Library Director's Report March 2023

March was an incredibly sad month for the Woodridge Public Library, with the passing of Library Director Pam Dubé. While we struggled with the deep sadness and shock of losing Pam, her status as a widely admired Director and a kind and spirited person brought us some consolation as we received an outpouring of condolences and tributes. The Woodridge flag in Town Center flew at half-mast in Pam's honor and many people stopped by the Library to write a note to the family or contribute memorial funds. We are considering ways to recognize Pam's impact and lasting influence on the WPL community.

Happy kids and families also flowed through our doors for one great spring break program after the next. The *Dogman Book Release Party* was a new venture for us, and with over 200 attendees, it was a hit with older children and tweens. Our trendy *Glow Art* program added a second session to meet the big demand—we saw 519 program goers in just one week. As we return to another prepandemic tradition, 400 Irish dancing fans packed the Lobby March 11.

Library Programs and Services

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

Additional Recording Views from Past Programs, 3/1-3/31, YouTube, 97

In-Person Programs

Totally Tots: Me & My World, 27

Music Babies, 14

Glow in the Dark Circuits, 16

Can You Build a Bridge with Legos, 20

Book Magic: Gold Rush, 15

Toe tappin toddlers, 2 sessions, 56

Lucky Bingo, 2 sessions, 40

Scavenger Hunt (Leprechaun), 220

Scavenger Hunt (DogMan), 236

Chalk Time, 12

Ladybugs & Bees Rock Painting, 2 sessions, 115

Cherry Blossom Tree, 61

DogMan Party, 202

Coffee Filter Animals, 27

Glow Art, 2 sessions, 102

Van Gogh for Kids, 12

Baby Lapsit I, 20

Baby Lapsit II, 39

Toddler Time, 250

Preschool Storytime, 122

1000 Books Before Kindergarten, 3

Building Blocks for Tots, 8 views, 400 packets

Take & Make Crafts, 3 Projects, 600

Adult: Virtual Programs

Severe Weather Preparedness, with Brett Borchardt @ NWS, 143 Live, Recorded Views from previously recorded programs, 84

In-Person Programs

Introduction to MS Word, 8 Introduction to MS Excel, 12

Live Music: Saddle Shoe Sisters Live Music, 135

Library Book Discussion: Yours Cheerfully by AJ Pearce, 14

Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 21

Adult Lucky BINGO Night, 85 Senior Housing 101, 25

Adult & Teen Take & Make: Macramé Lucky Charm, 165

Puzzle Pack: Brain Games Edition, 200

Tween/Teen: Take & Make: Cat Fascinator, 87

Pizza & Service Night, 11 Teen Volunteers, 31.5 hours

All Ages: Trinity Irish Dancers, 400

Community

Outreach: Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 5 sessions, 18

Virtual: GPS (Glenbard Parent Series) BHM: Motivating & Supporting All Students, 95

TEACH Tutor Training, 2 sessions, 20

School Visit (Edgewood Elementary School), 90 School Visit (Goodrich Elementary School), 40 School Visit (John L. Sipley Elementary School), 100 School Visit (Meadowview Elementary School), 80 School Visit (William F. Murphy Elementary School), 95 School Visit (Willow Creek Elementary School), 82

Services:

E-Resources:

Media on Demand Total: 4,200

Ebooks: 2,538 E-Audiobooks: 1,316 Magazines: 346 ERead Illinois/Axis 360: 288

> Ebooks: 133 E-Audiobooks: 155

HOOPLA: 1077 Ebooks: 384 E-Audiobooks: 581 Videos: 66

Music: 46

Kanopy Videos: 477 Plays

TumbleBooks: Discontinued at the end of February

BookFlix: 14

Website Users*: 7,968

Curbside Pickup: 52 pickups Book Bundles for Children: 54 items Interlibrary Loans Received: 3,473

3D Printer Jobs: 3 - average print time: 2:21:40

Reference Questions: 3,938 in Adult/Teen and 1,055 in Children's Public PC Sessions: 1,393 in Adult/Teen and 159 in Children's

Study Rooms: 743 in Adult and 22 in Children's

Outreach Visits: 11

Volunteer Hours: 104.5 for Adult Museum Adventure Passes: 32 Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 29,716

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Displays: Children's Services Department: Plant a Seed Read; National Craft Month; Ramadan; St.

> Patrick's Day; RISE: A Feminist Book Project & Women's History Month; Spring Green Fiction; Strong Female Characters Fiction; Me & My World; Green Books; Eggcited to Read; Spring

into Sports; Grab & Go; Book Bundles; Teacher Pak

Adult Services Department: Discover Irish Authors; Enjoy National Humor Month; Some of My Favorite Books; First in a Series (Teen Display); Green Books for Good Luck (Teen Display); Binge Boxes; Hot Title You Might Have Missed; Women's History Month; March Into a Great Series

Lobby: Women's History Month, Spring Photo Backdrop, Memorial Table

Staff Development and Training

Adult/Teen Services: Georae Kalinka iSolved Time Card Training

> Chris Keefe Hot Topics in Consumer Protection

The Best of New Library Technology

Brenda O'Brien Penguin Random House Book Buzz

Alma Book Buzz

Children's Services: Jessica Smith iSolved University: Employee Video Training (Part 3)

Rob Innes - Children's Plus

Megan Bauer SLJ's Spring Nonficition Preview: Part One

Elizabeth Burns iSolved University: Employee Video Training (Part 3)

Rob Innes - Children's Plus

Carrie Erickson iSolved University: Employee Video Training (Part 3)

Paula Leonard ABLE-3Building a Collection

iSolved University: Employee Video Training (Part 3)

Jennifer Shunt Powerful Stories in Verse

Stories You Can't Put Down

iSolved University: Employee Video Training (Part 3) Mary Ann Steinhaus

Rob Innes - Children's Plus

Circulation Services: SWAN Circulation/ILL/Outreach Office Hours Julie Lombardo

Jill Hatzer

SWAN Fireside Chat

RAILS Member Update iSolved Time Training

Ana Karun Searching in WorkFlows Sabrina Kahren iSolved Time Training Stephanie Larkins Sexual Harassment Training Kay Minniti ATLAS Middle Mangers

Searching in WorkFlows

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Dee Thurman SWAN Circulation/ILL/Outreach Office Hours

Technical Services: Amy Weiss LACONI Technical Services Section: Cataloging A/V

with revised RDA

Middle Managers Roundtable

ILA Noon Network: Inventory Isn't Scary

Administration: Nancy Bandusky iSolved Time Card & Virtual Time Clock Training Laura Dygus

Human Resources Assoc. of Greater Oak Brook

Roundtable

2023 Legal Update HRA of Greater Oak Brook - Annual

Employment Law Update

HR Source - It's All in the Documentation - Legal

Documents

iSolved Time Card & Virtual Time Clock Training

Deb Fowler iSolved Time Card Training

Matt Hennessy TIG Online Meeting

SWAN Technology Update

SWAN Fireside Chat

Patti Naisbitt Pre-Bid Meeting

SWAN Admin. & Director Quarterly Meeting/Budget

Approval

Park District/School District/Village/Library Quarterly

Meeting

Adult & Teen Summer Reading Program Meeting

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of March was 43,295, a 7% increase from March 2022. Registered borrowers number 23,686, which is 69.3% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 14,801