

**Library Director's Report
September 2025**

Information Item #99

We celebrated grandparents (69), pirates (60), and engineers (Marshmallow Builders 56), learned to make delicious foods (Tasty Masterpieces 60, Street Tacos 48), and when the kids went back to school in September, the Children's department went back to offering outreach at the Park District's after-school KIDZ Squad (126). The Community Helper Fire Fighter to the Rescue (176) storytime delighted everyone with an elaborate "put out the fire" obstacle course, and other September highlights include a Sunday afternoon Chair Yoga for adults (25), College Applications (21), and an evening Family Storytime (60). A full schedule of in-demand Baby Lapsits, Toddler Times, and preschool programs continues to be offered each week.

New! Woodridge residents may now sign up for a library card online. When an address is verified as being in the Woodridge Public Library's service area, a barcode will be emailed out within 15 minutes. If there are any issues with the address or the patron already has a library card, an email with more information will be sent out.

Library Programs and Services

Children's: In-Person Programs
Family Storytime & Craft, 60
Preschool Play & Learn: Alphapalooza, 33
Grandparent Day Celebration, 69
Wicked Watercolors, 24
Little Pumpkins Playtime, 50
Pirate Parrrrty, 60
Pirate Parrrrty Raffle, 35
Tasty Masterpiece, 60
Community Helper Storytime and Play, 176
Color "Fall" Leaves, 31
Marshmallow Master Builders, 56
DuPage ROE Storytime, 6
School Field Trip, 21
All Ages In-House Toys, 83
Baby Lapsit, 6 sessions, 146
Toddler Time, 11 sessions, 429
Preschool Storytime, 8 sessions, 177

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Visits, 42
Scavenger Hunt, 131
Building Blocks for Tots, 4 packets, 400
Take & Make Crafts, 2 projects, 250

Virtual Programs Past Views, 23

Tween/Teen: Teen Snack and Chat, 8
Teen - College Application Process, 21
Teen Volunteer Opportunity, 3 sessions, 18
Tween/Teen Take and Make, 1 project, 100

Adult: In-Person Programs
Art Gallery: Grace Liang & Dr. Yeongchi Wu
Art Reception: 35
Live Music: Timeless Classics by Dina Bach, 90

Book Discussion: "The Island of Missing Trees" by Elif Shafak, 7
Traditional Mexican Street Tacos with Chef Violeta Trujeque, 48
Fabulous Fall Bookmarks, 32
Chair Yoga Workshop, 25
3D Design with Tinkercad, 7
Intermediate Excel, 7
Introduction to Excel, 5
Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 22

Virtual Programs

Illinois Libraries Present: Finding the Clues: Then and Now with Steve Burns, 9

Puzzle Pack, 385

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

Community Outreach: Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 5 sessions, 15
In-Library
West Suburban Pantry Tutoring, 2 sessions, 20
Felicia Acosta, Woodridge Police Department, Social Worker in the Library Meetings, 4
Off-Site
KIDZ Squad/ARC, 126
District 68, 21

Services: E-Resources:
Media on Demand Total: 5,330
Ebooks: 2,362
E-Audiobooks: 1,958
Magazines: 1,010
ERead Illinois/Boundless: 335
Ebooks: 170
E-Audiobooks: 165
HOOPLA: 1,794
Ebooks: 451
E-Audiobooks: 1,162
Videos: 120
Music: 61
Kanopy Videos: 402 Plays
BookFlix: 33
Newspapers: 2,342 issues
Lote4Kids: 0
Scholastic Teachables: 9

Website Users - Home Page Views: 8,133
Curbside Pickup: 14 pickups
Book Bundles for Children: 14 items
Interlibrary Loans Received: 2,887
3D Printer Jobs: 8
Reference Questions: 3,262 in Adult/Teen and 1,159 in Children's
Public PC Sessions: 1,514 in Adult/Teen and 101 in Children's
Study Rooms: 631 in Adult and 17 in Children's
Outreach/Homebound Visits: 12
Volunteer Hours: 75.5 for Adult
Museum Adventure Passes: 39
Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 31,558

Displays: **Children's Services Department:** Get in the Groove (music and movement books); Patron Picks; Cool Movies You Might Have Missed; All About Migration; Fat Bear Week; Hispanic Heritage Month; Pirate Display; Shelf and Book Bundles; Teacher Packs; Grab and Go

Adult Services Department: Classical Music Month; Hispanic Heritage Month (Endcap Display and Teen Display); A Sight for Sore Eyes

Lobby: Halloween

Staff Development and Training

Adult/Teen Services:	Chris Keefe	GenAI in Higher Ed: Adoption and Literacy Education Approaches & Challenges webinar
	Savannah Derrig	Talk Saves Lives: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention DuPage Narcan Program: Recognition, Response & Administration of Naloxone (Narcan) Suicide Prevention Summit 2025 Understanding Grief and Building Resilience: Tools for Helping & Healing
Children's Services:	Jessica Smith	Winterfest Meeting
	Elizabeth Burns	SWAN My Learning Online Course: Placing, Canceling, & Modifying Holds
	Carrie Erickson	SWAN My Learning Online Course: Placing, Canceling, & Modifying Holds
	Kristina Grudem	Poison Control Training SWAN My Learning Online Course: Placing, Canceling, & Modifying Holds
	Mary Sue Reese	Libraries and Technology Class (report on OverDrive) Intro to Library Science Profession graduate course
	Jenn Shunt	Must-Add Middle Grade Booklist DK's Fall Preview SWAN My Learning Online Course: Placing, Canceling, & Modifying Holds
	Mary Ann Steinhaus	Oral Language: The Hidden Barrier to Reading Success SWAN My Learning Online Course: Placing, Canceling, & Modifying Holds
	Sarah Wilson	Winterfest Meeting
	Sydney Wirtz	Picture Book Party webinar
Circulation Services:	Julie Lombardo	SWAN Fireside Chat
	Ana Karun	RAILS Library of Things RAILS Building Stronger Multi-Generational Teams RAILS Up or Out: Getting Employees Back on Track
Technical Services:	Amy Weiss	RAILS Library of Things Amazon Business: New Solutions for Libraries SWAN Acquisitions & Cataloging Network Group Make a Bigger Impact: Using iPage to Improve Library Services
	Tess Forbes	LACONI TSS: Book Repair Make a Bigger Impact: Using iPage to Improve Library Services
	Dulce Polivka	LACONI TSS: Book Repair

Administration:

Patti Naisbitt

Laura Dygus

Matt Hennessy

SWAN Quarterly Meeting

HR Source - Supporting Working Caregivers

ComPsych - EAP - Giving Effective Feedback in Personal
or Work Situations

LACONI Technology Section Group Meeting

RAILS Library of Things

SWAN Fireside Chat

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of September was 44,176, an increase of 3% from September 2024.

Registered borrowers number 23,042, which is 67.5% of the jurisdictional population.

People/Door Count for month: 15,067