

Our Meet Your Favorite Character event on November 9th was a huge success. We had attendance of 1500, which is our highest participation ever for a program. This event was our signature event for the Village's 60th anniversary, and it was partially funded by a grant from the Celebrate Woodridge Anniversary Committee. Many, many children (and adults and teens) dressed up as their favorite character, and the costume contest had great participation. Elsa was easily our most popular character, and her arrival was a big moment for the children attending. The Village has asked us for pictures from this program to include in their annual State of the Village video.

The VFW held their Veterans' Day Ceremony in our off the lobby area of the library on November 11th. 48 people attended, which is a very good number for a ceremony held at 11:00 am on a weekday. It's always rewarding to have the library selected as a location for a community event, and the organizers always express their appreciation for our facility and the accommodations.

To briefly comment on our circulation statistics; we have made multiple changes over the last few years to our renewal rules which have made comparing circulation numbers from year to year difficult. We have had unlimited renewals, 15 renewals, 2 renewals, and auto renewals. We now have a consistent rule of 2 renewals within the context of auto renewals, and have now been doing this for long enough that we can accurately compare from year to year. We are currently seeing a 2% decrease in circulation, which is consistent with nationwide trends in library usage. As we have discussed, especially in the context of strategic planning, people now use the library in a variety of ways. Our role as a community center means people use the library for story times, a wide range of programs, public computers, wireless access, study rooms, etc. in addition to the more traditional role of checking out items.

Library Programs and Services

- Children's:**
- Sensory Storytime, 3
 - Preschool Discovery Time, 2 sessions, 40
 - Baby & Toddler Explorers Playgroup, 2 sessions, 74
 - Toddler Art, 13
 - Hindi Storytime, 4
 - 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, additional, 5
 - Passive - STEM Kits, 16
 - Book Magic, 3 sessions, 28
 - Escape Room - Save the Turkey, 5 sessions, 33
 - Lego Club, 25
 - Meet Your Favorite Characters! Celebration Event, 750 (Total 1,500 - attendance being split between Adult and Children's Services Departments)
 - Character Day - Monkey Craft, 143
 - Owl Craft, 119
 - Lego WeDo, 6
 - Bluestem Book Club, 7
 - Caudill Book Club, 3
 - Homeschool Art - Collage, 19
 - Homeschool STEM Kits, 8
- Adult:**
- Swati Wagh Art Exhibit
 - Wagh Art Reception, 25
 - Novel Writing Month, 16
 - Peet's Coffee & Music, 60
 - Meet Your Favorite Characters! Celebration Event, 750 (Total 1,500 - attendance being split between Adult and Children's Services Departments)
 - Senior Housing 101, 27
 - Bears & Cardinals: The Forgotten & Wacky History of the NFL, 21

Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 25
 Library Needlers, 8
 Andy Warhol @ Art Institute: Mishur Lecture, 28
 Genealogy Help, 8
 Concert: History of American Country Music: Steve Justman, 56
 Holiday Preserves for Gift Giving: Canning Demo, 34

Teen: Teen Nailed It! Night, 18
 DIY Gratitude Boards, 39
 Practice SAT Test, 22

Tweens: Tween Takeover, 8

Community Outreach: St. Scholastica Family Reading Night, 30; Maple Tree, 3 sessions, 45; PRC Computer Classes, 4 sessions, 12; Lisle Job Club, 4 sessions, 20; SSIP Citizenship Prep Classes, 4 sessions, 55; VFW Veteran's Day Ceremony, 48; Census Taker Application Day, 15

Book Discussions: *The River*, by Peter Heller, 4; *The Song of the Lion*, by Anne Hillerman (Crime Readers), 12

Computer Classes: Microsoft Excel Tables, 8; Canva: Graphic Design Made Easy (and Free!), 7; Have You Tried Lynda.com?, 5; Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint, 5; Intermediate Microsoft PowerPoint, 3

Services: Reference Questions: 2,570 in Adult/Teen and 655 in Children's
 Public PC Sessions: 1,831 in Adult/Teen and 167 in Children's
 3D Printer Jobs: 12 - average print time 51:30 minutes
 Interlibrary Loans Received: 3,646
 Home Page Views: 27,630
 Study Rooms: 591 in Adult/Teen and 22 in Children's
 Volunteer Hours: 97.5 for Adults
 Notary Services: 24
 Museum Adventure Passes: 9
 Tours: 1
 Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 20,944

Displays: **Adult/Teen Department:** Gratitude; Thankfulness; Generosity; Kindness; Book to Movie; Hot Titles You Might Have Missed; It's All in the Family (DVDs); Transgender Awareness Month (Teen area)

Children's: Native American Heritage Month; DINOvember; King tut Day; Veteran's Day; Take a Hike Day; Red Planet Day; Early Literacy; Family; Military; Wat's for Lunch?

Staff Development and Training

Adult/Teen Services:	George Kalinka	Village of Woodridge Complete Count Census Committee Makerspace Networking Group
	Meghan Hall	ARRTCon (Adult Reading Round Table Conference)
	Chris Keefe	Makerspace Networking Group
	Denise Murray	Makerspace Networking Group
	Brenda O'Brien	ARRTCon (Adult Reading Round Table Conference)
Children's Services:	Jane Malmberg	LACONIS - Out of the Box Workshop at Brookfield Zoo
	Elizabeth Burns	Booklist Webinar - Full STEAM Ahead

	Kate Lehman	SNAILS Meeting
	Paula Leonard	LACONI YS - Out of the Box Workshop at Brookfield Zoo Booklist Webinar - Full STEAM Ahead
	Mary Ann Steinhaus	Booklist Webinar - Full STEAM Ahead
Circulation Services:	Julie Lombardo	RAILS Delivery Focus Group SWAN Circulation Advisory Committee Meeting
	Jorie Karum	Book Club Users Group Meeting
Technical Services:	Amy Weiss	Creating Pre-Cats (webinar) LACONI TSS Program - Introduction to Authority Control LACONI Governing Board Meeting Cataloging Maintenance Center (CMC) - Cataloging Kits (webinar)
	Patsy Horner	SWAN Cataloging & Serials Users Group Meeting
Administration:	Pam Dubé	Village Levy Determination Board Meeting Veterans' Day Ceremony NIHII/IPBC Meeting Village Budget Hearing and Approval Board Meeting Rotary meetings
	Patti Naisbitt	Woodridge Public Information Officer Coffee SWAP Programmers' Meeting

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of November was 47,119, a 2% decrease from November 2018.

Registered borrowers number 23,945 which is 72.6% of the jurisdictional population.

People/Door Count for month: 29,790