Library Director's Report September 2023

A big improvement to the walkways around the Library building was made over several days in September during a major sidewalk and concrete project. As a safety precaution, we advised patrons that, if possible, they should delay their library visits—until work ended for the day, or until later in the week. During this time, areas of the parking lot and the Library's south facing entrance were closed, but the Library remained open. Preschoolers attending fall storytimes loved seeing the big trucks and construction work, and Public Works provided play construction hats for the kids. Overall, the project was completed very swiftly, with little disruption to Library services.

The Children's Department had a successful start to fall programming that included making important age-range and program title changes for some baby and toddler programs, based on feedback from parents and staff. In addition to weekly baby, toddler and preschool storytimes (seven per week), we hosted a fun baby and toddler party for 73 people, added a monthly take home project just for babies, and renamed a monthly program which is drawing a lot of attention, "Preschool Play & Learn," for three- to five-year-olds.

Library Programs and Services

Children's: Virtual Programs

Additional Recording Views from Past Programs, 9/1-9/30, YouTube, 11

<u>In-Person Programs</u>

Preschool Play & Learn, 30
No School Movie Afternoon, 100
Grandparents & Me Storytime, 36
DIY Felt Library Cardholder, 13
Ultimate Family Game Night, 37
StickerPalooza, 29
Fall Bingo, 2 sessions, 47
Party with Your Baby or Toddler, 73
STEAM: Heart Science, 30
Scavenger Hunt (Fall), 141
Baby Lapsit, 6 sessions, 194
Toddler Time, 12 sessions, 238

1000 Books Before Kindergarten, 3

Preschool Storytime, 6 sessions, 129

Building Blocks for Tots, 28 views, 4 packets, 400 Take & Make Crafts, 4 Projects, 550

Adult: Virtual Programs

Views from previously recorded programs, 947 Illinois Libraries Present - Power of Story, Colson Whitehead, 36

In-Person Programs

Art Gallery: Marj Nicoletti Excel Pivot Tables, 9 Introduction to Excel, 2 Introduction to Word, 1 Sound Meditation, 40 Bingo, 87

Medicare 101, 19

Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 21 Puzzle Pack: Autumn Edition, 225 Adult & Teen Take & Make, 125 Tween/Teen: Tween Takeover, 59

Pizza Lunch & Service, 12

All Ages: Library Card Sign Up Month Raffle, 44

Community

Outreach: Stories in the Park, 62

Jefferson Jr. High's Newcomers Night, 25

Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 4 sessions, 49

Warhol/West Suburban Pantry Food Drive, 1,000 pounds collected community-wide

Services:

E-Resources:

Media on Demand Total: 4,604

Ebooks: 2,481 E-Audiobooks: 1,565 Magazines: 558 ERead Illinois/Axis 360: 338

Ebooks: 184

E-Audiobooks: 154

HOOPLA: 1,179 Ebooks: 445 E-Audiobooks: 657 Videos: 50

Music: 27

Kanopy Videos: 290 Plays

BookFlix: 116

Website Users: 8,092

Curbside Pickup: 39 pickups

Book Bundles for Children: 33 items Interlibrary Loans Received: 3,122

3D Printer Jobs: 1 - average print time: 1:30:00

Reference Questions: 3,444 in Adult/Teen and 931 in Children's Public PC Sessions: 1,269 in Adult/Teen and 224 in Children's

Study Rooms: 621 in Adult and 16 in Children's

Outreach Visits: 7

Volunteer Hours: 93.25 for Adult Museum Adventure Passes: 30 Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 26.268

Displays: Children's Services Department: Beginning Chapter Books; Hispanic Heritage Month;

Grandparent's Day; Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur; Fantasy; STEAMtember; Talk Like a Pirate

Day; Library Card Sign Up; Shelf Bundles; Online Bundles; Grab n' Go; Teacher Packs

Adult Services Department: Classical Music Month; Hot titles You Might Have Missed;

Hispanic Heritage Month; Self-Care September

Staff Development and Training

Adult/Teen Services: George Kalinka The Synergy of Al and EQ: Five Emotional Intelligence

Strategies Every Leader Should Implement webinar Let Freedom Read: How to Take a Stand for Intellectual Freedom & Support Fellow Library Workers in Illinois

and Across the Nation webinar Library Furniture International

Savannah Derrig Meeting the Needs of Those with Alzheimer's and

Dementia webinar

Chris Keefe The Synergy of Al and EQ: Five Emotional Intelligence

Strategies Every Leader Should Implement webinar Let Freedom Read: How to Take a Stand for Intellectual Freedom & Support Fellow Library Workers in Illinois

and Across the Nation webinar

Mind-blowing PowerPoint. No, Really! webinar Stop Overthinking and Eliminate Decision Fatigue

webinar

Dana Kraszczynski How to Facilitate Better Meetings

PDA: Let Freedom Read webinar

Kate Lagerstrom Let Freedom Read: How to Take a Stand for Intellectual

Freedom & Support Fellow Library Workers in Illinois

and Across the Nation webinar

Children's Services: Jessica Smith Meeting with Elizabeth Davis of District 68 LRC

Meeting with Rob Innes from Children's Plus

Elizabeth Burns Meeting with Rob Innes from Children's Plus

Canva for Beginners

Carrie Erickson Meeting with Rob Innes from Children's Plus

Canva for Beginners

Jennifer Shunt Chapter Books and Early Reader Booklist

Lee and Low Fall 23/Sprint 24 Preview Middle Grade Latest and Greatest

Mary Ann Steinhaus Meeting with Rob Innes from Children's Plus

Libraries in Response - Libraries and AI: Boon or Doom

Sarah Wilson Meeting with Elizabeth Davis of District 68 LRC

Level Up Your Facilitation Skills for Better Meetings

Circulation Services: Julie Lombardo Boundless Training

SWAN Fireside Chat

SWAN EXPO

SWAN Online Learning:

Circulation Basics

Kara Higley-Kubik Pc

Eileen Neuffer

Patron Management Holds Daily Processing Resource Sharing in SWAN

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Technical Services: Amy Weiss SWAN Acquisitions & Cataloging Users Group

SWAN Fireside Chat

SLUI (SirsiDynix Library Users of Illinois)

Administration: Patti Naisbitt SWAN Quarterly Administrators Update

Exterior Renovation Meeting--Williams Architects, FQC Quarterly Vil. Of Woodridge Administrators' Meeting

IPBC Health Insurance Meeting Library Furniture International

Laura Dygus HR Source – Benchmarking

Matt Hennessy CDW-G

SWAN Fireside Chat

SWAN Technology Update

Deb Fowler Exterior Renovation Meeting--Williams Architects, FQC

Kim Neidermyer Meeting with Elizabeth Davis of District 68 LRC

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of September was 39,491, a decrease of 2% from September 2022. Registered borrowers number 24,167, which is 70.8% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 13,018