days of Summer;

Independence Day; Shark Awareness Day; World Snake Day6; International Tiger Day; Road Trip

Across America; Nocturnal Animals

**Adult Services Department:** New England Fiction; Disability Pride Month; Binge Boxes; Hot Titles You Might Have Missed; "Celebrity Book Club" books; Beach Reads; Disability Pride Month (Teen display); Well, Now I'm Hungry (Teen display)

# Staff Development and Training

**Adult/Teen Services:** George Kalinka SWAN Fireside Chat

Chris Keefe Weed 'Em and Reap: Getting Your Collection from Awful

to Awesome, WebJunction Makerspace Networking Group

Denise Murray Library Market website training

Brenda O'Brien Harper Collins ALA Book Buzz webinar

Children's Services: Kelly Girard When to Work Schedule training

Booklist webinar: Picture Books

Mary Ann Steinhaus Booklist webinar: Notable & New Nonfiction from Astra

Books for Young Readers. Why We Love Nonfiction-And

You Should Too!

**Circulation Services:** Julie Lombardo SWAN Circ/ILL Office Hours

**SWAN Fireside Chat** 

**Technical Services:** Amy Weiss Library of Congress Subject Headings for Beginners

**CPR Training** 

LACONI Tech Services Section: Unconference

**Administration:** Pam Dubé SWAN Zone 1 Meeting

Matt Hennessy SWAN Fireside Chat

## **Library Operations**

Circulation for the month of July was 46,955, an 8% decrease from July 2021. Registered borrowers number 23,156, which is 67.8% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 14,488