

Library Director's Report July 2025

Information Item #78

Patrons are raving about 2025 mystery-themed summer programs including the *Murder Mystery Masquerade* (94) held July 19 from 6 to 9 p.m., our first after-hours program for adults. *Teen Summer Reading* registration (290) and engagement (145) doubled last year's statistics, clearly due to a trendy prize revamp and new reading log based program, planned by Children's Services and hosted by the Adult & Teen department. Summer storytimes (359), *Royal Balls* (96), *Little Chefs* (200) and a *Bad Guys* (350) finale to the Summer Reading season attracted a wide-range of patrons.

Collaboration across the Library and across the Village is playing an essential role in programming. Ten free and confidential meetings took place during new monthly *Social Worker in the Library Hours*, the local food pantry held free ACT tutoring, and *Stories in the Park* (97) was popular. A Trunk or Treat event to be held in partnership with the Village has been planned and all-Village planning for a November Winterfest continues. Circulation staff were busy with increased checkouts while the Tech Services team actively processed new materials.

Staff celebrated Jessica Smith, recipient of the prestigious 2025 Illinois Library Association's Youth Librarian of the Year Award. Jessica says that the award is the result of tremendous team efforts by Children's staff and each colleague in the Library who supports her creative and outside-the-box ideas. Support and encouragement from patrons, volunteers, and Board Members contributes to the Library's ability to offer impactful programs and services. Residents and Library patrons can take pride in Jessica's award: *their* local public library is out of the ordinary and simply excellent.

Library Programs and Services

Children's: In-Person Programs

Family Storytime & Craft, Beach, 45

Fluffy Kawaii Critters, 49

Movie Matinee, Minecraft, 50

Summer Storytime, 2 sessions, 135

Royal Costume Ball, 2 sessions, 96

Mystery Magic Show, 131

Who Pooped?, 31

Stories in the Park, 96

Little Chef, 2 sessions, 200

Flutterific Butterflies, 57

Deep Blue Goo, 91

Wacky Weather, 49

Littlest Artists, 2 sessions, 76

The Bad Guys: Comic Crime Spree, 350

Bad Guys Scavenger Hunt (passive), 90

All Ages In-House Toys, 155

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Visits, 92

Scavenger Hunt (Mystery Characters), 270

Building Blocks for Tots, 4 packets, 400

Take & Make Crafts, 3 projects, 550

Summer Reading Program Statistics

Little Detectives (Ages 0 – 4), 450 Registered, 309 active, 199 completed

Get a Clue (Ages 5 –12), 1230 Registered, 834 active, 503 completed

Free Book Awarded, 1143

Virtual Programs Past Views, 63

Tween/Teen: Teen Snack and Chat, 16
Dreamy Design: DIY Pillowcases, 6
Murder Mystery, 24
Tween Take and Make, 1 project, 100
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Tween Passive In-House Toys, 195

Teen Summer Reading Program 2025 (vs. 2024)

Registered, 290 (vs. 166)
Active, 145 (vs. 70)
Completed, 113 (vs. 64)
Free Book Awarded, 145 (vs. 0)

Adult:

In-Person Programs

Art Gallery: Carly Palmer
Art Reception: 25
Murder Mystery, 70
Live Music: Rocking the Oldies by The Jersey Brothers, 115
Book Discussion: How to Solve Your Own Murder by Kristen Perrin, 8
Monthly Meditation Group, 9
Senior Craft & Chat Drop-in, 15
Sell Your Stuff Online, 43
Basic Pet First Aid, 36
Kanopy 101, 9
Introduction to Excel, 6
Excel Functions, 8
Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 8
Adult Summer Reading Program Statistics
791 registered, 401 active, 335 completed

Puzzle Pack, 250

All Ages:

Lobby Pool Giveaway Raffle, 603
Schaumburg Boomers Ticket Giveaway Raffle, 36
Coloring Nook Sheets, 1,025

Community Outreach:

Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 4 sessions, 12
In-Library
West Suburban Pantry ACT Tutoring, 2 sessions, 20
Felicia Acosta, Woodridge Police Department, Social Worker in the Library Meetings, 10
Off-Site
Kindercare North, 70

Services:

E-Resources:
Media on Demand Total: 5,995
Ebooks: 2,937
E-Audiobooks: 2,131
Magazines: 927
ERead Illinois/Boundless: 292
Ebooks: 133
E-Audiobooks: 159
HOOPLA: 1,813
Ebooks: 455
E-Audiobooks: 1,146
Videos: 166
Music: 46

Kanopy Videos: 354 Plays
BookFlix: 3
Newspapers: 1,833 issues
Lote4Kids: 6
Scholastic Teachables: 6

Website Users - Home Page Views: 8,127
Curbside Pickup: 23 pickups
Book Bundles for Children: 48 items
Interlibrary Loans Received: 3,314
3D Printer Jobs: 4
Reference Questions: 3,511 in Adult/Teen and 3,290 in Children's
Public PC Sessions: 1,464 in Adult/Teen and 320 in Children's
Study Rooms: 645 in Adult and 30 in Children's
Outreach/Homebound Visits: 8
Volunteer Hours: 72.5 for Adult
Museum Adventure Passes: 37
Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 37,961

Displays: **Children's Services Department:** World Language of the Month Endcap: Korean; Dive into Reading; Mystery/Puzzle Summer; Out of This World; National Moth Week; Shelf and Book Bundles; Teacher Packs; Grab and Go

Adult Services Department: Disability Pride Month; Beach Reads; Stay Away from the Lake; Cookout Cookbooks; Family Reunion Month

Staff Development and Training

Adult/Teen Services:	George Kalinka Savannah Derrig Chris Keefe Dana Kraszczyński Denise Murray Stephanie Larkins	IMRF Webinar Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention Training webinar (NAMI Illinois) Disney Guestology: Learning the Art of Customer Service webinar (ILA Noon Network) Teaching Tech Skills Without a Computer Lab webinar (RAILS) DUX Working Group Meeting - SWAN Generative AI in Libraries: Ethical Dilemmas and Opportunities Teaching Tech Skills Without a Computer Lab webinar (RAILS) ILA Reaching Forward North Conference
Children's Services:	Jessica Smith Jenn Shunt Mary Sue Reese Sarah Wilson	Winterfest Planning Meeting Anderson Kids Litapalooza Winterfest Planning Meeting Multicultural Materials Resources; CSU Grad Program Winterfest Planning Meeting
Circulation Services:	Julie Lombardo Ana Karun	SWAN Fireside Chat Generative AI in Libraries: Ethical Dilemmas and Opportunities ILA Noon Network: Illinois Public Library Standard
Technical Services:	Amy Weiss	Technical Services Networking Group
Administration:	Patti Naisbitt Laura Dygus	Directors' University: Virtual Courses Alera HR - Client Overview

SHRM - Navigating Legal Diversity - Compliance and Inclusion
ILA Noon Network: - Illinois Public Library Standards
Matt Hennessy LACONI Technology Section Group Meeting
Applied Communication Group Introductory Meeting
SWAN Fireside Chat
Assistive Listening Systems Site Visit with Applied Communications Group

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of July was 53,189, an increase of 4% from July 2024. Registered borrowers number 22,824, which is 66.8% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 18,293