Library Director's Report June 2023

Reference Staff took advantage of the locally held national conference of the American Library Association this June with more than 12 staff members attending a full day of lectures and opportunities to meet with vendors or partner organizations' reps. We are already using the lessons and guidance from the conference in our work at WPL. A strategic planning session from Oklahoma's public library of the year has provided us with a strong template for planning, including a focus on an inclusive patron experience and collaboration to broaden the library's impact.

Summer Reading is in full swing, and we are receiving positive support for the flexible and easy-to-follow "reading passport" format of this year's program which is offered for all age groups—children, teens, and adults. We are cementing positive relationships with our families that reach across a variety of programs and services. Evidence of this is seen in our new library card sign-ups and our very popular programs with record-setting registrations. Anecdotally, we are hearing from kids—at the Jubilee, in the Library Lobby or during Stories in the Park—that they "know us!" Children are recognizing the "Ticket to Adventure" summer reading t-shirt that staff wore to District 68 schools in May and identifying us as being from their library.

<u>Library Programs and Services</u>

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

Additional Recording Views from Past Programs, 6/1-6/30, YouTube, 53

In-Person Programs

Summer Reading Kickoff Party, 755 Summer Reading Train Raffle, 366 Candy Sushi, 2 sessions, 106 Toddler Space Art, 32 Preschool Space Art, 18 Galaxy Jar, 32 Donuts & Dad, 121 Lego Disaster Island, 30 Pirate & Mermaid Slime, 96 Fantastic Forts, 39 Family Movie Night, 40 Totally Tots: Ticket to Fun, 33 Unicorn Party, 250 Unicorn Raffle, 79 Scavenger Hunt (Unicorn), 91 Scavenger Hunt (Train), 325 Scavenger Hunt (Kickoff), 271

1000 Books Before Kindergarten, 6

Building Blocks for Tots, 1 view, 400 packets Take & Make Crafts, 3 Projects, 900

Adult: <u>Virtual Programs</u>

Views from previously recorded programs,

In-Person Programs

Art Gallery: Nancy Staszak Art Reception, 41 Introduction to Excel, 8

Excel Charts, 5

Introduction to Google Sheets, 6

Pride Bracelets, 30

Patriotic Wreath, 25 Tea with the Queen, 26

Woodridge Warhol: Ribbon Cutting, 65 Andy Warhol, The American Dream, 28

Summer BINGO, 64

Live Music: Summer Concert Kickoff, Rob Russo, 85

Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 19

Adult Take & Make: Summer Stationary, 175

Puzzle Pack: Jeopardy, 225

Tween/Teen: Babysitting Workshop, 9

Teen Fandom Buttons & Perler Beads, 15 Pizza Lunch & Service, 5, 7.5 Hours Teen Kickoff Volunteers, 10, 25 Hours

Take & Make: Origami Father's Day Cards, 165,

All Ages:

Tiny Art Show, 248/600

Juneteenth Magnet Craft Station, 120 Summer Raffle, Giant Alligator, 940 Summer Raffle, Lobster Ride-On, 894

Community

Outreach: Stories in the Park, 96

Jubilee, 650

State Senator John Curran Office Hours

Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 5 sessions, 19

Woodridge North Kinder Care, 2 sessions, 120

Services:

E-Resources:

Media on Demand Total: 4,465

Ebooks: 2,649 E-Audiobooks: 1,442 Magazines: 374

ERead Illinois/Axis 360: 260

Ebooks: 130 E-Audiobooks: 130 HOOPLA: 1,147 Ebooks: 386 E-Audiobooks: 672

> Videos: 51 Music: 38

Kanopy Videos: 477 Plays

BookFlix: 8

Website Users: 8,003

Curbside Pickup: 42 pickups Book Bundles for Children: 35 items Interlibrary Loans Received: 3,187

3D Printer Jobs: 1 - average print time: 4:30:00

Reference Questions: 3,808 in Adult/Teen and 3,146 in Children's Public PC Sessions: 1,371 in Adult/Teen and 282 in Children's

Study Rooms: 616 in Adult and 20 in Children's

Outreach Visits: 10

Volunteer Hours: 98 for Adult Museum Adventure Passes: 46

Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 33,114

Displays: Children's Services Department: Early Literacy; Juneteenth; Readbox; Children's Choice

Book Award; Pop Up Unicorn Display(for Unicorn Party); Pride; All Things Mysterious; Colors;

Teacher Packs; Shelf Book Bundles; Grab and Go

Adult Services Department: Trains, Planes, & Cruise Ships; Pride (Teen Display); Pride Fiction;

Binge Boxes; Hot Titles You Might Have Missed;

Staff Development and Training

Adult/Teen Services: George Kalinka

Savannah Derrig

Chris Keefe How to Create Powerful Excel Dashboards webinar

The Fight Against Book Bans: How Do We Move

Forward? webinar

Unpacking Conspiracy Theories: Ideas for Confronting

the Hydra of the Information Age webinar

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Dana Kraszczynski Gaming in the Library webinar

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Kate Lagerstrom Cybersecurity Online Training Course

OverDrive Interests Manager webinar

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Denise Murray Gaming in the Library

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Children's Services: Jessica Smith

> Sarah Wilson Megan Bauer ALA Mary Ann Steinhaus

Kristina Grudem Jennifer Shunt

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LITapalooza

Circulation Services: Julie Lombardo **SWAN Circulation Users Group**

> Dee Thurman **SWAN ILL Users Group**

Technical Services: Amy Weiss OCLC Cataloging Community Meeting

SWAN Fireside Chat

Administration: Patti Naisbitt ALA

SWAN Quarterly

SWAN New Director Access

Successfully Addressing Mental Health Laura Dygus

J.J. Keller's FMLA Communication

I-9 Immigration Law Compliance - Update 2023

Matt Hennessy **SWAN Fireside Chat**

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of June was 48,385, an increase of 4% from June 2022. Registered borrowers number 23,906, which is 70% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 18,818