

Halloween programming was a huge success, with over a thousand visits to our first-ever indoor Haunted House. Preschoolers, early elementary school children, parents, and grandparents were amazed at the high quality, immersive decorations and family-friendly design. Kids walked through a safe-to-touch glowing maze packed with motion-sensor characters, a pumpkin patch for perfect photos, a funny graveyard, and a mad scientist lab for older siblings. 125 people attended our Monster Mash Family Dance parties, while adults enjoyed Horror trivia and a Ghost Garland craft night, continuing the trend that Halloween is not just for kids!

Important planning has begun with School District 68 on efforts to make getting a Woodridge Public Library card an "opt-in" feature of registering for school, and on possible school-day field trips to the Library for special events. The Park District partnership continues with a good turnout for the October Stories in the Park, held at the Library due to weather. The Park District has asked us to share the results from our Teen Focus Group, in which over 40 teens participated by completing a survey after touring the Teen Area and talking with staff.

Library Programs and Services

Children's:

Virtual Programs

Additional Recording Views from Past Programs, 10/1-10/31, YouTube, 7

In-Person Programs

Fall Into Autumn - Paint a Beautiful Fall Tree, 68
Monster Bingo, 2 sessions, 75
Preschool Play & Learn: Get Moving!, 37
Frankenstein's Monster, 34
Solar Eclipse Viewing, 102
Scavenger Hunt (Fall pictures), 119
Can you Cause a Chain Reaction?, 8
Spooky Stories in the Dark, 13
Spooktacular Halloween Legos, 17
Monster Mash Family Dance Party, 2 sessions, 125
Family Friendly Haunted House, 3 sessions, 1,119
Halloween Family Storytime & Craft, 122
Trick or Treating, 199
Baby Lapsit, 6 sessions, 171
Toddler Time, 12 sessions, 214
Preschool Storytime, 6 sessions, 84
1000 Books Before Kindergarten, 9

Building Blocks for Tots, 24 views, 5 packets, 500
Take & Make Crafts, 4 Projects, 550

Adult:

Virtual Programs

Views from previously recorded programs, 971
Illinois Libraries Present - Chills & Thrills: Stephen Graham Jones, 21
Illinois Libraries Present - Food, Family, and Folktales: A Conversation with Grace Lin, 21
3D Printing: The Future is Now, 8

In-Person Programs

Art Gallery: Annual Woodridge Artists
Woodridge Artists Reception, 50
Introduction to Tinkercad, 1
Ghost Tassel Garland, 19
Horror Trivia, 11
Live Music: TV Land: Your Favorite TV Theme Songs--Live!, 78

Library Book Discussion: The Girls in the Stilt House by Kelly Mustian, 10
Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 20
Puzzle Pack: Autumn Edition, 225
Adult & Teen Take & Make, 100

Tween/Teen: Tween Survival Bracelet, 30
Teen Focus Group, 42

Community

Outreach: Stories in the Park, 79
Totschool Storytime, 2 sessions, 63
Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 5 sessions, 55

Services:

E-Resources:
Media on Demand Total: 5,264
Ebooks: 2,466
E-Audiobooks: 1,560
Magazines: 1,238
ERead Illinois/Axis 360: 288
Ebooks: 137
E-Audiobooks: 151
HOOPLA: 1,145
Ebooks: 387
E-Audiobooks: 671
Videos: 62
Music: 25
Kanopy Videos: 298 Plays
BookFlix: 44

Website Users: 8,681
Curbside Pickup: 30 pickups
Book Bundles for Children: 33 items
Interlibrary Loans Received: 2,842
3D Printer Jobs: 0
Reference Questions: 3,547 in Adult/Teen and 1,110 in Children's
Public PC Sessions: 1,173 in Adult/Teen and 122 in Children's
Study Rooms: 745 in Adult and 23 in Children's
Outreach Visits: 8
Volunteer Hours: 99.5 for Adult
Museum Adventure Passes: 35
Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 21,180

Displays:

Children's Services Department: Note-Worthy Books; Fall into a Good Book; 5 Reading Pumpkins (Halloween); Look Whoooo's UP all Night; Shelf Bundles; Online Bundles; Grab n' Go; Teacher Packs

Adult Services Department: Hispanic Heritage Month; Let's Get Crafty; Bewitching Reads; Spellbinding Reads (Teens); Carve Out Time to Read; Freedom to Read (banned fiction titles); Fall Into Reading

Staff Development and Training

Adult/Teen Services: George Kalinka Responding to & Investigating Hoax Bomb Threats & Swatting - FBI webinar

Savannah Derrig Balancing Books and Social Issues: Homelessness and

		Trauma webinar
		Literacy and Community-Building for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities
		Strengthening Communities: Food Access at Your Library
	Chris Keefe	Complete Google Workspace (G Suite), Beginner - Advanced webinar
		Learn Google Docs in an Hour - Udemy webinar
		Power Excel - Pryor+ webinar
	Dana Kraszczyński	Book Challenges on the Rise: Support Your Freedom to Read webinar
		Paid Leave for Allo Workers Act webinar
	Kate Lagerstrom	Library Journal Day of Dialogue: Fiction - A Touch of Magic, Thrillers
Children's Services:	Megan Bauer	The Best in Fall Nonfiction - Part 1
		Digital Dish: Boundless by Baker & Taylor
		Key Ways Digital Books Create Better Reading Accessibility
	Elizabeth Burns	Booklist: Fall in Love with Series Nonfiction
	Carrie Erickson	Booklist: Rally for the right to Read
	Kristina Grudem	Booklist: Fall in Love with Series Nonfiction
	Paula Leonard	Canva tutorial
	Jennifer Shunt	Random House Children's Books Spring 2024 Preview
	Sarah Wilson	District 68 LRC Outreach Meeting
	Jessica Smith	District 68 LRC Outreach Meeting
Circulation Services:	Julie Lombardo	SWAN ILL Users Group
		SWAN Fireside Chat
		School District 68: Cards for All Students Meeting
Technical Services:	Amy Weiss	Circulation & technical Services Networking Group
		SWAN Cataloging Advisory Group
		Illinois Library Association 2023 Conference
Administration:	Patti Naisbitt	Woodridge Rotary, MOMA Luncheon
		School District 68: Cards for All Students Meeting
		Skokie Public Library, School District Liaison Consult
		Woodridge Artists Show
		Facilities Walkthrough, Former DG99 Facilities Manager
		Village of Woodridge Cable Interview
		SWAN Directors' Coffee
	Laura Dygus	HR Source - Peer Hub Libraries
		Human Resources Association of Greater Oak Brook - Labor Law Updates 2024
	Matt Hennessy	FBI: Responding to & Investigating Hoax Bomb Threats & Swatting webinar
		Impact Networking - Cybersecurity Audit Discovery Meeting
		PCDataNet - Cybersecurity Audit Discussion Meeting
		SWAN Fireside Chat
	Deb Fowler	FOIA for Public Bodies webinar
		Open Meetings Act: Better Understanding & Compliance webinar
		Woodridge Artists Show
	Kim Neidermyer	School District 68: Cards for All Students Meeting
		District 68 LRC Outreach Meeting

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of October was 40,924, a decrease of 1% from October 2022. Registered borrowers number 24,149, which is 70.1% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 14,228