

Mild December weather contributed to the success of programs throughout the month. Staff noted that patrons thanked us for holding the holiday-related programs, with attendees at the Gingerbread, Holiday Cheer, Mason Jar Craft, Live Music, and New Year's Eve Party expressing appreciation for the no-cost, close-to-home entertaining events. Staff completed important collection development work as the fiscal year wrapped up, with plans for new services in the new year—PressReader, Creativity Space—ramping up.

Library Programs and Services

Children's:

In-Person Programs

Gingerbread Party, 516
Pearler Bead Ornaments, 40
Holiday Cheer Family Storytime, 39
Winter Bingo, 2 sessions, 43
Stay & Play @ the Library, 44
New Year's Eve Party, 425
I Spy, 163
Musical Babies, 33
Preschool Play & Learn, 22
Baby Lapsit, 4 sessions, 90
Toddler Time, 8 sessions, 150
Preschool Storytime, 4 sessions, 78
Scavenger Hunt, 250
1000 Books Before Kindergarten, 3

Building Blocks for Tots, 30 views, 4 packets, 400
Take & Make Crafts, 4 Projects, 550

Virtual Programs

Additional Recording Views from Past Programs, 12/1-12/31, YouTube, 1.137

Adult:

In-Person Programs

Art Gallery: Wafa Dahdal
Artists Reception, 30
Decorate Wintery Mason Jars, 34
Live Music: A Prairie Holiday, 76
3D Design with Tinkercad, 7
Introduction to Word, 4
Word Styles, Themes and Templates, 5
Library Book Discussion: Anxious People by Fredrik Backman, 10
Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 15
Puzzle Pack: 240
Adult & Teen Take & Make, 100

Virtual Programs

Views from previously recorded programs, 1,139
Illinois Libraries Present - Surviving the Holidays with Lori Gottlieb, 52
Illinois Libraries Present - The Royal Ballet's Performance of "The Nutcracker," 17

Tween/Teen: Teen Holiday Party/Pizza and Service, 17

Community

Outreach:

Guiding Light, 60
Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 4 sessions, 55

Services:

E-Resources:
 Media on Demand Total: 5,482
 Ebooks: 2,543
 E-Audiobooks: 1,622
 Magazines: 1,317
 ERead Illinois/Axis 360: 342
 Ebooks: 161
 E-Audiobooks: 181
 HOOPLA: 1,214
 Ebooks: 360
 E-Audiobooks: 727
 Videos: 92
 Music: 35
 Kanopy Videos: 244 Plays
 BookFlix: 32

Website Users: 7,121
 Curbside Pickup: 22 pickups
 Book Bundles for Children: 37 items
 Interlibrary Loans Received: 2,682
 3D Printer Jobs: 1
 Reference Questions: 3,495 in Adult/Teen and 992 in Children's
 Public PC Sessions: 1,152 in Adult/Teen and 181 in Children's
 Study Rooms: 560 in Adult and 16 in Children's
 Outreach/Homebound Visits: 8
 Volunteer Hours: 66.75 for Adult, 30 for Teens
 Museum Adventure Passes: 28
 Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 25,066

Displays:

Children's Services Department: Get Crafty; Unwrap the Gift of Reading; Smart Cookies Read; There's Snow Place Like the Library; Holidays Around the World; Shelf and Book Bundles; Teacher Pack; Grab and Go

Adult Services Department: Hello Winter; Hot Titles You Might Have Missed; Holiday Cookbooks; Snowy Days (Teen); December is Read a New to You Book; Winter Romance

Lobby: Gingerbread Party; New Year's Eve

Staff Development and Training

39 employees attended the December Staff In-Service: Setting & Pursuing Intentions - Achieving Goals

Adult/Teen Services:

George Kalinka	Staff In-Service SWAN Libraries + App Demo A Gentle Introduction to ChatGPT
Savannah Derrig	Staff In-Service
Chris Keefe	Chat GPT: Engaging with Technology in the Generative AI Era SWAN Libraries + App Demo A Gentle Introduction to ChatGPT
Kate Lagerstrom	Staff In-Service A Gentle Introduction to ChatGPT
Dee LaPorta	Staff In-Service
Alex Mitre	Staff In-Service
Denise Murray	Staff In-Service A Gentle Introduction to ChatGPT

Children's Services:	Jessica Smith	Staff In-Service	
	Elizabeth Burns	Employee Recognition Awards Breakfast	
	Kristina Grudem	Staff In-Service	
		Staff In-Service	
		Aspen All Staff: Searching and Intro to Grouped Records	
		Aspen All Staff: Masquerade Mode and Holds	
	Jo Bulin	} Staff In-Service	
	Megan Bauer		
	Carrie Erickson		
	Kelly Girard		
	Donna Karlinski		
	Kate Lehman		
	Paula Leonard		
	Marj Nicoletti		
	Jennifer Shunt		
	Sarah Wilson		
Circulation Services:	Julie Lombardo	Staff In-Service	
		SWAN Libraries + app demo and Q & A session	
		Ryan Babic	} Staff In-Service
		Dagmar Bradac	
		Kara Higley-Kubik	
		Willow Inglis	
		Sabrina Kahren	
		Stephanie Larkins	
		Eileen Neuffer	
		Isabella Oberg	
		Michele Sarussi	
		Rachel Schwanebeck	
		Aziz Shakir	
	Dee Thurman		
Technical Services:	Amy Weiss	} Staff In-Service	
	Tess Forbes		
	Sharada Kamath		
	Ana Karun		
Administration:	Patti Naisbitt	Staff In-Service	
		Legislative Lunch	
		SWAN Quarterly Administrators' Meeting	
		JANO/Woodridge Horizon Event	
		Public Levy Meeting	
	Laura Dygus	Staff In-Service	
		IPBC Volunteer Committee Member for Employee Assistance Program (EAP)	
	HR Source - Peer Hub Libraries, monthly meetings		
	Human Resources Association of Greater Oak Brook - Weekly Meetings		
	Deb Fowler	Staff In-Service	
	Kim Neidermyer	Staff In-Service	

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of December was 39,615, an increase of 7% from December 2022. Registered borrowers number 23,147, which is 70% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 12,462