Library Director's Report July 2023

Following our most popular Summer Reading program in the last six years, we had a fantastic turnout for our July 29 Mario Party. More than 1,600 people came to the party that featured costumed Mario characters from the popular video game. Games, remote control Mario cars, a movie, and other activities were all part of the fun for young families. We had tremendous volunteer support. Family members of our Staff volunteered to wear costumes and entertain the crowd while teen patrons volunteered to run games.

After the party, we received rave reviews from attendees, for example, "...thank you for setting up this awesome event. The kids had fun and it was very well done," and "Such a fun bash for all! Thank you Woodridge Public Library!" It was a perfect end to our engaging summer programming season. However, kids weren't the only ones enjoying library programs this summer; Sunday music concerts for adults and seniors remain popular, and the adult and teen photo contest received some fabulous entries.

<u>Library Programs and Services</u>

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

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

<u>In-Person Programs</u>

Kawii Creatures, 37

Sensory Taste Bins for Babies, 49

Ben's Bubble Show, 123 Candy & Letter Trains, 74

Princess & Pirate Dance Party, 79

Spy for a Day, 110

Water Color Animal Silhouettes, 21

Dino Storytime, 55 Video Game Trivia, 25 Mario Party, 1,616

Scavenger Hunt (Mario), 350

Summer Reading, Ticket to Adventure (ages 3 to 12) - 1,477 registered, 958 active participants Summer Reading, Little Conductors, (ages 0 to 3) - 166 registered, 79 active participants

1000 Books Before Kindergarten, 5

Building Blocks for Tots, 10 views, 500 packets Take & Make Crafts, 5 Projects, 1,600

Adult: Virtual Programs

Views from previously recorded programs, 320

In-Person Programs

Art Gallery: Image Werks

Introduction to Google Docs, 10

Intermediate Word, 4

Intermediate PowerPoint, 3

Summer Reading, 717 registrants, 261 active participants

Census Genealogy, 20 Haunted Illinois, 47 Beach BINGO, 59

Live Music: Jolly Ringwalds, 92

DIY Edible Arrangements, 64

DIY Bag Tags, 11

Book Discussion, Tangerine by Christine Mangan, 10 2023 Travel Photo Contest (40 participants, 199 photos)

Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 18

Adult Take & Make: Yarn Art, 85 Puzzle Pack: Farm Edition, 215

Tween/Teen: Pizza Lunch & Service, 12, 18 Hours

Mario Party, 7 Volunteers, 17.5 Hours Take & Make: Jawsome Craft, 120 Tie Dye Craft Take Home, 9

Summer Reading - 143 registered, 71 active participants

All Ages:

Tiny Art Show, 440 registrants, 249 active participants

Summer Raffle, Stingray, 694 Summer Raffle, Whale, 470

Community

Outreach: Stories in the Park, 105

Woodridge North Kinder Care, 2 sessions, 120

Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 4 sessions, 20

Services:

E-Resources:

Media on Demand Total: 4,719

Ebooks: 2,758 E-Audiobooks: 1,562 Magazines: 399 ERead Illinois/Axis 360: 248

Ebooks: 99

E-Audiobooks: 149

HOOPLA: 981 Ebooks: 366 E-Audiobooks: 532

Videos: 50 Music: 33

Kanopy Videos: 245 Plays

BookFlix: 10

Website Users: 7,385

Curbside Pickup: 37 pickups

Book Bundles for Children: 49 items Interlibrary Loans Received: 2,913

3D Printer Jobs: 2 - average print time: 1:28:30

Reference Questions: 4,237 in Adult/Teen and 2,882 in Children's Public PC Sessions: 1,426 in Adult/Teen and 194 in Children's

Study Rooms: 644 in Adult and 6 in Children's

Outreach Visits: 8

Volunteer Hours: 88.5 for Adult Museum Adventure Passes: 52 Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 28,812

Displays: Children's Services Department: Family Movie Night; READBOX; Dog Days of Summer; Spy

Display; Wheelie Good Books; All Things Disney; Colors; Shelf Bundles; Grab n' Go; Teacher

Pack

Adult Services Department: Disability Pride; Journaling; Short Books for Fast Reading (Teen Display); Summer Reads (books with "summer" in the title) (Teen Display); Always Rooting for

the Anti Hero; Beach; Sharks; Once Upon a Crime

Staff Development and Training

Adult/Teen Services: George Kalinka From Al Fear to Excitement: Skills to Develop to Stay in

Demand webinar

Savannah Derrig Balancing Books and Social Issues: Homelessness and

Trauma webinar

Creating a Restorative Library Culture webinar

Libraries Contribute to Resilient Communities webinar Putting the Public Back in Public Libraries: Community-

Led Libraries webinar

Chris Keefe Definitely Disruptive AI: New Tools, New Challenges

webinar

Libraries in the Age of AI: A Primer webinar

Children's Services: Megan Bauer SEL Books

Booklist Webinar: Fall 2023 Series Nonfiction
Elizabeth Burns Booklist Webinar: Fall 2023 Series Nonfiction
Jennifer Shunt MacKids School and Library Fall preview

Random House Children's Book Fall preview

Circulation Services: Julie Lombardo Middle Managers (ATLAS)

SWAN Fireside Chat

Technical Services: Amy Weiss SWAN Cataloging Advisory Meeting

SWAN Fireside Chat

Administration: Patti Naisbitt Woodridge Warhol Planning: West-Suburban

Pantry/Village of Woodridge/Library

Laura Dygus Human Resources Association of Greater Oak Brook -

Member Roundtable

Compensation Planning Season Intermittent FMLA Management

Matt Hennessy SWAN Fireside Chat

Kim Neidermyer Woodridge Warhol Planning: West-Suburban

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Library Operations

Circulation for the month of July was 48,000, an increase of 2% from July 2022. Registered borrowers number 24,040, which is 70.4% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 18,382