

**Library Director's Report
August 2025**

Information Item #87

Fun material displays, "Dogs vs. Cats" and "Taylor and Travis," set the tone for a month filled with engaging pop-up displays and programs, toys, new crafts, and rewarding staff development opportunities. Staff members shared pictures of their own pets—reading of course—and patrons had the option to vote for their favorite, while Taylor Swift fans checked out every available book DVD, or magazine highlighting the multi-media star. The Lisle/Woodridge Fire Department gave the Staff an "A" during a fire drill and first-aid training at the well-attended In-Service on August 29. A demonstration of NARCAN and using an AED led to plans for making other safety resources available in the Library. 15 staffers attended the SWAN EXPO, which included a useful program about "Library of Things" collections as well as a serious discussion about challenges facing libraries and the need to continue highlighting the value of every library.

Library Programs and Services

Children's: In-Person Programs

Family Storytime & Craft, Pirates, 43
Back to School Checkout Challenge, 183
Family Art Studio, 60
Spanish Language Storytime, 26
Summer Storytime, 2 sessions, 56
Snacky Science, 55
Rock the School Year, 216
Stories in the Park, 87
All Ages In-House Toys, 113

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Visits, 43
Scavenger Hunt, 157
Building Blocks for Tots, 4 packets, 400
Take & Make Crafts, 3 projects, 550

Virtual Programs Past Views, 83
Virtual Prize Basket Drawing, 8

Tween/Teen: Teen Snack and Chat, 8
 Tween Throwback Thursday, 10
 Teen Pizza and Service, 20
 Tween Take and Make, 1 project, 100
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Adult: In-Person Programs

Art Gallery: Laura Lin
Art Reception: 60
Live Music: Memphis to Vegas by Hugo Colin, 123
Book Discussion: "The Other Black Girl" by Zakiya Dalila Harris, 4
Monthly Meditation Group, 7
Senior Knit & Crochet Social, 7
Sweet & Spicy Summer Trivia, 30
Fruit-themed Coaster Painting Craft, 25
Demystifying AI, 12
Introduction to Google Docs, 6
Introduction to Google Drive, 8
Introduction to Google Sheets, 9
Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 17

Puzzle Pack, 250

All Ages: Lobby Pool Float Drawing, 2 drawings, 883
Coloring Nook Sheets, 790

Community Outreach: Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 4 sessions, 12
In-Library
West Suburban Pantry Tutoring, 2 sessions, 36
Felicia Acosta, Woodridge Police Department, Social Worker in the Library Meetings, 8
Off-Site
Kindercare North, 51
District 68, 30

Services: E-Resources:
Media on Demand Total: 5,517
Ebooks: 2,612
E-Audiobooks: 1,924
Magazines: 981
ERead Illinois/Boundless: 391
Ebooks: 185
E-Audiobooks: 206
HOOPLA: 1,880
Ebooks: 478
E-Audiobooks: 1,198
Videos: 152
Music: 52
Kanopy Videos: 353 Plays
BookFlix: 3
Newspapers: 1,813 issues
Lete4Kids: 2
Scholastic Teachables: 11

Website Users - Home Page Views: 8,826
Curbside Pickup: 24 pickups
Book Bundles for Children: 19 items
Interlibrary Loans Received: 3,018
3D Printer Jobs: 0
Reference Questions: 3,704 in Adult/Teen and 1,342 in Children's
Public PC Sessions: 1,535 in Adult/Teen and 200 in Children's
Study Rooms: 594 in Adult and 26 in Children's
Outreach/Homebound Visits: 11
Volunteer Hours: 68.5 for Adult
Museum Adventure Passes: 48
Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 33,654

Displays: **Children's Services Department:** Back to School Book Challenge; Reading Give You All the Feels; World Language of the Month: Lithuanian; Dogs vs. Cats; Colorful Cinema; Wonderful Water; Taylor and Travis; Shelf and Book Bundles; Teacher Packs; Grab and Go

Adult Services Department: Dog/Cat Days of Summer; Beach Reads & Stay Away from the Lake; Taylor Swift; Orange Book Covers; Music (Teen Display); Back to School

Lobby: Autumn

Staff Development and Training

Adult/Teen Services:	George Kalinka Savannah Derrig Chris Keefe Kate Lagerstrom Dee LaPorta Kathleen Leaf Linda Montalvo	}	Staff In-Service - Emergency Preparedness
	George Kalinka Savannah Derrig Chris Keefe Kathleen Leaf Denise Murray Stephanie Larkins		
	Chris Keefe		From Startups to Libraries: Experimentation as a Catalyst for Change (RAILS) webinar
	Kate Lagerstrom Denise Murray		Library Journal Fall Mystery Preview webinar SWAN's Patron Point webinar
Children's Services:	Jessica Smith Jo Bulin Elizabeth Burns Carrie Erickson Kristina Grudem Donna Karlinski Marj Nicoletti Jenn Shunt Mary Ann Steinhaus Sarah Wilson Sydney Wirtz	}	Staff In-Service - Emergency Preparedness
	Mary Ann Steinhaus Sydney Wirtz		The Metacognitive Preschooler webinar Booklist DK Fall Preview webinar
	Jessica Smith Sarah Wilson Jenn Shunt	}	Village of Woodridge Winterfest/Trunk or Treat
Circulation Services:	Julie Lombardo		SWAN Fireside Chat Patron Point Verify Orientation
	Ana Karun Sabrina Kahren		Patron Point Verify Orientation SWAN Expo Patron Point Verify Orientation
	Blake Kirkman Chloe Mason Aziz Shakir Brendan Weaver	}	SWAN Expo
	Kara Higley-Kubik Sabrina Kahren Ana Karun Blake Kirkman Julie Lombardo Edita Meilkeine Eileen Neuffer Michele Sarussi	}	Staff In-Service - Emergency Preparedness

Aziz Shakir
Dee Thurman
Brendan Weaver

Technical Services:	Amy Weiss	RAILS Hiring Better: Building Smarter Recruitment Practices in Your Library SWAN Expo
	Tess Forbes	SWAN Expo Staff In-Service - Emergency Preparedness
	Dulce Polivka	Staff In-Service - Emergency Preparedness
Administration:	Patti Naisbitt	Staff In-Service - Emergency Preparedness In-Person Directors University: Bloomington, IL Rotary: Duck Dash Village of Woodridge Winterfest/Trunk or Treat
	Laura Dygus	RAILS - Building Smarter Recruitment Practices at Your Library SHRM - Natural Disasters and Business Continuity: HR's Critical Role SHRM - The Care Economy: How Supporting Working Caregivers Support Your Business
	Matt Hennessy	Staff In-Service - Emergency Preparedness LACONI Technology Section Group Meeting SWAN Expo 2025 SWAN Fireside Chat IT Roundtable RAILS West Group Meeting
	Kyle Bradshaw	Staff In-Service - Emergency Preparedness
	Jose Espino Deb Fowler	Staff In-Service - Emergency Preparedness

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of August was 46,849, an increase of 5% from August 2024. Registered borrowers number 22,712, which is 66.5% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 15,180