

During an all-staff in-service training in August, two of our most common safety challenges were reviewed: tornado warnings and missing children. Helping the public during an active tornado warning includes notifying patrons wearing headphones or earbuds, and supervising older children using the library without a guardian present. Safe options for patrons who cannot use stairs to descend to the tornado shelter were developed, and safety kits are in place at each service desk (weather alert radios, easy to follow tornado shelter "pop-up" signs).

We have established a very good procedure (named "Code Adam") for locating children who have become separated from their parents, and all staff members play a role in securing the Library building until child and parent are reunited. Staff learned about tips, tricks, and trends for getting the most out of the software tools and services provided by SWAN Library Services—the group of 100 libraries that Woodridge shares a book catalog and resources with—during a day of training in Palos Hills. August checkouts and program attendance remained strong.

Library Programs and Services

Children's:

Virtual Programs

Prize Basket Drawing, 92

Additional Recording Views from Past Programs, 8/1-8/31, YouTube, 81

In-Person Programs

Back to School with Pigeon, 38

Imagination Time with Bluey, 60

Back to School Checkout Challenge, 168

Back to School BINGO, 29

Scavenger Hunt (Back to School), 112

1000 Books Before Kindergarten, 2

Building Blocks for Tots, 8 views, 400 packets

Take & Make Crafts, 3 Projects, 500

Adult:

Virtual Programs

Views from previously recorded programs, 422

In-Person Programs

Art Gallery: Who-Too Art Association

Art Reception, 70

Introduction to Tinkercad, 5

Faux Stained Glass Program, 27

1960's Hit Factory, 92

Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 17

Puzzle Pack: Dog Days of Summer Edition, 250

Tween/Teen:

Pizza Lunch & Service, 17

Teen Bingo, 7

Adult & Teen Take & Make, 127

All Ages:

Dog Day of Summer (Therapy Dog Drop-In), 28

Community

Outreach:

Stories in the Park, 53

Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 5 sessions, 45

Services:

E-Resources:
Media on Demand Total: 4,730
Ebooks: 2,776
E-Audiobooks: 1,508
Magazines: 446
ERead Illinois/Axis 360: 302
Ebooks: 143
E-Audiobooks: 159
HOOPLA: 1,355
Ebooks: 468
E-Audiobooks: 791
Videos: 57
Music: 39
Kanopy Videos: 287 Plays
BookFlix: 23

Website Users: 8,211
Curbside Pickup: 35 pickups
Book Bundles for Children: 46 items
Interlibrary Loans Received: 3,153
3D Printer Jobs: 10 - average print time: 1:24:36
Reference Questions: 4,208 in Adult/Teen and 972 in Children's
Public PC Sessions: 1,435 in Adult/Teen and 224 in Children's
Study Rooms: 705 in Adult and 12 in Children's
Outreach Visits: 8
Volunteer Hours: 108.75 for Adult
Museum Adventure Passes: 40
Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 30,305

Displays:

Children's Services Department: Back to School; Dog Days of Summer; National Beach Day; Boston Horn-Globe Award; Friendship; Come on Barbie...let's hit the Library!; Funny Books; Jenn's "Friends"; Shelf Bundles; Grab n' Go; Teacher Pack

Adult Services Department: Hot titles You Might Have Missed; Running for Couch Potatoes; Dog Days of Summer; Anti-Hero

Staff Development and Training

Our August Staff In-Service was held on Friday, August 25th from 9:00am to 1:00pm. There were 39 employees in attendance. The training topics included Code Adam and Tornado/Storm procedures. Department meetings were held and we pitched in to help with book shelving.

Adult/Teen Services:	George Kalinka	Boundless Informational webinar SWAN EXPO Staff In-Service LFI Space Planning Off Lobby/Adult/Creativity
	Savannah Derrig	Boundless Informational webinar Failing in the Right Direction webinar Staff In-Service
	Chris Keefe	Boundless Informational webinar AI and Libraries: Enhancing Services and Engaging Communities webinar The Generative AI Dilemma: Why Leaders Who Ignore It Will Fail webinar Staff In-Service
	Dana Kraszczyński	Boundless Informational webinar SWAN EXPO

Kate Lagerstrom SWAN EXPO
Staff In-Service
Denise Murray Boundless Informational webinar
Staff In-Service
Gayle Szpytek Boundless Informational webinar
Staff In-Service

Children's Services:

Jessica Smith Staff In-Service
Megan Bauer Booklist Schience Reads for Summer and Beyond
Staff In-Service
Elizabeth Burns Booklist Webinar: DK School and Library Fall 2023
Staff In-Service
Carrie Erickson Booklist Librarian Preview Fall 2023
Staff In-Service
Kristin Grudem Canva new features tutorials
Staff In-Service
Donna Karlinski Staff In-Service
Paula Leonard Staff In-Service
Jennifer Shunt Staff In-Service
Mary Ann Steinhaus Staff In-Service
Libraries in Response - Libraries and AI: Boon or Doom
Sarah Wilson Staff In-Service

Circulation Services:

Julie Lombardo Circ Manager's Round Table
SWAN Fireside Chat
SWAN EXPO
Staff In-Service
Stephanie Larkins SWAN EXPO
Staff In-Service
Kay Minniti SWAN EXPO
Staff In-Service
Dagmar Bradac }
Kellie Cayer }
Jill Hatzer }
Sabrina Kahren } Staff In-Service
Stephanie Larkins }
Michele Sarussi }
Rachel Schwanebeck Online Learning: Cataloging Locally

Technical Services:

Amy Weiss SWAN EXPO 2023
SWAN Fireside Chat
Staff In-Service
Tess Forbes }
Sharada Kamath } Staff In-Service
Ana Karun }

Administration:

Patti Naisbitt Nicor IGA Meeting Village Administrator
LFI Space Planning Off Lobby/Adult/Creativity
Congressman Bill Foster Woodridge Town Meeting (Aug)
Staff In-Service
Nancy Bandusky Staff In-Service
Laura Dygus Human Resources Association of Greater Oak Brook -
Member Roundtable
HR Source Peer Hub Libraries
HR Source Benchmarking
Deb Fowler Staff In-Service

Matt Hennessy

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SWAN Fireside Chat
Impact Networking
Staff In-Service
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Staff In-Service

Kim Neidermyer
Bill Yokas

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of August was 43,705, a decrease of 4% from August 2022. Registered borrowers number 24,107, which is 70.6% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 14,209